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AND

Chronological Account

OF

OCCURRENCES AND FACTS

CONNECTED WITH THE

TOWN AND NEIGHBOURHOOD

OF

SHEFFIELD.

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A. C. B.—Accounts of the Church Burgesses.  
P. R.—Parish Register.  
W. P.—Wilson's Papers.  
Trust. Acc.—Accounts of the Town Trustees.  
Work. Acc.—Overseers' Workhouse Accounts.  
Parl. Rep.—Report of the Commissioners appointed by  
Parliament.  
Hist. Burg.—Samuel Mitchell's History of the Burgery.

# TABLES

OF MATTERS NOT TO BE FOUND IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER.

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## SURVEY OF THE PARISH.

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### TOWNSHIP OF SHEFFIELD.

The Park, the Park-hill, the greatest part of the town of Sheffield, and a small portion of the parish lying north-west of the town, comprehending the villages of Portobello and Leavy Greave, and reaching to the brow of the hill that overhangs the reservoirs on Crookes-moor, form the township of Sheffield. From that brow, the boundary is an irregular line, which passes beyond the Infirmary to the Don, opposite Neepsend. To this may be added a small tract lying along the Don near the Castle-hill, which was formerly orchards and other appendages of the castle. The whole of this township lies on the right bank of the Don, and its area is 3436½ acres.

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### TOWNSHIP OF ECCLESALL BYERLOW.

The ground between the Porter and Sheaf, until these streams enter the Park, a part lying north of the Porter comprising Broom-hall, and a considerable portion of Crookes-moor, form the township and Manor of Ecclesall. To this must be added, Lidgate and a small territory round, which, on the division after the inclosure act of 1779 were assigned to Ecclesall and Nether Hallam. The area of the township is 4180 acres.

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### TOWNSHIP OF UPPER HALLAM.

This township lies between the Riveling on the north and the Porter on the south. Its eastern boundary line is at the

distance of about two miles from Sheffield. On the west it adjoins Derbyshire. This township has the largest superficies of the six which compose the parish of Sheffield. Its area is 8836 acres.

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#### TOWNSHIP OF NETHER HALLAM.

This township lies to the north-west of Sheffield, and adjoins Ecclesall and Upper Hallam. The Don separates it from Brightside Byerlow, and the Riveling and Loxley from Ecclesfield. (A small portion of the ground on the left bank of the Loxley is laid down as appertaining to the township in the map of the parish of Sheffield.) This township contains 1900 acres.

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#### TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTSIDE BYERLOW.

That part of the parish of Sheffield which lies on the left bank of the Don is the township of Brightside Byerlow. In the map of the parish, about ten fields on the bank of the river near Carbrook are coloured as belonging to this township. The little stream, called Blackburn Brook, divides it from the parish of Rotherham.

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#### TOWNSHIP OF ATTERCLIFFE-CUM-DARNALL.

A tract of country which is nearly in the form of an equilateral triangle of the area of two square miles, is the township of Attercliffe-cum-Darnall. One side is on the line of the Park-wall, another the course of the Don, and the third is marked by the course of a little rill called the Carbrook, which rises near Bowden Homesteads, and falls into the Don near the village which bears its name. It lies east of the town of Sheffield.



TABLE OF THE POPULATION OF SHEFFIELD  
FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD.

TOWN.

A.D.	FAMS.	MAL.	FEM.	TOT.
1561				1500
1615				2207
1736	2152			2695
1755	2793			12571
1768	3142			
1775	4707			
1785	5256			
1788	5587			25141
1789	6065			
1796	6565			29013
1801		15483	15831	31314
1811		17387	18453	35840
1821	9049	20815	21245	42157

For the population of the parish of Sheffield, with its six townships, refer to years 1796, 1801, 1811, and 1821.—Total population of Sheffield and its townships, 65,275.

HAMLETS.

A.D.	FAM.	MAL.	FEM.	TOT.	
1736	211			893	Brightside Byerlow.
	245			1075	Attercliffe-cum-Darnall.
	503			2352	Ecclesall and two Hallams.
1801		2028	2023	4030	Brightside Byerlow.
		1222	1059	2281	Attercliffe-cum-Darnall.
		2675	2687	5362	Ecclesall Byerlow.
		1041	933	1974	Nether Hallam.
		439	355	794	Upper Hallam.
1811		2462	2437	4899	Brightside Byerlow.
		1436	1237	2673	Attercliffe-cum-Darnall.
		3190	3379	6569	Ecclesall Byerlow.
		452	413	866	Upper Hallam.
		1233	1151	2384	Nether Hallam.
1821	1594	3308	3307	6615	Brightside Byerlow.
	699	1615	1557	3172	Attercliffe-cum-Darnall.
	1912	4526	4587	9113	Ecclesall Byerlow.
	651	1659	1542	3200	Nether Hallam.
	195	523	495	1018	Upper Hallam.

## TABLES OF COMPARATIVE POPULATION.

INCLUSIVE.	1	2	3	4	5	6
From 1561 to 1600	1308		4649		3715	
„ 1601 „ 1640	1912	674	7188	2539	6208	2493
„ 1641 „ 1680	2007	25	8150	962	1817	2609
„ 1681 „ 1720	3161	1154	11153	3003	11090	2273
„ 1721 „ 1760	5997	2836	21349	10296	19208	8118
„ 1761 „ 1800	13659	7662	49668	28210	42678	23470

No. 1.—Total of Marriages in forty years.

2.—Increased in forty years.

3.—Total of Baptisms in forty years.

4.—Increased in forty years.

5.—Total of Burials in forty years.

6.—Increased in forty years.

THE RELATIVE PROPORTION OF	{ Baptisms to Marriages, }	and of	{ Baptisms to Burials.
From 1561 to 1600 as ..	3-55 to 1 ..	and as ..	1-25 to 1
„ 1601 „ 1640 „	3-62 „ 1	„	1-15 „ 1
„ 1641 „ 1680 „	4-60 „ 1	„	1-92 „ 1
„ 1681 „ 1720 „	3-52 „ 1	„	1-005 „ 1
„ 1721 „ 1760 „	3-57 „ 1	„	1-11 „ 1
„ 1761 „ 1800 „	3-63 „ 1	„	1-16 „ 1

## PARISH REGISTER,

Shewing the number of marriages, baptisms, and burials at the Parish Church and the chapels under it, for each ten years from the commencement of the register in 1561.

YEARS.		MAR.	BAP.	BUR.
1561 to 1567	inclusive.	234	1085	712
1571 " 1580	"	275	955	721
1581 " 1590	"	340	1245	959
1591 " 1600	"	459	1364	1323
1601 " 1610	"	417	8475	1049
1611 " 1620	"	469	1699	1359
1621 " 1630	"	532	1884	1606
1631 " 1640	"	564	2130	2194
1641 " 1650	"	413	2136	2276
1651 " 1660	"	475	1698	1888
1661 " 1670	"	583	2086	2266
1671 " 1680	"	537	2240	2387
1681 " 1690	"	540	2595	2856
1691 " 1700	"	688	2221	2856
1701 " 1710	"	942	3033	2613
1711 " 1720	"	991	3304	2765
1721 " 1730	"	1212	3874	3828
1731 " 1740	"	1369	4635	3876
1741 " 1750	"	1584	5904	5232
1751 " 1760	"	1833	7036	6270
1761 " 1770	"	2551	8885	7547
1771 " 1780	"	2962	10697	9898
1781 " 1790	"	3863	13851	11849
1791 " 1800	"	4277	16152	13139
1801 " 1810	"	5031	17760	13344

## PARISH REGISTER CONTINUED.

YEARS.	MAR.	BAPTISMS.			BURIALS.		
		MAL.	FEM.	TOT.	MAL.	FEM.	TOT.
1811	563	1020	906	1926	740	719	1459
1812	541	984	905	18829	638	623	1261
1813	580	922	859	1817	606	604	1210
1814	618	924	885	1809	616	609	1225
1815	773	1139	1088	2227	900	761	1661
1816	713	1105	1066	2171	710	632	1341
1817	573	1107	1060	2167	840	726	1566
1818	662	1075	986	2061	769	649	1398
1819	613	1044	1002	2046	816	817	1633
1820	609	959	951	1910	858	771	1629
1821	637	1017	949	1966	698	604	1302
1122	631	1061	953	2014	861	785	1656
1823	785	1027	1050	2077	826	606	1512
1824	774	1091	1052	2143	857	912	1769
1825	876	1112	1031	2143	900	841	1741
1826	793	1112	1037	2149	1038	923	1961
1827	765	1072	998	2070	978	854	1832
1828	802	1116	1056	2172	1028	898	1916
1829	798	1095	970	2065	1038	937	1975

CATALOGUE  
OF THE  
HEAD MASTERS OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

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- Thomas Rawson died in 1645.
- 1645—1648 William Yonge.  
1648 Roger Stiere.
- 1649—1651 Peter Lanfitt.
- 1652—1658 William Whitaker.  
Francis Potts.
- 1664—1696 Thomas Balguy.
- 1696—1699 Charles Daubuz.  
Christopher Robinson.  
William Humpton, assistant minister.  
John Cliffe, died 1748.  
Thomas Marshall.  
John Smith, assistant minister.
- 1776—1809 Charles Chadwick, Vicar of Tinsley.
- 1809—1818 Joseph Wilson.
- 1818— William White, A. M., Fellow of  
St. John's College, Cambridge.

## A LIST OF THE VICARS OF SHEFFIELD.

VICARS.	PATRONS.	Time of Instalment.	Cause of Vacation.
Frater Johes Twistleton.....	Prior and Convent	4 Nov. 1308	
Johes de Sheffield .....	of Worksop.	3 March 1314	
Rogerus de Walsingham .....	"	26 April 1315	Resigned
Willielmus de Retford .....	"	7 June 1316	Resigned
Johes de Byby.....	"	6 July 1338	Death
Johes Hanley.....	"	4 October 1368	Resigned
Rogerus de Upton.....	"	27 October 1375	Resigned
Johes Someley.....	"	26 October 1387	Resigned
Rogerus de Upton.....	"	16 Nov. 1390	Resigned
Henricus de Bromley.....	"	18 Dec. 1397	Death
Johes de Sheffield.....	"	24 August 1401	Resigned
Robertus de Toowell.....	"	13 Sept. 1412	Death
Johes de Leighston.....	"	1 Feb. 1418	Resigned
Ricardus de Wyrksop.....	"	2 Jan. 1434	Resigned
Johes Howe.....	"	15 August 1452	Death
Willielmus Burne.....	"	10 May 1458	Death or Resigned

<i>VICARS.</i>	<i>PATRONS.</i>	<i>Time of Instalment.</i>	<i>Cause of Vacation.</i>
Frater Willielmus Bolton.....	"	18 August 1459	Resigned
Willielmus Symondson.....	"	"	Death
Johes Plesance.....	"	11 Sept. 1482	Death
Thomas Cundall.....	"	22 Sept. 1501	Death
Thomas Stokks.....	"	2 March 1512	Resigned
Thomas Wode.....	"	30 July 1534	Death
Robertus Gawthorpe.....	"	23 Jan. 1554	Death
Ricardus Hayward.....	W. Swift, gent....	6 March 1558	Death
Dominus Johes Atkin.....	R. Jessop.....	25 July 1567	Death
Robertus Holland.....	R. Jessop.....	27 Oct. 1569	Death
Thomas Toller.....	Will. Jessop....	23 Feb. 1597	Death or Resigned
John Bright, A. M.....	Will. Jessop....	20 August 1635	Resig. or Cess.
Edward Browne.....	Powers then being	23 April 1613	Cesson
Thomas Birbeck.....	"	1644	Resig. or Eject.
James Fisher.....	"	1654	Resigned
Edward Browne.....	Restored.....	1662	Eject.
John Lobley, A. M.....	Jane Jessop.....	5 March 1662	Cesson
Charles Wilson, A. M.....	F. Jessop, Esq....	6 Oct. 1681	Cess. or Resig.
Nathan Duke, A. M.....	W. Jessop, Esq...	1 Oct. 1695	Resigned
John Dossie.....	"	15 May 1713	Cesson
James Wilkinson, A. M.....	A. Wilkinson, Esq.	23 Sept. 1754	Death
Thomas Sutton, A. M.....	Philip Gell, Esq...	30 March 1805	present incumb.

## A LIST OF THE ASSISTANT MINISTERS OF SHEFFIELD. (174)

1554	Sir Alexander Booth	1554	Sir Robert Benwicke	1554	Sir William Hall
1558	Sir William Kyng	1568	Sir Robert Beane	1560	Sir William Hutton
1564	Sir James Amgill	1573	Sir George Hancock	1562	William Swift
1572	Richard Roberts	1594	Sir John Hill	1567	Sir Henry Bowckcock
1599	— Bower	1596	John Machon	1569	Sir William Kyng
1602	— Beete	1605	— Hobman	1570	John Baure
1606	William Watson	1607	— Payne	1593	Sir William Sampson
1619	— Dodson	1609	— Hancock	1609	Daniel Turven
1620	— Northorpe	1616	— Northorpe	1615	— Wood
1621	Edward Hunt	1618	Edward Dawson	1618	John Towne
1629	Thomas Rawson	1635	Thomas Barney	1628	Stanley Gower
1649	William Bagshaw	—	Thomas Birbeck	1635	John Bright
1652	William Parsons	1647	— Metcalfe	1636	Thomas Toller
1656	Edward Prime	1651	— Bankes	1644	— Moseley
1662	William Gardiner	1652	— Leighton	1645	Hugh Everard
1689	Samuel Leech	1657	John Cooke	1646	John Bridges



1694 Samuel Hunmore	1658 John Hoole	1656 Matthew Bloom
— William Williams	— William Stone	1662 Cuthbert Browne
1695 Robert Turie	1661 Rowland Hancock	1673 Thomas Worden
1720 William Humpton	1662 Thomas Barney	— Daniel Leech
1752 John Dickenson	1667 Peter Watkinson	1708 George Lee
1766 John Downes	1670 John Thompson	1719 Benjamin Ferrand
1774 Edward Goodwin	1708 Thomas Read	1729 Isaac Hemingway
1817 Edward Goodwin	1719 John Barnes	1731 Robert Tempest
	1760 George Bayliffe	1755 John Smith
	1804 George Smith	1776 Matthew Preston
	1817 William Humphrey Vale	1829 William Harris
	1829 John Gibson	

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 CURATES OF ST. PAUL'S.
 

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1740 John Downes	1788 Alexander Mackenzie
1744 Henry Downes	1816 Thomas Cotterill
1775 Thomas Radford	1823 James Knight

CATALOGUE  
OF THE  
CURATES OF ECCLESALL.

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1622—1629	Edward Hunt.
1629—1635	William Dawson.
1635—1656	Uncertain.
1656—1659	John Crooke.
1659—1662	Uncertain.
1662—1689	William Gardner.
1689—1694	Samuel Leech.
1694—1720	Robert Turie.
1720—1752	William Humpton
1752—1766	John Dickinson.
1766—1769	Henry Charnley.
1769—1804	George Bayliffe.
1834—1817	George Smith.
1817—1829	Mathew Preston.
1826	W. H. Vale.

## CURATES OF ATTERCLFFE.

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- 1630—1635 Stanley Gower.  
 1635—1642 James Bright.  
 1643—1648 No regular curates, but the chapel  
 was supplied by the aged Mr. Toller, who had  
 been vicar of Sheffield; Mr. Pool, Mr. Ber-  
 beck the vicar, Mr. Rawson the assistant  
 minister and others.  
 1648—1651 William Bagshaw.  
 1652           John Bridges.  
 1653—1662 Matthew Bloome.  
 1662—1673 Cuthbert Browne.  
 1673—1708 Daniel Leech.  
 1708—1715 George Lee.  
 1719—1729 Benjamin Ferrand.  
 1729—1731 Isaac Hemingway.  
 1731—1755 Robert Tempest.  
 1755—1776 John Smith.  
 1776—1817 Edward Goodwin.  
 1817           John Blackburne.

A PERFECT CATALOGUE  
OF THE  
MASTER CUTLERS.

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1624 Robert Sorsby	1655 Thomas Pearson
1625 John Rawson	1656 John Webster
1626 William Warter	1657 Malin Sorsby
1627 William Webster	1658 John Rawson
1628 Robert Sorsby	1659 William Creswick
1629 John Webster	1660 Stephen Carr
1630 William Creswick	1661 Robert Allen
1631 Robert Stacie	1662 James Staniforth
1632 James Creswick	1663 James Newton
1633 George Vallance	1664 John Pearson
1634 William Walker	1665 Thomas Jennings
1635 Thomas Creswick	1666 Nathaniel Robinson
1636 Richard Wilkinson	1667 George Creswick
1637 John Crook	1668 John Webster
1638 James Creswick	1669 Robert Sorsby
1639 Robert Carr	1670 Edward Barlow
1640 Robert Scargill	1671 Richard Paramore
1641 Thomas Milward	1672 Matthew Arnold
1642 Richard Slack	1673 John Sutton
1643 William Bayes	1674 Castles Shemeld
1644 William Pitt	1675 William Crawshaw
1645 William Warter	1676 James Newton
1646 Thomas Ludlam	1677 John Pearson
1647 Malin Sorsby	1678 Thomas Jennings
1648 Robert Brelsforth	1679 Joshua Bayes
1649 Richard Jackson	1680 Jonathan Webster
1650 George Barnesley	1681 Robert Nicholls
1651 William Birley	1682 John Winter
1652 Thomas Bate	1683 Edward Badger
1653 Edward Barlow	1684 William Ellis
1654 William Crawshaw	1685 Thomas Tooker

1686 Benjamin Kirkby	1731 Thomas Wilson
1687 John Webster	1732 John Ward
1688 Robert Brelsford	1733 Thomas Watkin
1689 James Webster	1734 John Osborne
1690 Joseph Downes	1735 Joseph Turner
1691 John Webster	1736 Joshua Cawton
1692 Thomas Johnson	1737 Joseph Shepherd
1693 John King	1738 Joseph Kenyon
1694 John Trippet	1739 Jonathan Dixon, jun.
1695 Robert Spooner	1740 Jonathan Dixon, sen.
1696 Christ. Broomhead	1741 Richard Kent
1697 Richard Downes	1742 Thomas Rose*
1698 Andrew Wade	1743 George Marriott
1699 Benjamin Pearson	1744 John Spooner
1700 Robert Savage	1745 Joseph Leathley
1701 Richard Marsh	1746 Robert Dent
1702 Ephraim Nicholls	1747 Edward Windle
1703 John Pearson	1748 Leonard Webster
1704 Edward Sanderson	1749 George Smith
1705 Joseph Nutt	1750 William Hides
1706 Ezra Cawton	1751 Thomas Newbold
1707 George Cartwright	1752 Joseph Parkin
1708 John Downes	1753 Thomas Law
1709 James Hoole	1754 Joseph Owen
1710 John Morton	1755 William Webster
1711 Samuel Smith	1756 Benjamin Withers
1712 Samuel Twible	1757 John Wilson
1713 Thomas Tooker	1758 Jonathan Moor
1714 John Birks	1759 Jos. Ibberson
1715 William Moor	1760 William Webster
1716 Thomas Broadhead	1761 William Parker
1717 John Guest	1762 George Graves
1718 Tobias Ellis	1763 Josh. Hancock
1719 Peter Symon	1764 Samuel Bates
1720 James Longsdon	1765 Josp. Bower
1721 James Crawshaw	1766 William Birks
1722 John Smith	1767 John Turner
1723 Jonathan Moor	1758 Thomas Beeley
1724 Jeremy Beet	1769 Jeremiah Ward
1725 Thomas Redforth	1770 Joshua Cawton
1726 John Tooker	1771 William Trickett
1727 Andrew Wade	1772 Robert Owen
1728 Andrew Wade	1773 George Britain
1729 Thomas Cotton	1774 Joseph Keynon
1730 Samuel Wainwright	1775 John Winter

\* He died in the year of his office, and Richard Kent served again.

1776 John Green	1804 William Nicholson
1777 Samuel Norris	1805 John Eyre
1778 William Linley	1806 John Sorby
1779 Josephus Parkin	1807 Peter Brownell
1780 John Rowbotham*	1808 Ebenezer Rhodes
1781 Peter Spurr	1809 Robert Brightmore
1782 William Fowler	1810 John Tillotson
1783 Joseph Hawksley	1811 John Eadon
1784 Benjamin Broomhead	1812 James Smith
1785 Thomas Settle	1113 John Holt
1786 Samuel Wilson	1814 Joseph Parkin.
1787 Jonathan Watkinson	1815 James Makin.
1788 Thomas Nowell	1816 Thomas Asline Ward
1789 Thomas Tillotson	1817 George Tillotson
1790 Jos. Ward	1818 John Fox
1791 George Wood	1819 John Hounsfeld
1792 John Henfree	1820 J. Dixon Skelton
1793 Thomas Warris	1821 William Colley
1794 Benjamin Withers	1822 Thomas Champion
1795 William Birks	1823 Thomas Dewsnap
1796 J. Fletcher Smith	1824 Peter Spurr
1797 William Linley	1825 Henry Moorhouse
1798 S. B. Ward	1826 William Sansom
1799 Benjamin Vickers	1827 Samuel Hadfield
1800 Samuel Newbold	1828 James Crawshaw
1801 Joseph Bailey	1829 Philip Law
1802 Joseph Withers	1830 Enoch Barber.
1803 James Mekin	

\* He died and Mr. Parkin served again.

## ANALYSIS OF GALES AND MARTIN'S DIRECTORY,

1787.

	Persons or firms in Sheffield.	Persons or firms in neigh Vill.
Manufac. of Anvils and Hammers.....	5	0
„ Buttons, . . . . .	10	0
„ Ditto horn, . . . . .	13	3
„ Bits and Stirrups, . . . . .	4	0
„ Cases for knives, &c. . . . .	3	0
„ Clasps and Dog Collars, . . . . .	3	0
„ Combs, . . . . .	5	0
„ Edge Tools, . . . . .	12	6
„ Fenders, . . . . .	3	0
„ Files, . . . . .	30	17
„ Forks, . . . . .	10	6
„ Inkstands, . . . . .	6	0
„ Lancets and Fleams, . . . . .	11	0
„ Lantern Lights, . . . . .	3	0
„ Pen and Pocket Knives, . . . . .	90	6
„ Com. Pocket and Penknives, . . . . .	34	14
„ Razors, . . . . .	40	10
„ Razor Strops, . . . . .	9	0
„ Saws, . . . . .	10	0
„ Silver and Plated Goods, . . . . .	17	0
„ Scissors, fine, . . . . .	37	2
„ Ditto common, . . . . .	24	24
„ Scythes, . . . . .	0	24
„ Sickles, . . . . .	0	34
„ Shears, . . . . .	13	2
„ Sheath, Paper Inkstands, &c. . . . .	8	0
„ Stamped Brass, White metal, & metal framed Kn. . . . .	22	0
„ Spotted Kives, . . . . .	9	76
„ Table Knives, sil. & plated, . . . . .	16	0
„ Table Knives in general, . . . . .	54	0
„ Table Knives, common, . . . . .	11	6
Factors, . . . . .	19	0
Founders, . . . . .	5	0
Haft Pressers, . . . . .	8	0
Merchants, . . . . .	15	0
Nail Factors, . . . . .	2	0
Opticians, . . . . .	2	0
Steel Converters and Refiners, . . . . .	17	3

The total number of persons or firms of one or more persons engaged in the manufactures of Sheffield within the township, 580, in the neighbouring villages, 230.

TRADES AND OCCUPATIONS OF SHEFFIELD,  
AND THE  
NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED THEREIN.

\* \* \* Two or more Parties in one Firm computed as one.

	1797	1821	1828
Academies, keepers of.....		63	72
Accountants and collectors.....		11	37
Anvil makers.....	4	3	4
Architects.....		4	12
Attornies.....		29	35
Auctioneers.....		9	7
Bakers.....		19	25
Bankers.....		3	3
Basket-makers.....		4	9
Bayonet-makers.....		1	
Bellows-makers.....	2	2	2
Blacking-makers.....		1	4
Blacksmiths and farriers.....		15	20
Bookbinders.....		3	5
Booksellers and stationers.....		15	17
Boot and shoe makers.....		39	112
Brace and bit makers.....		5	11
Brass foundries.....		8	18
Brewers.....		4	6
Bricklayers and slaters.....		9	18
Britannia metal manufacturers.....		13	12
Brush-makers.....		8	10
Buff and glazier manufactories.....		1	3
Butchers.....		130	175
Button and button mould makers.....		14	18
Cabinet makers and upholsterers.....		16	28



	1797	1821	1828
Cabinet case and razor strop makers....		14	12
Carpet manufactures .....		2	
Carvers and gilders .....			3
China glass and earthenware dealers ...		5	8
Chasers .....		3	4
Cheesemonger.....		2	3
Clasp makers.....		4	5
Clothes brokers .....		9	11
Coach builders .....		3	7
Coal masters.....		3	5
Comb makers.....	5	15	19
Confectioners.....		6	17
Coopers.....		11	21
Cornfactors.....		12	8
Corn millers .....		3	4
Curriers .....		9	9
Cutlery—Auger makers .....		2	3
——— Awl blade makers.....	4	7	9
——— Edgetool makers .....	13	40	
——— Fork makers.....	15	8	10
——— Joiners' tool makers .....		10	20
——— Lancet and fleam makers ....	13	10	12
——— Pen and pocket knife maker	133	156	177
——— Razor manufacturersM.....	32	63	80
——— Saw makers.....	14	43	60
——— Scissor makers.....	56	63	81
——— Scythe, hay, and straw knife manufacturers.....		8	15
——— Shoe and butcher knife manu- facturers .....	12	18	21
——— Snuffer manufacturers .....		2	2
——— Table, dessert, and fruit knife manufacturers .....	81	133	143
Dentists.....		3	5
Die sinkers .....		7	8
Distillrse and rectifiers.....		2	2
Drapers, linen and woollen.....		27	34
Druggists.....		21	29
Dyers .....		4	9
Emery makers.....		2	1
Engravers and copper plate printers....		11	12
Etchers and gilders.....		5	6
Fellmongers .....		3	6

	1797	1821	1828
Fender and stove grate manufacturers..	6	15	27
File manufacturers.....	40	47	80
Fire iron manufacturers.....		3	7
Fire and life insurance company agents.		6	18
Fishmongers.....		7	7
Flax dressers.....		3	3
Furniture brokers.....		16	20
Gardeners.....		30	37
Grocers, tea dealers, and provision mer- chants.....		205	257
Bun makers.....		1	2
Hair seating manufacturers.....		3	3
Hat manufacturers.....		16	22
Haft and scale pressers and cutters.....	9	32	47
Hosiers.....		8	13
Ink stand makers.....	7	7	9
Inns, keepers of.....		7	9
Iron and brass founders.....		32	43
Ironmongers.....		16	20
Ivory, horn, bone, &c. merchants.....		19	26
Jewellers.....		6	7
Joiners, carpinters and builders.....		53	61
Land and building agents and surveyors.		6	9
Lead manufacturers.....		1	1
Leather dressers and sellers.....		10	13
Libraries, keepers of.....		6	9
Machine makers and mill wrights.....		6	9
Maltsters.....		10	12
Mark and figure makers.....		3	4
Merchants, factors, and dealers in cutlery	62	107	138
Milliners and dress makers.....		80	101
Millwrights and engineers.....		5	7
Musical preceptors and venders.....		7	14
Nail manufacturers.....	3	9	11
Newspapers, publishers of.....	1	3	4
Opticians.....		5	12
Painters, portrait, &c.....		2	3
Painters, house and decorative.....		10	22
Paper makers.....		2	3
Patten makers.....		2	11
Pawnbrokers.....		12	17
Perfumers and hair dressers.....		29	37
Physicians.....		3	8

	1797	1821	1828
Plasterers .....		4	15
Plumbers and glaziers .....		17	24
Pocket-book and pattern-card makers..		5	7
Powder-flask and shot-belt makers .....			8
Printers .....		8	14
Pump makers .....		1	2
Rag and iron merchants.....		6	7
Rollers, tilters, and forgers .....		17	21
Rope and twine manufacturers.....		4	6
Rottenstone dealers .. ..			2
Rule (box and ivory) makers.....		1	2
Saddlers and collar makers .....		7	10
Shear makers .....	9	7	11
Silver refiners.....		2	4
Manufacturers of silver and plated goods	22	22	29
Silver plated and metal rollers .....		2	3
Skate makers .....		7	10
Slaters .....		6	7
Slate merchants .....		2	2
Soap hoiler .....		1	1
Spade and shovel makers .....		7	5
Spindle and fly manufacturers .....			
Spoon makers.....			
Steel busk makers .....			
Steel converters and .....			
Stone and marble masons .....			
Straw hat and bonnet .. ..			
Sugar refiner .....			1
Surgeons' instrument makers .....	2		4
Tailors.....		44	76
Tallow chandlers .....		14	9
Tanners .....		4	6
Taverns, inns, and public-houses.....		190	270
Tea and coffee warehouses .....		4	6
Timber and raft merchants .....		8	8
Tobacco and snuff manufacturers.....		4	6
Trunk and band-box makers.....		2	4
Truss makers .....		2	4
Turners in wood.....		13	17
Type founders .....		2	2
Umbrella makers .....		5	6
Upholsterers .....		3	6
Veterinary surgeons .....		2	3
Watch and clock makers .....		11	16

	1797	1821	1828
Wheelwrights .....		5	7
Whitesmiths, jobsmiths, &c. ....		15	23
Wine and porter merchants .....		6	24

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1828.—Total, 254 trades or occupations, in which are engaged 3588 persons, or companies of two or more persons.

1797.—Total number of trades or occupations, carried on by one or more persons, (according to Robinson's Directory,) 1350.

LIST OF THE MERCHANTS AND FACTORS,  
 CARRYING ON BUSINESS IN THE YEAR 1797.

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*Robinson's Directory.*

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Antt, Jos. and Son  
 Bailey and Eadon, 103, Westbar  
 Barnard and Co., 16, Scotland-street  
 Bailey and Green, 14, High-street  
 Bentley and Wilson, 3, High-street  
 Bishop, Weldon, and Carr, 18, Bridge-street  
 Bland, Thomas, 25, Queen-street  
 Blonk, Silcock, and Company, 42, Norfolk-street  
 Brittain, Wilkinson, and Brownell, 4, Sycamore-street  
 Broomhead and Rutherford, 7, Fargate  
 Brightmore, William, 1, Townhead-street  
 Bramhall and Son, 1, Portobello  
 Cadman, Peter, and Company, 37, Coalpit-lane  
 Fenton, Francis, 4, Church-lane  
 Froggatt, Coldwell, and Lean, Eyre-street  
 Greaves, Woodhead, and Hodgson, 32, Norfolk-street  
 Green, Jane, and Sons, 31, Arundel-street  
 Greaves, John, 98, Fargate  
 Green and Hague, 19, Sim's-croft  
 Harwood and Thomas, 21, Market-Place  
 Hawksley, Joshua and Sons, 118, Westbar  
 Hawksley, Wreaks, and Company, 1, Surrey-street  
 Hadfield, Robert, and Company, 13, St. James's-street  
 Hawksworth, Oates, and Company, 44, Campo-lane  
 Holy, Newbould, and Suckling, Sheffield-moor  
 Hodgson, Nicholson, Rotten, & Thompson, 61, Pond-street  
 Hounsfield, John, and Company, 2, Sycamore-street  
 Houlden, John, 1, Sim's-croft  
 Holmes, Thomas, 6, Broad-street, Park

Ibbotson, William and George, and Co., 13, Bridge-street  
Kenyon, John, 9, Hollis-street  
Knutton, Thomas, 5, Paradise-square  
Love and Spear, 19, Scotland-street  
Longden, Binney, and Company, 72, Campo-lane  
Mitchell, Thompson, and Company, 3, Forge-street  
Norris, Samuel, 55, Westbar  
Oates, Colley, and Wigham, Hollis-street  
Rotherham, James, 8, Spring-street  
Saner, Eyre, and Shepherd, 55, Norfolk-street  
Sharrow, Colley, and Company, Eyre-street  
Sorby, Hobson, and Sorby, Wicker  
Staniforth, Parkin, and Company, 2, Arundel-street  
Stanley, Lester, and Kay, 17, Norfolk-street  
Sutcliffe, Robert, 16, Allen-street  
Taylor, Parkin, and Company, High-street  
Walton, Richard, 27, White-croft  
Withers, Benjamin and Joseph, 37, Fargate  
Wood, George and Son, 88, Pea-croft  
Younge and Whitelock, 43, High-street

THE  
 COMPANY OF PROPRIETORS,  
 OR ORIGINAL SHAREHOLDERS OF THE NAVIGATION  
 OF THE RIVER DON,  
 1730.

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SHARES.	SHARES.
The Cutlers' Company .. 6	Jno. Balguy ..... 3
Corporation Doncaster .. 10	Jno. Drake .... 1
Town Trustees of Sheffield 10	Samuel Staniforth ..... 5
James Crawshaw, sen.... 1	Jno. Fell ..... 3
Samuel Shore, sen..... 2	Elias Wadsworth ..... 1
Jno. Brown ..... 3	Matthew Charlton ..... 1
Thomas Heaton ..... 2	Thomas Short..... 1
John Smith ..... 2	Jno. Ellison..... 1
Samuel Shore, jun..... 2	William Lyon ..... 1
Lydia Shore..... 1	Francis Sitwell ..... 1
Jno. Battie ..... 2	William Brookes..... 1
Jno. Gell ..... 2	Benjamin Roberts, jun.. 1
Thomas Middleton..... 2	Benjamin Greaves..... 2
William Parkin ..... 4	Jos. Steer..... 1
Trustees Hollis' Hospital 2	Thomas Buck..... 2
William Sitwell ..... 1	Jno. Allen ..... 2
William Wildman ..... 1	Nicholas Broadbent .... 2
Charles Wright ..... 1	Thomas Wilson ..... 2
James Crawshaw, jun.... 1	Joseph Turner ..... 1
Ann Parkin..... 1	Jno. Dickson ..... 1
Richard Goodwin ..... 2	Jno. Roebuck..... 2
Elizabeth Drake..... 1	Jonathan Moore ..... 1
Christopher Robinson .. 2	Joshua Matthewman .... 1
William Steer ..... 6	Thomas Cauton ..... 1
Jno. Dossie ..... 4	Jno. Morton ..... 1

	SHARES.		SHARES.
George Bradshaw .....	4	Jno. Beale .....	1
William Dickson .....	2	Thomas Cooper .....	1
Thomas Rayney .....	3	Jno. Nodder .....	1
Jno. Cowley .....	1	George Steer .....	1
Richard Fayram .....	1	Henry Broomhead .....	8
Jno. Smith .....	1	Thomas Hardcastle .....	2
Ann Heaton .....	1	Jno. Newsom .....	2
William Machon .....	1	Charles Arthur .....	1
Jno. Arthur .....	3	Richard Ellison .....	5
Richard Whitaker .....	1		

Total..... 157 Shares.



SUMMARY  
OF THE  
COMMITTALS FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES,  
ORDERED

By the sitting Magistrates at the Town-Hall, from the 27th of April, 1819,  
to 7th April, 1830.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1819-20-157	3	—	23	52	77	7	7	—	19	40	385	
1820-21-150	10	—	23	42	32	8	12	—	13	43	333	
1821-22-94	3	1	19	41	30	8	10	1	12	36	255	
1822-23-106	7	1	18	27	51	1	3	—	4	56	274	
1823-24-110	11	—	18	29	58	2	—	—	20	29	337	
1824-25-122	3	1	15	19	44	8	1	—	8	94	315	
1825-26-98	11	1	13	20	59	3	7	—	9	71	292	
1826-27-142	18	12	30	29	31	10	13	—	19	39	363	
1827-28-182	14	2	25	21	39	7	6	—	23	27	341	
1828-29-161	12	8	39	31	43	2	3	—	33	51	386	
1829-30-127	21	4	33	19	73	2	4	—	26	36	344	

1. Commitals for trial for Felonies.
2. Ditto under Penal Statutes.
3. Ditto under Game Laws.
4. Ditto on complaint of Overseers for Neglect of Family.
5. Ditto disobeying Orders of Affiliation.
6. Ditto for Vagrancy.
7. Ditto for Desertion from the Army.
8. Ditto to Assizes for Capital Felony.
9. Ditto Ditto for Murder.
10. Ditto for want of Bail to answer to Indictments.
11. Ditto as Disorderly Apprentices, Workmen, and Paupers.
12. Total.

SUMMARY OF THE CHARITIES  
 BELONGING TO THE  
 TOWNSHIP OF SHEFFIELD,  
 AS REPORTED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONERS,  
 1826.

ENDOWMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
The Grammar School.			
Estates at Wadsley and Gilberthorpe, producing per annum .....	160	0	0
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The Town Burgesses' Trust.			
In houses and lands, annual rental .....	383	16	1
In the Dun navigation, canal shares, roads, &c. ....	962	8	9
Annual receipts .....	£1346	4	10
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William Parkin's Charity.			
Interest of £100 paid in trust to the Cutlers' Company, for distribution yearly amongst poor filesmiths .....	4	10	0
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Henry Young's Gift.			
Rent charge of £30 per annum, for the benefit of the poor .....	Lapsed.		
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The Church Burgesses' Trust.			
In houses and lands, occupying 177,356 square yards, and 146 acres 3 roods 8 perches, producing per annum .....	1351	1	9½
Pews and sittings in parish church.....	21	15	6
Rent charges.....	1	8	6
£105 mortgage to Han. Cooke .....	5	5	0
£1000 in the 4 per cents .....	42	0	0
Total .....	£1421	10	9½
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Anne Swan's Gift.	£	s.	d.
The interest of £25—10s. 6d. for a sermon, 9s. 6d. for the poor .....	1	0	0
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Joseph Harrison's Charity.			
Interest of £200, distributed amongst poor file strikers annually .....	8	10	0
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Thomas Hanbey's Charity.			
£8000, 3 per cent consols, for the relief of housekeepers of the Church of England, and the maintenance of the boys' charity school.....	240	0	0
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Earl of Shrewsbury's Hospital.			
Various endowments of land and houses, for the maintenance of poor persons, first made by Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury, in or about 1625.			
By 10 George III. all right, powers, and interests, provided under the original constitutions, re- served to the right heirs or family of the foun- der, and consequently exempt from the com- missioners' enquiry.			
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Francis Barlow's Gift.			
Lands at Middlethorpe, annual rent distri- buted to twelve poor tradesmen .....	6	0	0
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Hollis's Charities.			
Lands and houses bequeathed by Thomas Hollis the elder, Thomas Hollis, (son,) John Hollis, Thomas Hollis, (grandson of Thomas Hollis the elder,) Timothy Hollis, and Thomas Brand, annual rental	368	17	11
From money in stocks, bequeathed by the same, shares, &c. acquired by savings of income .....	312	2	0
Total .....	£680	19	11
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Lydia Wright's Gift.			
Interest of £50, for the benefit of poor dis- senters of the upper meeting-house ....	2	10	0
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Bamforth's Charity.			
Lands purchased with legacies of Margaret			

£ s. d.

Bamforth, widow, and Margaret Bamforth, spinster, annual rental distributed to the poor of Sheffield and the townships . . . .	12 0 0
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## William Birley's Charity.

Lands and houses at Nether Ashop, (Derby,) purchased with a bequest of £950, annual rent for maintenance of the free writing school, the Minister of the Shrewsbury Hospital, and the poor of Sheffield . . . . .	191 15 4
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## Elizabeth Parkin's Gift.

£762. 15s. 8d., 3 per cent. reduced annuities, purchased with the original bequest of £500, annual interest distributed by the Vicar, three Assistant Ministers, and Churchwardens, amongst such poor persons as they may select . . . . .	25 17 7
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## Richard Broughton's Gift.

Rent charge on lands at Broomhall-lane, distributed by the Vicar, Assistants, and Churchwardens, amongst poor persons by them selected . . . . .	5 0 0
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## George Younge's Charity.

Interest of £62 stock, distributed every Easter-eve, to ten poor housekeepers ..	3 2 0
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## John Kirkby's Charity.

Interest of £400, in pensions to five poor women, £1. 17s. 4d. each, paid each calendar month . . . . .	22 10 0
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## Mary Parson's Charity.

£1528, new 4 per cents, annual interest (out of which £2 is paid for a sermon on St. John's day) distributed amongst 48 poor platers or silversmiths . . . . .	61 2 6
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Boys' and Girls' Charity Schools, exempt from Parliamentary enquiry, (59 Geo. III. c. 81.)

## NUMBER OF PERSONS

EMPLOYED IN THE STAPLE MANUFACTURES  
OF SHEFFIELD.

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 1830.
 

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## TABLE-KNIVES.

Forgers and Strikers .....	470	
Hafters—men and boys .....	1130	
Grinders .....	750	
Haft and Scale Cutters .....	172	
Pressers .....	150	
		2672

## SPRING-KNIVES.

Blade Forgers, Scale and Spring Hafters—men and boys, and Grinders.....		2380
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## RAZORS.

Forgers and Strikers .....	115	
Grinders .....	274	
Hafters and Pressers .....	265	
		654

## SCISSORS.

Forgers .....	158	
Filers .....	205	
Dressers .....	132	
Grinders .....	252	
Finishers .....	140	
		887

## FILES.

Forgers and strikers .....	256	
Grinders .....	155	
Cutters .....	905	
Hardners .....	142	
		1458
Carried forward .....		8051

Brought forward..... 8051

## SAWS.

Makers and grinders..... 463

## EDGE TOOLS.

Forgers and strikers..... 432

Grinders ..... 171

603

## FORKS.

Forgers ..... 307

Grinders ..... 220

527

Others employed in the country ..... 190

## SILVERSMITHS.

Men ..... 548

Boys ..... 143

Women ..... 205

896

## METALSMITHS.

Men ..... 147

Boys ..... 80

Women ..... 216

443

## SUNDRIES.

Stove grate makers, fender makers, workers in  
copper and brass, employed in various trades,  
&c. (estimated) 1130

Total..... 12303

SHEFFIELD  
LOCAL REGISTER,

&c. &c.

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200—525.

A. D. The artisans of Sheffield manufacture arrows for the Brigantes and Coritani (tribes of native Britons) who oppose the Roman invaders.—*Trad.*

“————— From their leafy homes  
The vassals of the Lord full oft go forth  
And track the yellow streamlets, till they reach  
The secret place, where easy labour gains  
The precious stone, which broken and subdued  
By fire, gives to the warrior's joy, the targe,  
The spear point, and the helm of proof.”—*MS.*

200. Municipal colony of Roman legionaries settled within the manor of Hallam.—*H. H.*

220. The Roman legionaries introduce amongst the Britons in the neighbourhood of Sheffield the arts of social life.

— Iron mines and minerals first excite attention.—*H. H.*

450. The people of Hallam cease to be subject to the Romans.

— Ravaged by the Picts and Scots.

525. A great tribe of adventurers, in fourteen different bodies, with their Thanes and chieftains at their head, landed on the East coast, and after fighting many battles, finally succeeded in making a settlement in Hallam.

550—1075.

550. Hallamshire and the neighbouring country possessed by the Saxons, and forming a portion of one kingdom (Etheldred's, Mercia or SouthHumber) of the Heptarchy.
600. The Saxon government of the people of Hallam.—  
 "There are now only three names remaining of the fourteen mentioned in history, viz. Hull, Hallam, and Halifax, which at one time were like petty independent states; their lords had their castles, with knights and esquires, and all the people as vassals, who were called out to war at their Lord's pleasure; they had likewise laws peculiar to themselves, which, it appears, were arbitrary, barbarous, and cruel, as may be supposed from those reproachful terms preserved in history, 'from Hull, Hell, (Hall, or Hallam,) and Halifax, good Lord deliver us.'"
628. Christianity first introduced into Hallam.—*Bede*.
830. Hallamshire possessed or ravaged by the Danes.
1050. Earl Waltheof and his Hallamshire men, having defended the castle of York against William the Conqueror, and having no prospect of relief, capitulate upon honourable terms, after a close siege of six months.
- The lands of the parish of Sheffield acknowledge three Saxon lords, Ulfac, Sweyn, and Earl Waltheof.—"Eastward a little, traced by the golden rills, richer than streams of Pactolus, sheltered by gentle hills, at whose fair feet the modest valleys lie, a warrior and a warrior's followers dwell."—*MS*.
- Sheffield (originally one of the *berewitæ* of the manor of Hallam) obtained a degree of independence, and was the little capital of a very small manor to which it gave name.
1075. Waltheof, the last Saxon Lord of the Manor of Hallam, (Sheffield,) having conspired with Ralph de Waer against the life of William the Conqueror, and for the freedom of the country, was beheaded at Winchester.
1075. King William, to put it out of the power of the Hallamshire men either to rise themselves or prepare arms for others, determined to lay that part of the country waste, as he had done the North of Yorkshire; hiding his purpose under the pretence that this severity was a punishment for, and in



1075—1160.

consequence of the conspiracy entered into by Waltheof. He therefore sent a strong force of Normans to destroy Hallamshire with fire and sword, giving orders that all who made resistance should be put to death, without sparing age or sex. The city of Hallam, with Earl Waltheof's hall, were razed to the ground, and the wretched inhabitants compelled to carry the ruins away, that it might never be said, "here stood once the city of Hallam." Nor was Sheffield spared,—the church and priory were destroyed, and the endowment given to a monastery in Normandy; every house in the town was destroyed except a few poor cottages for the poor vassals. An edict was issued that Hallam should not be rebuilt, nor iron works be wrought, nor the inhabitants be suffered to settle as owners of possessions, on pain of the King's displeasure.—*Corres. Merc.*

1075. The chapel of the blessed Lady of the Bridge, and free habitations for poor widows erected.—*Trad.*
1080. The manor of Sheffield possessed by the Countess Judith, widow of Waltheof.
1100. Sheffield and the lands of Hallam possessed by William de Lovetot. (Henry I.)
- . Sheffield possessed every thing essential to the comfortable residence of a considerable population; a church, a corn mill, an hospital, a bridge, and a castle for its protection.—*H.H.*
1110. *Sheffield Church.*—Foundation of St. Peter's, or Parish Church of Sheffield, by William de Lovetot, and endowment of the same with one-third of the tythe of the whole parish.—*Trad.*
1155. Earliest known residence of the Lords of Hallamshire at their castle at Sheffield.
- . St. Leonard's hospital erected by the house of De Lovetot, on a little eminence on the East side of the town, (Spital Hill.)
- . Inhabitants of the town of Sheffield probably for the most part small artificers, or persons who had certain services to perform at the castle.
1160. Iron works established. "To the other inhabitants of the parish of Sheffield we may add a rude and untractable people, whose occupations were in working the iron mines, or preparing for useful purposes the metal that was extracted."

1170—1264.

1170. The parish of Sheffield contained thirty-seven carucates and a half of taxable land, with nearly an equal number of ploughs.—*Domesday Book*.
- The manor of Sheffield *Terra Rogerii de Busli*.—*Dom. B.*
1177. The heirs male of the family of the Lovetots, Lords of Sheffield, became extinct.
- Maude de Lovetot, heiress of Hallamshire, given in marriage by Henry II. to Gerald de Furnivall, a Norman Knight.
1183. The abbey of Beauchief founded by Robert Fitz Ranulph de Alfreton, of Norton. "They (the people of Hallam) might now also look to enjoy those advantages of religious instruction and consolation, and of the orderly performance of the rites of their religion, which the proximity of a monastic establishment afforded; not to mention that there were crumbs falling from the well-spread board, that were thankfully accepted by the neighbouring poor. This house, therefore, soon became popular with its neighbours at Sheffield."—*H.H.*
1215. King John, then in arms against his barons, visited Sheffield, and sojourned with Gerald Baron Furnivall, who attached himself to his party.—*Trad.*
- King John, on his way to York, was entertained at a house in Pryor-row, High-street, (some time occupied by the late Mr. Trippett, 1815,) and was so well pleased with his reception, from the townspeople, that he granted them many privileges.—Sheffield being in a state of vassalage under the Lord of Hallam, and the lord under the crown, the King granted the appointment of Town Regents, with a Town Clerk, (who was to be a man of learning and well versed in law,) and a town seal.—*Anon.*
1219. Gerald, first of the Barons Furnival, and Lords of Sheffield, died at Jerusalem.
1237. Thomas de Furnival, son and heir of Gerald, slain in Palestine.
1240. Gerald de Furnival, third Lord of Hallam, died without issue.
1264. The town of Sheffield totally destroyed by fire, by John D'Eyvell, in arms with the barons against Henry III.

## 1270--1332.

1270. The second castle at Sheffield founded by Thomas de Furnival, Lord of Hallam.

“ I Lord Furnivall  
I built this Castle Hall  
And under this wall  
Within this tomb was my buriall.”

1279. Thomas de Furnival, fourth Lord of Hallam, and successor to his brother, died.

1294. Thomas (fifth) Lord Furnival, Lord of Hallam, summoned to Parliament.

1296. King Edward I. granted to Thomas Lord Furnival, a charter to hold a market in Sheffield, on the Tuesday in every week, and a fair every year for three days.

1297. Furnival's Grant, or Magna Charta of Sheffield, providing “that it should be a free borough; that the base and uncertain services by which the inhabitants held their lands should be abolished; that Courts Baron should be held for the due administration of municipal justice; and, lastly, that all venders and buyers should be free of toll throughout Hallamshire,” executed before the chief persons of the neighbourhood, and Robert de Breton, seneschall.

——. Sheffield became the staple for the iron manufactures, especially for faulchion heads, arrow piles, and an ordinary sort of knives called whittles.—*Harrison.*

——. Extent of the town. “Some idea of the extent of the town may be formed from the position of the parish church. The site chosen for such an edifice would be close to the town, but not actually within it. A few straggling huts and smithies forming an irregular street, extending from the castle and bridge to the church gate, with a few houses lying towards the town mill; and perhaps a branch extending in a South-west direction, forming what is now (1820) called the Fargate, in respect of its distance from the castle, seemed to have formed the whole town of Sheffield. The parsonage house would then be a country residence, commanding a beautiful view of the woody hills to the North of the town, and separate from the other buildings by the extent of a spacious church yard.”—*H. H.*

1332. Thomas (fifth) Lord of Hallam died.

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1339. Thomas (sixth) Lord Furnival, and Lord of Hallam, died.
1346. Sheffield obtained an extensive reputation for her manufactures.—*H. H.*  
 "A Sheffield thwytell bare he in his hose,  
 Ronde was his face and camysed was his nose.—*Chaucer.*
1366. Thomas (seventh) Lord Furnival, and Lord of Hallam, surnamed the Hasty, died.
1383. William Lord Furnival, of his house the last Lord of Hallamshire, died without male issue.
- The family of the Furnivals cease to be Lords of Sheffield, after having possessed (in virtue of a grant of King John, made in the fifth year of his reign) for the space of one hundred and eighty years.
1390. Foundation of a Grammar school.—*Trad.*  
 " 'Twas in that mart of ancient honest fame,  
 How ancient, Fox, let Chaucer's verse proclaim ;  
 'Twas here to form aright our tender youth,  
 Instruction mild pour'd forth the light of truth ;  
 And wayward nature first was taught to bear  
 The yoke of thralldom in a master's care."—*Rev. Dr. Inchbald.*
1406. Sir Thomas Nevil, Lord Furnival, and Lord of Sheffield in right of his wife, died.
1408. Maud de Nevil, first daughter of Thomas Nevil Lord Furnival, married to John Talbot, first Earl of Shrewsbury, succeeding in right of his wife to the Lordship of Sheffield.
1410. John Talbot, first Earl of Shrewsbury, summoned to Parliament by the style of John Talbot, of Hallamshire.
1428. John Kay hung in Sheffield for horse stealing, 6 Henry VI.—*Sheff. Court Regis.*
1434. Barker Pool.—The water reservoir called Barker Pool first made by Barker, of Balm Green, to supply water to the town.—*Trad.*
1453. John Talbot, first Earl of Shrewsbury, and Lord of Hallam, together with his son, slain at Chatillon ;  
 "which Sir John Talbot, first Sir John Furnivall, was the most worthy warrior we read of all."  
 "The live to report of this foresaid Lorde,  
 How manly he was and full of chivalroze,  
 What deeds that he did, I cannot by worde,  
 Make rehearsal by metre ne prose ;  
 In Ireland, France, Normandy, Gyon, and Gascone,  
 His fere no renying I rede of none."

## 1460—1501.

“So greatly did the Hallamshire men suffer while fighting round the Earl, as he lay bleeding on the field of battle, that there was not a house nor a family in all Hallamshire that did not lose either a father or a brother, a husband or a son, on that fatal day.”—*Hist.*

1460. John, second Earl of Shrewsbury, and Lord of Hallam, slain at the battle of Northampton.
1473. John, third Earl of Shrewsbury, and Lord of Hallam, died, and was interred in the chapel of the church.
1485. Historians, in their accounts of Bosworth Field Aug. 22. battle, remark that the largest arrows were made use of by the Earl of Richmond's forces, that were ever known before. The pile heads were bigger, well pointed with steel hardened; the backs were sharper, being ground in flutes, and much better polished than heretofore. It is further remarked, that this was the last improvement which was made in pile and arrow heads, one of the staple manufactures of Sheffield, as in the year 1521 muskets were introduced into the Royal army.
1485. Our Lady's Bridge. “Sir John Plesauce, vicar of Sheffield, and William Hill, of the same, maister mason, bargain for the making of a brygge of stone over the watyr of Dune, nighe the castell of Sheffield, well and sufficiently, the whych shall be made V arches embowed, IIII jowels and II heedys, with sure butments at cyther ende, and shall have for the making of it a C. marks.”—*Orig. Ind.* To cross the bridge it was necessary to ascend a flight of steps, the space of ground known as the Isle being the level of the bottom of Waingate.—1810.
1495. John Dore hung in Sheffield for murder, 10 Henry VII.—*Sheff. Court Reg.*
1498. John Hynde, of Sheffield, bequeathed to the vicar and ministers, in trust, “three tenements and a smithy house, in Water-lane, the rents thereof to pay the priest of St. Catherine saying mass.”—It is evident that there were at least two chantries, that of the blessed Virgin and that of St. Catherine, in the church of Sheffield.”—*Hunter.*
1501. Felice, wife of William Hynde, gave also in trust, a tenement, in Change-alley, London, to make sale

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thereof, and buy with the money arising thereby a cross of silver and gilt, with the image of the crucifix of our Lady and Saint John, to be used in the church, and remain for ever, to the intent that the said Felice, her husband, father and mother, may be better remembered and prayed for.

1510. The Sheffield Manor House or Lodge raised by George, fourth Earl of Shrewsbury. "Hitherto the Lords of Hallamshire had no mansion at Sheffield but the castle, or at most only a small lodge in their Park. The castle, though spacious, magnificent, and strong, was not, on several accounts, the most desirable of residences in time of perfect peace. The Earl therefore made great additions to the lodge in the centre of his park, about two miles from the castle and town, or raised there from its foundations a noble country residence, which he completed early in the reign of Henry VIII."

— The sepulchral chapel of the Shrewsbury family raised in the parish church. "Here the funeral obsequies of the Lords of Hallamshire were performed, and here their bodies, one by one, were returned to the earth out of which they were taken. Before the reformation might be seen a fine series of their monuments, arranged on each side the choir, immediately before the altar, and in the Lady chapel, commencing with the founder and ending with the third Earl of Shrewsbury, (Edward IV.) but not without some intermissions.—The nameless and mutilated effigies in an obscure corner of the church are all that remain of this once splendid series."—*H.H.* 1824.

1530. Vicarage of Sheffield. Clear income of the vicar of Sheffield, (parish priest,) £12. 15s. 2d., or the vicarage house and croft, and twenty-four times their value in yearly income.—Income of the three assistant ministers, seventeen pounds per year.

Nov. 8. Cardinal Wolsey, having been disgraced by Henry VIII., delivered to the custody of George, fourth Earl of Shrewsbury, and by him confined at the manor.

"————— My high blown pride  
At length broke under me, and now has left me,

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Weary and old with service, to the mercy  
Of a rude stream, that must for ever hide me.  
Vain pomp and glory of the world, I hate ye!  
I feel my heart new opened."—*Shaks.*

1533. Price of provisions,—beef  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb., mutton  $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per lb., a fat lamb, 1s.

1534. Saint Peter's Church first called the Church of the Holy Trinity. "Now whilst some country people sate in consultation what new saint such church should assume, being divided in their opinions to whom the same should be dedicated, an old man gave his advice;—even dedicate it to the Holy Trinity, which will last and continue when all other saints may chance to be taken away."—*Fuller's Church History.*

1535. The profits of the vicarage of Sheffield consisted of a house and croft, value per annum ten shillings; tythe of wool and lambs £1. 16s.; oblations £6. 18s.; Easter book £4; minute and privy tythes 2s. 8d.; total, £13. 6s. 8d.—*Eccles. Surv. 26 Hen. VIII.*

————— If it pass against us  
We lose the better half of our possessions;  
For all the temporal lands which men devout  
By testament have given to the church,  
Would they strip from us."—*Shaks.*

1538. George, fourth Earl of Shrewsbury, died, and was *July 26.* interred in the chapel built by him in the church of Sheffield, after having been Lord of Sheffield and Hallamshire, including his minority, seventy years.

1544. Advowson and presentation to the church at Sheffield possessed by Robert and William Swift.—*Lett. Pat. 36 Henry VIII.*

1552. Prices of labour; a labourer in husbandry, £1. 6s. per year; chief hind, earter, or shepherd, 20s.; common husbandry servant, 16s. 8d.; female servant, 10s.; a child, 6s. 8d.

——. Advowson and presentation of the church of Sheffield conveyed by Royal grant to Francis Earl of Shrewsbury.—*6 Edward VI.*

1553. Inhabitants of Sheffield represent to the Queen (Mary) that the fourteen hamlets within the parish were never void of plagues and other evil diseases.

——. Robert Swyfte and William Taylor, of the parish of Sheffield, "for and in the names of all other haby-

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tance of the said parish," present a petition to the Queen (Mary) praying for the restoration of certain lands of which they had been deprived by the Commissioners under the first of Edward VI., for the suppression of colleges and chantries, "the profits of which had been heretofore gyven and assigned by dyvers persons of long tyme paste to and for the reparacon and amendmt. of several brygs and wayes wtin. the said parish, and to the reparacon of the church ther, and to the relieffe of the moast needye and indigent persones;" and further, that the Queen would "imparte and yerlye bestowe sume porchon of the said revenues to and for the fyndyng of III priests wtin. the said church, to help and assist the Vycare there."

1554. Letters patent (granting the prayer of the petition) *June 8.* published by the Queen, wherein the burgesses and inhabitants (burgenses et inhabitantes) of the town are declared to be one body politic and corporate, by the name of "Twelve capital burgesses and commonalty of the town and parish of Sheffield," with power to acquire lands, plead and be impleaded.
- . Town or burgesses seal first made and used; device—two sheafs of arrows in saltier between two pheons; inscription—SIGILLYM. VILLÆ. DE. SHEFFELDE. ANNO. 1554.
- . The names of the first burgesses in the Queen's Majesty's letters patent:—Robert Swyfte, Hugh Smith, Richard Fenton, William Taylor, Robert More, William Walton, Robert Smith, Hugh Chawlnor, William Borowes, John Hollande, Thomas Mitchell, Thomas Parks.
1557. Foreign iron used in Sheffield; "Danske yron and Spanysche yron."—*A. C. B.* "It was wanted by the burgesses for a structure which was erected in the parish churches at Easter, called the sepulchre house. We may collect from these entries the relative value of Spanish iron to that which was imported from the Baltic. It was as 7 to 6; the 100 of Spanish costing by retail 14s., and of Danish 12s."
- . First account of the receipts of the church burgesses since the incorporation:—"The reckonings of Ro-



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bert More and Wm. Walton, collectors of the lands belonging to ye capital burgesses, within the town and parishe of Sheffielde, made this second day of November, Ann. Dom. 1557, before Robert Swifte and others, inhabitants of the sd. town, as followeth—Recd. by the sd. collectors within this time, namely for one whole year, as doth appear by the rental of the same, £30. 5s. 5d.”—*A. C. B.*

1558. Burials frequent within the church. “Received for three graves in the church, 20s.”—*A. C. B.*
1559. A clock in St. Peter’s church. “Paid for mending the clock three times, 5s.; and pd. for taking down the clock and setting it up again, 12s. 8d.—*A. C. B.*
1560. Commencement of the parish register, or record of the baptisms, marriages, and burials of the whole parish.
- Sept.* 28. Francis, fifth Earl of Shrewsbury, and Lord of Hallam, died at Sheffield manor.
- Oct.* 21. ————— Interred with great pomp in the chapel in St. Peter’s church.
- Nov.* 6. Sir William Houton (assistant minister) was hyred in the presence of the holle parish by the XII. capytal burgesses, and had given to him XIII*d.*
- . An organ in St. Peter’s church. “Pd. John Howe the organ maker, 10s.; pd. for mending the organ, 6s. 8d.; pd. to John Lysdale, 20s. 1½*d.*; pd. for mending the organs, 2s. 8½*d.*; pd. for a lock and valve for the organs, 6d.”—*A. C. B.*
1562. Expenses of apprehending felons paid by the church burgesses. “Pd. to the churchwardens and constables for conveying George Hood to the justice. N.B. The ward rent, and other great expenses about this man, who appears to be a felon or notorious vagrant, from his being committed to York castel.”—*A. C. B.*
1563. The freeholders and copyholders of Hallamshire refuse to pay George, sixth Earl of Shrewsbury, the ancient and customary benevolence on the occasion of the marriage of his eldest daughter to the Earl of Pembroke. They afterwards paid for lands and houses in Sheffield, £22. 4s.; same in the Park, £8. 7s. 2d.

———. ————— The right of customary benevolence or aid abolished by Act of Parliament.

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1564. Grammar school—master, Mr. Yonge. “Pd for his gayt to York and his lycens to kepe the schole, Xs.”—*A. C. B.*
1565. Town estates—annual value, £7. 7s.
- . The steeple of St. Peter’s church repaired. “Pd. John Holbertstone, plumber of Worksop, for pointing the steeple, £10. Paid him for making the weathercock, 13s. ; pd. him for setting on ye weathercock, 6s.”—*A. C. B.*
- . The town trust—book of accounts first kept, entitled, “The book as well of the burgesses rents there, as also of the reconyng of the same; how and after what manner the sayde rentes are employed as by God’s grace therein shall appear made begoyne in the yere of our Lord God M.Vc. LXV.”
- . Court rolls of the manor of Sheffield recite that a jury of cutlers was impannelled with the other juries, to assign marks to the different manufacturers, wherewith to distinguish their respective wares, to enroll indentures of apprenticeship, and to levy the fines to which persons became subject who wrought in opposition to certain regulations agreed upon by the whole fellowship of cutlers, and sanctioned by the lord of the manor.
1566. Money “gevyn towards the makynge of Brightside brydge, xxs.”—*A. C. B.*
1567. Money “gevyn towards the makynge of Hygheley brydge, xxs.”—*A. C. B.*
1568. Cost of “the burgesses dyner the reconyng day wth. drynke for the neybour, v. iiiid.”—*A. C. B.*
- . Part, if not the whole of the taxes imposed on the town by Queen Elizabeth paid by the town trust.—*Mitchell’s Ess. on the Burgery.*
- . Thomas Younge, Archbishop of York, died at Sheffield.
- . Market cross and Irish cross rebuilt.
1570. Mary, Queen of Scots, brought to Sheffield castle, *Dec.* and committed to the charge of the Earl of Shrewsbury.

“ Now again a prison’s shade  
 Holds a Queen whom realms obeye ;  
 There the tumults of her breast  
 Cease their strife and are at rest ;  
 Changeless friends the place supply  
 Of the world’s false flattery.

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They who in my pride of power,  
 Shared my fortune's brighter hour,  
 Now in love unwearied dwell,  
 With the captive in her cell."—*Royal Exile.*

1570. Artisans from the Netherlands settle in Hallamshire.

"The cruel Duke of Alva had driven numbers of artisans from their homes in the Netherlands; they fled for safety to England, where they were cordially received by the Queen, and by the advice of her Chamberlain, the Earl of Shrewsbury, settled in various parts of the kingdom, all of one occupation in the same place; thus enabling them to carry on their several crafts with advantage. Of these recusants, all or the greater part of them who were artificers in iron, were sent to the Earl's own estate in Yorkshire, and hence we may date the first improvement in Sheffield cutlery. Now began to be made shears, sickles, knives of every kind, and scissors; the manufacturers of each article confining themselves to some particular village, which arrangement in a great measure continues to this day."—*Northern Star.*

— "The crosse in the church yard," and the "rood quire," destroyed in obedience to the injunction of the Queen (Elizabeth), and in furtherance of the work of reformation.

— The poor of the town supported out of the funds of the church burgesses:—

	£	s.	d.
Given to the poor of the town and parish,	1	0	0
„ by the burgesses to the poor, . . . .	1	6	8
Donation to Thomas Knowles' son, . . . .	0	10	2
Given to Thos. Wood's wife, for helping to set two of her children to service, ..	0	6	8
Paid to four poor people, . . . . .	0	10	4
Given to Thos. Trippet's daughter, that came from London this November, for doubting the plague, . . . . .	0	2	0
Paid for the charges of Anthony Hibbard and his wife and her mother, with their children, and others, for keeping in their houses for ye space of a month, for fear of ye plague, . . . . .	1	7	9

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Pd. for cloth to set poor Lancelot's daughter to London to service, ..... 0 5 0  
 For the burial of ye poor body called Broadbent, ..... 0 0 7  
 —*A. C. B.*

1571. The pillory.—Town trustees erect a pillory in the town at their own expense.

——. The Wicker.—The “nare butt and far butt,” in the Wicker, set up by the town trustees.

——. The space of ground extending from the foot of Spital-hill or Handley-hill, to the Lady's Bridge, (the Wicker,) was the place for the sports, the pastimes, and the athletic exercises of the inhabitants of the town. Here were the public butts at which the inhabitants were trained to archery. Here, also, the freeholders of Hallamshire were accustomed to assemble with horse and arms at the annual muster.

1572. “Francis Swyfte, who dyed in the yeare of our Lorde God 1572, dyd bequeath by his last will and testament to the xii capetal burgesses, one house with appurtenances in the tenure and occupation of one Thomas Byrley, cutler, neyghe unto the Barker powle, after the natural deathe of his two sisters.”  
 —*A. C. B.*

——. The chapel of our Lady, standing at the foot of the bridge, used as a wool warehouse.

“Time was hard by our Lady's chantry stood,  
 Where Dun and Sheaf unite the spousal flood;  
 Its lengthening shadow fell 'midst sun-set gleams,  
 A hallowing symbol o'er the nuptial streams.”

*Holland's Sheffield Park.*

1573. Paid “at the buryinge of Robert Sikes, the aqua vita man, xx pence.”—*A. C. B.*

——. Town burgesses distribute out of their funds, “to ye poor of ye towne and parishe of Sheffield, v. vi. viii.”  
 —*A. C. B.*

——. Town burgesses “gave to William Lee, a poore scholler of Sheffield, towards the settinge him to the universytie of Chambridge, and buyinge him bookes and oter furnytire, xiii. iiiii.”

1574. “The grievous dearthe over the land did sprede fare North, and Sir Robertus Holland (the vicar) besoughte the poorer sorte that they would buy and

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consume as little as may be of all sorts of commodity out of ye market.”—*T. M.*

1575. Sheffield manufactures.—“Lord Shrewsbury presented to his friend Lord Burghley a present of a case of Hallamshire whittles, being such fruictes as his poor country afforded with fame therefrom.”—*H. H.*

1579. The cuckstool, with two chairs and locks, in use.

1584. Mary, Queen of Scots, removed from Sheffield castle, *Sep.* 3. and committed to the charge of Sir Ralph Sadler.

“ Now blooms the lily by the bank,  
The primrose down the brae;  
The hawthorn's budding in the glen,  
And milk-white is the slae:  
The meanest hind in fair Scotland  
May rove their sweets amang;  
But I, the Queen of a' Scotland,  
Mann lie in prison strang.”—*Burns.*

1585. Many watchinges was sette out, to keepe away all fellowshippe with people from Doncaster, wherein was the plage. “For three weeks the town of Sheffield was watched, to prevent any communication with the infected place, and we find no trace of its appearance in the town.”—*H. H.*

1586. The town pavor, the town clerk, the beadle, clerk of the market, bellman, swineherd or pinder, the ringers, and the pipers or wayts, paid and maintained by the town trust.—*A. C. B.*

1587. Robert Sanderson (afterwards bishop of Lincoln) bap-  
*Sep.* 20. tised in St. Peter's church.—*P. Reg.*

— At Chesterfield manye dide dye of the plage, and the Lordshippe paydc for watche to keep it out from this place.

1588. Town estates—annual value, £8. 9s. 8d.

1590. George, sixth Earl of Shrewsbury, and Lord of Hal-  
*Nov.* 18. lam, died at Sheffield manor, and was interred in the family vault in Sheffield.

“ Such as desire to live when fatall thread i spunne,  
Syth man's life is short ther course they must runne;  
That fame and worthy acts and vertues maie commend  
Unto posterities that live unto the end.”

*Verse of Epit. preserv. by Dodsworth, 1620.*

— Actes and ordinaunces made and agreed of our Sove-  
*Sep.* 1. raigne Ladye Elizabeth, as well by all the holy fellowship and company of cutlers and makers of

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knives within the lordshippe of Hallamshire, as also by th' assente of the right honorable George, Earle of Shrewsbury, lorde and owner of the said lordshippe of Hallamshire, for the better reliefe and commodytie of the porer sorte of the said fellowshippe.

1592. This year the north front gallery of the parish church was erected, as appears by the date deeply inscribed upon a supporter at the last end.—*Ed. Goodwin, 1797.*

1598. State of manufactures.—“After the death of the good Earl, (George, sixth Earl of Shrewsbury,) this heterogeneous mass of manufacturers (the artisans from the Netherlands and the native cutlers,) no longer under any controul, began to follow their own fancies in the management of their fabrics; and in despite of the wise regulations before laid down, which peculiarly tended to give a celebrity to their wares, for the goodness of their workmanship, and their consequent durability, their only idea seems to have been, to make as many articles as possible, and those of a spurious kind. They laid aside all restrictions in respect to the persons who should be employed, or who ought to be instructed in the respective businesses, and before the end of the succeeding reign, (James I.—1624,) brought the trade into such a state of disrepute, as to render it necessary, in order for its restoration, for the legislature to throw the spirit of the former laws of the Earl of Shrewsbury into the shape of an Act of Parliament.”—*North. Star, Hist. of Iron Trade.*

1600. “The manufacturers began an ordinary sort of tobacco boxes, and a silly musical instrument called a jew’s trump.”—*Harrison.*

— The Sembly-green (Wicker). “I cannot here omit a royalty that this manor (Sheffield) hath above other manors; that is upon every Sembly Tuesday (Tuesday after Easter day) is assembled upon the Sembly-green, where the court is kept and near unto the castle, at the least 139 horsemen with horses and harness provided by the freeholders, copyholders, and other tenants, and to appear before the Lord

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of the Manor, or the steward of the court, to be viewed by them, and for confirming the peace of our Sovereign Lord the King."—*Harrison*.

1602. Inventory of the town's armour lodged at the castle—  
"two black and one whit corslet, with three hede peces, and two other hede peces; towe callavers, a flape with a touch box, one other flape without a touch box, 2 swords, one dagger, 4 pykes, and ten gyrdles."

1603. Grammar school.—Mr. Thomas Smith, of Crowland, *July 2.* in Lincolnshire, bequeathed to the town of Sheffield "thirty pounds a year as long as the world shall endure, for the finding of two sufficient learned men, to teach and bring up the young children there in godliness and learning."

1604. Grammar school founded according to the tenour of *May 4.* the will of Mr. Thomas Smith, by royal letters patent, "The Free Grammar School of King James of England."

————— First governors, Thomas Toller, vicar, William Slack, William Lee, William Dickinson, Robert Rollinson, Hugh Ranson, George Wilkinson, Henry Bright, John Holland, Robert Mitchell, William Ranson, Thomas Bright, and Malin Stacey.

1605. Mr. Robert Rollinson bequeathed two houses in Fig-tree-lane, to the burgesses, in trust, for the use of the assistant ministers.

1606. Grammar school.—£103. 18s. 1d. raised by assessment on the parish of Sheffield "towards the charges in establishing the school."—*W. P.*

1610. Town estate—annual value, £11. 8. 4d.

———. Trees in the parish church-yard. "Received of Arthur Courtnall for a trespass, for stubbing up an ash in ye church-yard, 1s."—*A. C. B.*

1613. "Survaie of the towne of Sheffield by twenty-four of *Jan. 2.* the most sufficient inhabitants; in the towne 2207 people, of which 725 not able to live without the charity of their neighbours, being all begginge poore; 100 householders which relieve others, but are poore artificers, not one of which can keep a team on his own lande, and not above ten who have grounds of their own which will keep a cow; 160 householders not able to relieve others, such, though

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they beg not, not able to abide the storme of one fortnight's sickness, but would be thereby driven to beggary; 1222 children and servants of the said householders, the greatest part of which, such as live of small wages, and are constrained to work sore, to provide them necessaries."—*H. H.*

1613. The steeple and church repaired; "Money borrowed of the tenants for pointing the steeple withall £18. 1s. 6d.—Pd. to Pitt, the workman, and others who assisted in pointing the steeple, £17. 2s. 11d. Pd. churchwardens for money had for whitening the church, £4."—*A. C. B.*
1615. Communion plate for the parish church.—"Pd. for two silver cups and 2 pattins, in weight 38½ oz. at 5s. 8d.—£10. 18s.—*A. C. B.*
1616. Gilbert, seventh Earl of Shrewsbury, and Lord of *May 8.* Hallam, died at his house in Broad-street, London.  
 —. The hospital of Gilbert Earl of Shrewsbury founded by his will. "Item, I will and appointe an hospitall to be founded at Sheffelde for perpetuall maintenance of twenty poore personnes, and to be called the hospital of Gilbert Erle of Shrewsbury; and the same to be endowed with such revenues and possessions as my executors shall thincke fitt, not being under two hundred poundes a year."
- Aug. 17.* Gilbert, seventh Earl of Shrewsbury, interred with his ancestors at Sheffield. "The profuse mode of his living, rather than the superiority of talents, or the peculiar eminence of the stations he attained, obtained for him the title of the great and glorious Earl of Shrewsbury."—*Hunter.*
1617. Edward, eighth Earl of Shrewsbury, and Lord of *Feb. 8.* Hallam, died without issue, and was buried in Westminster Abbey.  
 "To strangers now descends the heapy store,  
 The race forgotten, and the name no more."
- . Lady Mary Talbot, Lady Elizabeth Talbot, and Lady Althea Talbot, co-heiresses of the manour of Sheffield.
- . Courts of the manour of Sheffield held in the names of the Earls of Pembroke and Arundel, (Lords of Mary and Althea.)
1619. Grammar school. Church burgesses grant to the go-



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vernors a lease of the school-house, with the garden and croft adjoining, to be holden for 800 years, at one shilling a-year rent.

1620. Sheffield lodge or manour "stood on a hill in the midst of the parks, fairly built with stone and timber, with an inward court and an outward court, two gardens, and three yardes, containing 4 acres, 1 rood, 15 perche."—*Dugdale*. "—— the chieftain of the age of the eighth Henry, living here in the bosom of his numerous family, and unwillingly issuing forth to disperse the cloud of rebellion—the fallen Wolsey treading the gallery with heavy steps, or engaged in conference with his courteous host in one of its windowed recesses, and hearing the name of Kingston with alarm,—and at the window which bears her name, the victim of the lawless power of Elizabeth, looking for the friend who was to bring the means of descent from a height so fearful, that she might regain the liberty she loved."—*H. H.*
1620. The late Earles of Shrewsbury "were wont on every yeare, on a certyne day, to have many bucks lodged in a meadow neare the towne side, about a mile in compasse, to which place repaired almost all the apron men of the parish, and had liberty to kill and carry away as many as they could with their hands."—*Dodsworth*.
- . "Sheffield owed to the house of Lovetot the establishment of an hospital for its sick *infirmis*." "This hospital stood on an eminence on the east side of the town still called the Spital-hill, and continued to afford relief to the poor of Sheffield, till the eight Henry swept away so many institutions of our forefathers, the beneficial with the useless, in undistinguishing fury. *Dodsworth*, who visited Sheffield in August 1620, speaks of it only as a thing which had been."—*H. H.* "There hath been a spital there on that side of the hill."—*Dodsworth*.
- . "The hawle at the poandes," an appendage (the laundry) to the castle, existed.
1621. Town estates; annual value, £18. 10s. 10d.
- . Bill presented to Parliament for "the good order and government of the cutlers of Hallamshire."
- . Mr. Robert Brightmore, of Sheffield, mercer, gave by

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will 20s. per annum to the church, 40s. to the cutlers' company, £10. to the workhouse, and £10. to the free-school.

1622. Ecclesall chapel:—The inhabitants of the township set about restoring its dilapidated walls, and fitting it up as a place of religious worship. They laid down a floor in the chancel, erected a small wooden steeple, set up pews, a pulpit and communion table, and new glazed the windows.

1623. Assessment of Sheffield for defraying the expenses of the King's (James) household, (in lieu of the antient tax in kind,) 9s. 11¼d.

1624. Bill for the incorporation of the cutlers presented a second time to the House of Commons by Sir John Saville, entitled "an act for the good order and government of the makers of knives, sickles, shears, scissors, and other cutlery wares, in Hallamshire and parts near adjoining."

*April 23.* ————— Received the assent of the Commons.

— . Cutlers' Company.—First officers appointed under the act of incorporation. Master, Robert Sorsby; wardens, Godfrey Burley and John Rawson; searchers, William Warter, William Creswick, Thomas Philipot, Robert Wilkinson of Hills, John Dungworth, and John Webster; assistants, William Webster, Thomas Creswick, George Smedley, James Creswick, Robert Stacey, Edward Creswick, Thomas Wright, sen., Henry Dyson, George Wilkinson, Robert Pearson, sen., George Barnsley, Edmund Swift, Robert Carr, Robert Barnsley, William Wilde, Richard Jackson, Lawrence Pearson, jun., Thomas Smyth, Thomas Crofts, Thos. Milward, George Dam, Thomas Pearson, Thomas Parkyn, and Thomas Haworth.

1626. Thomas Wild, cutler, living in the Crooked Bill yard, High-street, made Liéut. Felton the knife with which he stabbed the Duke of Buckingham.—(Charles I.) "The knife was found in the Duke's body, and on examining it, a corporation mark was observed upon it, when enquiry was made to the London cutlers whether the knife had been made in London, who all agreed it had been made at

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Sheffield, and the corporate mark would soon find out the real maker. An express was sent to Sheffield, and the poor cutler Wild was sent to London, and taken to the Earl of Arundel's house. Wild acknowledged the mark was his, and that it was one out of two knives which he had made for Col. Felton, who was recruiting at Sheffield, for which he charged him tenpence. The Earl was well satisfied of the truth and simplicity of Thomas Wild's testimony, and ordered him to be paid the expenses of his journey home."—*Shef. Merc.*

1626. Burntland well—money paid by the town trustees for support thereof.
- . "Certain landes given by Rob. Rollinson to the church burgesses, viz. a house in the Market-stead, a cottage in Grimesthorpe, with three other houses in Sheffield, for which the burgesses are to pay to Rob. Rollinson and his heirs the sum of 50s. a year for Figtree Hall."—*A. C. B.*
- . Eighty-one freemen admitted into the corporation of cutlers.
1627. Thirty-four freemen admitted into the corporation of cutlers.
1630. A workhouse built. "Gyven towards building of the workhouse, £12."—*A. C. B.*
- . A new clock set up in St. Peter's church, £12.—*A. C. B.*
1633. Price of wine:—"Delivered to Sheaffield castle, when the surveiors and other gentlemen were there, 36 quarts of white wine, 24s.; three quarts sack, 3s.; and one quart claret, eightpence."—*W. P.*
1636. Attercliffe chapel consecrated, and endowed with £10. per annum; the inhabitants of Attercliffe built the same (1629) at their own costs and charges.
1637. The Park contained 2461 acres, 3 roods, and 11 perches, within a ring fence of eight miles; and there were in it a thousand fallow deer, and 200 deer of antler.
- . Grammar school.—John Hill bequeathed £100 for the benefit of the school; Francis Barlow bequeathed £140 for the same purpose.—*W. P.*
- . "Sheth bridge" built of stone by Nicholas Hicke.
1638. The corporation of cutlers being possessed of an income, arising from the ameracements of the lord's

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juries then given up to them, fees on indentures, admissions, and mark rents, built a hall on the site of some old burbage houses opposite the south side of the church.

1640. Water-lane well; money paid by the town trustees for the support thereof.

——. Manufacture of files, razors, and spring-knives, first commenced.

——. Sheffield and its neighbourhood represented by the royalists as being actively disaffected; the Presbyterian party supported by Dr. John Bright, the vicar; the families of the Jessops, at Broomhall, the Brights of Carbrook, and the Spencers of Attercliffe, the most considerable in the parish, declared Parliamentarians.

1642. Lords Mowbray and Maltravers send from the castle of Sheffield to Doncaster, four wheel-pieces and their furniture for the king's (Charles I.) use.

1642. The Presbyterian and Parliamentarian party seize the castle of Sheffield. "Supported by Sir John Gell, who was in force in Derbyshire, they succeeded in gaining military possession of the castle and town, about which they cast up entrenchments."

"Where roll'd the confluent rivers at their base,  
Frowning and dark the chieftain's towers aro-e,  
Th' embattled strength of Sheffield's earlier days,  
Pride of his friends and terror of his foes:  
Through many a summer's sun and winter's snows  
There waved his banner.—Long these towers withstood  
All that time, war, or tempest could oppose;  
Till red rebellion rear'd his standard there,  
Then desolation follow'd through each future year."

*W. H. Sterndale.*

1643. Earl of Newcastle took military possession of the town and castle of Sheffield, and appointed Sir Wm. Saville, grandson of the sixth Earl of Shrewsbury, governor in the name of the King.

——. Cast iron cannon and other instruments and engines of war, made at the iron works near Sheffield, for the Royal party.

"Descending hence, where now the road descends,  
'Till the Park's precincts at the river ends,  
Where spreads the vale and its green skirts outrun  
Along the winding margin of the Dun;—

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There black and huge, the haunt of Cyclop bands  
 And crown'd with spiry flame, a furnace stands;  
 Incessant day and night its crater roars,  
 Like the volcano on Sicilian shores;  
 Its fiery womb the molten mass combines,  
 Thence lava like the boiling torrent shines;  
 Down the trench'd sand the liquid metal holds,  
 Shoots showers of stars and fills the hollow moulds."

*Holland's Sheffield Park.*

1644. The castle of Sheffield summoned by the Earle of  
*July 27.* Manchester to surrender to the Parliamentary  
 party.

*Aug. 4.* Major-General Crawford attacked the castle of Shef-  
 field, "wherein were a troop of horse and two hun-  
 dred foot, strongly fortified with a broad and deep  
 trench of eighteen feet deep, and water in it, a  
 strong brest work pallizadoed, a wall round of two  
 yards thick, eight pieces of iron ordnance and two  
 mortar pieces."

*Aug. 10.* Castle of Sheffield surrendered to the Earl of Man-  
 chester and forces of the Parliament, by Major  
 Thomas Beaumont, deputy governor.

— The army of the Parliament gut the church, and de-  
 stroy every pane of glass in the beautiful painted  
 window; very few were left in the Shrewsbury  
 chapel, the monuments of which were, however,  
 left uninjured.—*Anon.*

1645. Captain Edward Gell, governor of Sheffield castle.

— Sheffield castle, and the estates surrounding it, seized  
 by Commissioners of the Parliament, and a lease  
 of the manor of Sheffield granted to Philips and  
 Holland.

1646. Resolution passed the House of Commons that the  
*April 30.* castle of Sheffield should be made untenable.

— Sheffield summer fair not held on account of "a great  
 presse of souldiers theare."

1647. Resolution passed the House of Commons that the  
*July 13.* castle of Sheffield should be "sleighted and de-  
 molished."

1648. *Aug. 23.* The demolition of Sheffield castle began.

— Earl of Arundel (husband of Lady Alethea Talbot,  
*Nov. 24.* co-heiress of the manor of Sheffield, with her sis-  
 ters Lady Mary and Lady Elizabeth) admitted, for  
 the sum of £6000, to the composition of his for-  
 feited estates.

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1648. The grammar school, near Townhead-cross, built on the foundation of the original school-house, then "not habitable."

"Where sooty tops of clacking tilts arise,  
Which heave their smoky volumes to the skies;  
Where the red furnace boils with hollow roar  
That melts to fiery wave the massy ore;  
Where cheerful labour whistles on the wheel,  
Which soothes to keenest edge the stubborn steel."

*Rev. Dr. Inchbald.*

1649. Earl of Arundel issued a warrant "for the repairinge  
*Jan. 5.* the roomes at Sheffield castle, then undemolished."

"Its ruined walls were never built up again;—  
from this period, the once proud castle of Sheffield was but a heap of shapeless ruins, every year doing something to complete the destruction which the axe of violence had begun. A few vaults are all which now (1828) remain to bear witness that such an edifice once stood on what is still however called the Castle-hill."

1649. Salaries of the assistant ministers. "There be three assistant ministers belonging to the said church, viz., Mr. Bridges, Mr. Metcalfe, and Mr. Bagshawe, all able and powerfull preachers, who have for their salarye fortye markss a-piece."—*Parl. Ret.*

— Vicarage of Sheffield; amount of profits returned to the parliamentary commissioners, £22. per annum.

— The chapelry of Attercliffe contained "two hundred and fiftye famelyes."—*Parl. Ret.*

1650. The organ of the parish church, "silenced by the puritan spirit which prevailed in the parish."—*H. H.*

— During these times a justice of the peace was appointed both to marry and christen publicly at the Market-cross.

— Workhouse well—money paid by the town trustees for the support thereof.

— Clasp or spring knives began to be made, with handles of iron, which in a little time they covered with horn, tortoise shell, &c.; this century steel was made at Rotherham, and brought here.—*Harrison.*

1653. Town estates—annual value, £31. 1s. 6d.

1654. Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel, on the decease of the daughters of Earl Gilbert and their husbands

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without issue, entered into the undivided possession of the castle and manor of Sheffield.

1656. The Protector (Cromwell) proclaimed in the town.—  
 “Pd. to two trumpeters at the proclamation of the lord protector, 10s. To Edward Berry and four musicians at that time, 20s. To the ringers and others, 29s.”—*Trust. Acc.*
1659. Town-hall, standing on the town's part of the church wall, repaired at the expense of the town trustees.
- . Gravestones laid in the church and church yard.—  
 “Pd. for getting and loading 19 loads of pavers, and for laying part of them in church and churchyard.”—*A. C. B.*
1661. Great rejoicings amongst the town people upon the proclamation and restoration of the king, (Charles II.) “Spent by the townsmen when the king was proclaimed, £8. 13s. 4d.”—*Trust. Acc.*
1663. Rev. James Fisher (ejected from the vicarage the preceding year) founded the first society of dissenters or nonconformists in Sheffield.
1665. The hospital;—Foundation laid of the hospital of Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury.
- . Thomas Rainscar, cutler, of Sheffield, issued a copper money token; face, issuer's name and daggers in saltier of the cutlers' company; obverse, initials of name, date, and place of issuing.
- . Westbar-well and Robinson-well; money paid by the town trustees for the support thereof.
1666. This tyme dide the plage greatly rage at Eyam, and the constables sete watch to keepe the peste from the towne.
- . Sir William Dugdale (college of heralds) held his visitation in Sheffield; “he found Mr. Francis Radcliffe residing at the manour, an agent of the Norfolk family, who led him through the half-deserted rooms, in which he noted the heraldic insignia of its former possessors still remaining in the windows.”—*H. H.*
- . The Shrewsbury hospital completed for the habitation  
*July.* of twenty poor persons.
- . Town of Sheffield contributed the sum of twenty-  
*Nov.22.* seven pounds, ten shillings, “towards the reliefe

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of those persons who have beene greate sufferers by the late sad fire within London."—*P. R.*

1671. Flint-well and trowes, or troughs, in Coalpit-lane; money paid by the town trustees for the support thereof.

1673. The hospital first occupied; inscription over the entrance: "The hospital of the right honourable Gibert earl of Shrewsbury, erected and settled by the right honourable Henry earl of Norwich, earl marshall of England, great-grand-child of the aforesaid earl, in pursuance of his last will and testament. Anno Domini, 1673."

— The neighbourhood of Sheffield celebrated for its growth of oaks. "I am informed by a person of credit, that an oak in Sheffield park, called the Lady's oak, when felled, contained forty-two tons of timber, which had arms which held at least four feet square, for ten yards in length; the body six feet of clear timber; thus, in the same park, one might have chosen above a thousand trees worth above six thousand pounds; another thousand worth four thousand pounds, *et sic de cæteris*. To this Mr. Hatton replies, that it might possibly be meant of the lord's oak already mentioned to have grown at Rivelin, for now Rivelin itself is totally destitute of that issue she once might have gloried in of oaks; and as to the computation of 1000 trees worth £6000, it is believed there were a 1000 much above that value, since, in what is now enclosed, it is evident, touching a hundred worth a thousand pounds."—*Evelyn's Sylva*.

1676. The church-yard paved. "Pd. to Mr. Cook, for paving the church-yard, £2. 1s. 6d.—*A. C. B.*

1678. A new clock set up in the church, and the seats repaired. "Pd. to John Atkinson for the new clock, and for other work about ye clockhouse, £13. 11s. 4d. Pd. William Bullass for the clock-case, £2. 19s. 2d. Pd. Eusebius Halcock for repairing the old dial and setting up anew, £4. 9s. Pd. John Atkinson his yearly allowance for looking after ye clock, 2s. 6d."—*A. C. B.*

— The first public meeting house for the dissenters, called *Jan.* new-hall, opened for public worship.



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1680. Town estates—annual value, £41. 18s. 4d.  
 —. “Cawsey” or bridge made over the river from Mill-sands-head to Bridgehouses.
1681. Rev. Mr. Timothy Jollie ordained minister (the third) *Aprl. 28.* of the dissenting or independent church.  
 —. The town trust. Decree of the court of chancery *Sept. 6.* obtained, conveying the lands and tenements held by the burghers or free tenants of Sheffield, to thirteen persons in trust to hold and administer the proceeds and rents thereof to charitable and public uses.
1682. Town trustees “lett out to twenty scizzorsmiths on bond, £200.”  
 —. Attempt of Sir Thomas Degge, and Thomas Eyre, Esq., to bring Sheffield within the scope of the Peverel court, defeated by Thomas Duke of Norfolk.  
 —. Fifty-eighth celebration of the cutlers’ feast. John *Sept. 7.* Winter, the master, entertained with others, the duke of Norfolk, lords Clifford, Coniers, Castleton, and Hexington; hon. Sydney Wortley Montague, sir Henry Marwood, sir Wm. Wyvill, sir Ralph Knight, lord Castleton’s eldest sons, and lord Conier’s two sons.
1683. The town trust. Trustees paid to the overseers “twenty pounds towards the relief of the necessitous poore in the storme.”
1684. Duke of Norfolk, (Thomas Howard, earl of Arundel) lord of the manor of Sheffield, died.  
 —. ————— succeeded by his eldest son, Henry, the seventh duke of Norfolk.
1686. The dissenters of the town present an address to the king (James II.) on the occasion of his declaration for liberty of conscience:—“We prostrate our most sincere and grateful acknowledgments of this your princely bounty and goodness at your majesty’s feet, blessing from our hearts that great God by whom kings rule and princes decree justice, for directing your royal majesty unto that truest method of government which leaves entire to God his absolute sovereignty over the souls of men.”
1687. The steeple of the church repaired. “Pd. the charges for pointing the steeple, £77. 7s. 3d.”—*A.C.B.*

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1688. The income of the vicar of Sheffield estimated at ninety pounds per annum, including certain gratuitous payments.
1689. Lady's bridge repaired at the county expence.
- Francis Barlow willed that his houses in Sheffield  
*Mar. 2.* should be charged with the payment of six pounds a-year to the overseers of the poor, to be given to the most needy decayed tradesmen of the town.—  
 "This annuity is received from the proprietor of certain lands at Middlethorpe, (charged in lieu of the houses,) and is usually given to twelve poor tradesmen in sums of 10s. each, at or about Christmas."—*Parl. Ret.* 1829.
1692. Pond mill made by the town trustees.
1693. "I have conversed with those who have heard it from persons who had witnessed it, that the Duke of Norfolk and his sister-in-law, the Lady Howard, used to attend public service at the church of Sheffield, and that the appearance of their carriages on the Park hill top, was the signal to the ringers to ring their last peal."—*Joseph Hunter*, 1819.
- Ancient roads:—"Before the unhappy civil wars broke out, (1644,) the gate of the park next Gleadless-moor, was, by order of the owner, (Henry, Duke of Norfolk,) four times every year stopped up, to prevent the same being claimed as a highway, and several times I have seen the same chained up, and the carriers' pack-horses, carts, and carriages stopped from going that way, without asking leave or paying something. The ancient highway leading from Sheffield to the North-east part of Handsworth parish was through Attercliffe and Darnall; and to the South-east side of the said parish through Little Sheffield, Heeley, and Newfield-green, to London."—*Depos. of Nicholas Shiercliffe, cutler of Sheffield, aged 86, given in the Duke's suit about the right of road to the market.*
1695. Three new bells put up in the church.—"Pd. to Mr. Smith, of York, for casting 5th, 4th, and 3d bells, and money paid on the acct. of bringing the bells from Rotherham, £6. 10s. 11d."—*A. C. B.*
1696. About this time was built in Pepper-alley, the first

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brick house in Sheffield; which was viewed by the inhabitants with wonder and ridicule, they supposing it to be built of such perishable materials, that it must soon yield to destruction. It is now (1797) Mr. Broomhead's warehouse. "Communicated by Mr. Hall, who died in 1786, aged 95.—*Edward Goodwin, 1797.*"

1697. "Assessment made ye. 5 day of May, Anno Dom. 1697, for the use of the churchwardens and overseers of ye. poor of ye. toune of Sheffield, made by us, who doo alsoo agree and order the same to be gathered fowerfold. Total of ye. three first books £177. 17s. 10d."—*Orig. doc.* It appears from this document that the total number of persons assessed for the relief of the poor was 760.—*Edit.*

— Supply of water:—Mr. Peter Whalley, an engineer of Nottingham, obtained from the Duke of Norfolk the lease of a rood of land near the Lady's Bridge; a lease of that part of the river Don which lies between Lady's Bridge and Cawton's weir; and a lease of a piece of waste ground near Barker-pool, with license to break up the streets of the town for laying down his pipes, for the purpose of better supplying the town with water.

1699. Mr. Richard Broughton by his will charged his lands called Gist Carr, with the payment of £5 per annum for the use of poor cutlers and scissor-smiths.

— Well at church gates, great well in Trippet-lane, and many other wells, made by the town trustees.

— Fall of the forest trees in the Park, and destruction of the Lord's oak, whose bole was twelve yards in girth.

"Planted by him who waved the vengeful sword  
Of conquering William's desolating ire,  
A wrath the Saxon long in vain deplored,  
Amidst thy city's ruins, Hallamshire.  
And so it grew unscathed by wind or fire,  
The red deer's shelter and the falcon's nest;  
Long waved it there ev'n when the hoary sire  
Told how the hand for ages had been blent  
With kindred dust that reared that sylvan monument."

*W. H. Sterndale.*

— The parish of Sheffield first divided into six townships. "The Park, the greater part of the town

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of Sheffield, and a small piece of ground lying north of the town form the township of Sheffield. The part of the parish which lies on the left bank of the Don, is the township of Brightside Byerlow. The triangular piece of land of which the river Dun and the line of the Park wall are two sides, and the eastern boundary of the parish the third, forms the township of Attercliffe-cum-Darnall. The rest of the parish was anciently but one township, known by the name of Hallam-cum-Ecclesall; but was divided into the three townships of Ecclesall, Hallam Upper, and Hallam Nether."—*H.H.*

1700. "At the entrance of the chancel door of the church, (St. Peter's,) was interred William Walker, of Darnall, supposed to have been the executioner of Charles the First, (*Ed. Goodwin, 1797,*) but with better reason to have been the translator of the *Vindiciæ contra Tyrannos.*"—*Hunter.*
- . The town hall erected at the South-east corner of the church-yard, towards which the Duke of Norfolk gave £100, on condition he should there hold his manorial courts.
- . Dissenters:—Second and larger meeting house (the upper chapel) erected in Sheffield for religious worship, on a piece of ground between Pepper-alley and Alsop-fields; first stone laid by Mr. Field Sylvester.
- . "At this period the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood were less distinguished by the elegance and refinement of social life, than by feelings of independence and rigid honesty, by hospitality and a rude and boisterous conviviality. There were no assemblies, no theatre, and the principal amusements of the place were the sports at the castle bowling-green, and social meetings at the taverns."—*Hunter.*
1701. Decease of William Henry Howard, seventh Duke of Norfolk.
- . ————— succeeded by his nephew, Thomas Howard, eighth Duke of Norfolk.
- . Town estates—annual value of the lands in Hallam, possessed by the trustees, £22. 11s.

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1702. Town estates—annual value, (including Hallam lands,) £73. 13s. 4d.
- . A volume, entitled "*De Spiritualibus Peccis*," published by W. Bagshaw, formerly (1649) one of the assistant ministers of the parish church, and curate of Attercliffe; printed for Nevill Simmons, bookseller, in Sheffield.
- . The timber felled at Broom-hall spring. "It was a grove of oaks without underwood, and stood on the spot now (1818) occupied by Wilkinson-street."  
—H. H.
1703. The hospital Shrewsbury:—Lady Mary Howard nominated John Dossie, vicar of Sheffield, to be governor of Shrewsbury hospital, enlarged the chapel therein, and made provision for the performance of Divine worship.
- . Hollis's hospital and schools:—Thomas Hollis having amassed a fortune by the sale of Sheffield wares in the Minories, (London,) purchased an old chapel called the New Hall, together with a house adjoining, and converted them into sixteen dwelling-houses, for as many elderly women, widows of cutlers.
- . "Ordered that the pulpit be removed to ye. old place, and that what new seats or ceilings newly set up thereabouts, that do obstruct the light to the pulpit, be likewise removed."—A. C. B.
- . The chancel of the church thoroughly repaired by the direction of Lady Howard, (widow of Lord Thomas Howard, and guardian to his son Thomas, Duke of Norfolk,) whose initials appear on several places on the East wall.
1704. Second dissenters', or upper chapel, conveyed to Nov. 25. Thomas Hollis, of London, and John Browne, William Stead, Samuel Shore, William Bench, Jonathan Smith, Benj. Kirkby, Luke Winter, Josh. Sanderson, Samuel Sanderson, and John Croke, all of Sheffield, in trust for the use of Protestant dissenters.
1705. Rev. Mr. Jolly, Sheffield Protestant dissenting minister, established an academy at Attercliffe, for education of young men designed for the Protestant dissenting ministry, in which was taught Sander-

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son, (the blind professor,) Bowes, (Irish Chancellor,) and Secker, (Archbishop of Canterbury.)

1706. The boys' charity school;—first promoted by Mr. Drake, the vicar, and Mr. Terrie, assistant minister,  
 —. Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, ordered the dismantling of the manor house, and the dispersion of the furniture.

“ In later times rose those baronial halls,  
 Where once the lights of feudal grandeur shone;  
 Amidst whose courts the winding serpent crawls  
 And makes his nest within the broken throne  
 Where lordlings sat.—Those bowers are now o'erthrown,  
 Where gentle hands once gathered fairest flowers,  
 To garland brows that should have worn a crown.”

*W. H. Sterndale.*

- . “ An assessment made ye. 4th of July, Anno Dom. 1706 By ye. constable of the town of Sheffield, for ye. use of ye. said towne, ye. which is to be gathered twofold,” total, £30. 1s. 10d. assessed by Christopher Stacey, John Lovitt, Andrew Hirst, William Webster.—*Orig. Doc.*
1707. Supply of water;—decease of Mr. Whalley, and transfer of his lease, license, &c. (for dams and water courses) to Messrs. Chapel, Lee, Drake, Terrie, and Waterhouse.
- . The Lord's house (residence of the Duke of Norfolk) built in Fargate.
- . The Park surrounding the manour stript of its forest trees, divided into farms, and distributed amongst twenty tenants.
- . Parochial-library:—Two hundred volumes given by different benefactors, to commence a library in the vestry of the church.
- . *Mar. 7.* Buried Wm. Hunt, aged 102 years.—*P. R.*
- . Young trees planted in the church-yard:—“ Pd. for stakes for ye. lime trees in the church-yard, and digging holes for the trees to stand in, and watering them, 8s. 5d.”—*A. C. B.*
- . “ Pd. for getting and bringing the lime trees from Mr. Monesmith, 10s. 6d. Pd. chargess about setting the said trees, £1. 4s. 5d.”—*A. C. B.*
1709. This year, the cutlers' company began to have a sermon preached at their feast.—*Harrison.*
- . Grammar School.—Mr. James Hill, an under master,

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gave lands at Gilberthorpe-hill, valued at £6 per annum, for the benefit of the school.

1709. Grammar School—House built for the use of the head master.
1710. Persons employed in the corporated trades of Hallamshire estimated at 6000, besides several thousand more in and about Sheffield engaged in different departments of the iron trade (smiths, anvil makers, edge tool makers, and nailers,) not without the scope of the corporation laws.—*H. H.*
1710. “First stage waggon to convey goods from Sheffield to the south, established by one Wright, of Mansfield.”—*H. H.*
- . Estimated value of goods manufactured each year, upwards of £100,000.
- . The boys’ charity school erected at the north east corner of the Parish Church yard, by public subscription.
- . A causeway made on the south side of the church.
1711. Price of provisions in Sheffield; half a load of white wheat, 7s.; 26 gall. of ale, 35s. 6d.; rump of beef, 3d. per lb.; eleven chickens, 3s. 2½d.; six geese, 3s. 6d.; 11lbs. of salmon, 3s.; lobsters and 2 crabs, 20s.; 4½ lbs. trout, 1s. 6d.; a pike and half a doz. of pigeons, 6s.
- . Principal inhabitants gave large quantities of liquor *Aug.* to the populous in celebration of the peace of Utrecht.
1713. St. Peter’s church injured by a great storm.
- . Sheffield races at Crooks-moor;—town’s trustees “at charges to get horses to the races.”—*A. C. B.*
- . Supply of water;—Messrs. Goodwin and Littlewood obtained from the Lord of the manor, a grant of the privilege of laying pipes through the commons, highways, and waste grounds of the manor, for the purpose of conveying water for the use of the town, from the springs and dams near White-house.
- . ————— make the reservoir near the Fargate.
1714. Decease of the Rev. Mr. Timothy Jollie, third *Mar.* 28. nister of the (Dissenters,) upper chapel.
- . ————— interred in the burial ground of the upper chapel, “5 Calend. Aprilis, ætatis suæ 56—Christus in vitâ, in morte lucrum.”

1714—19.

1714. Rev. J. Wadsworth, (fourth minister,) succeeded as pastor.
- . Secession of one-fifth of the congregation of the (Dissenters,) upper chapel, and their establishment in the nether chapel, under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. De la Rose.
1715. The upper chapel—congregation of Dissenters at the upper chapel consisted of 1,163 persons, 75 of whom were freeholders of the county of York.
- . The Hospital, (Shrewsbury) Mr. William Birley, of London, endowed by will the governor of the hospital with an income of £300, and a share of an estate at Neepsend.
- . Mr. William Birley bequeathed £300 for the foundation of a school, wherein should be taught writing and arithmetic; £300 to old and indigent tradesmen, or their widows, and £300 for the support of a minister to perform divine service in the chapel of the hospital.
- June 10. — . The muster of horsemen, with horses and harness provided by the freeholders and other tenants of the Lord of the Manor, who heretofore appeared on the Tuesday after every Easter-day, on the Sembali-green (Wicker) discontinued.
1718. Decease of Mr. Thomas Hollis, (founder of the hospital bearing his name,) aged 81.
- . St. Paul's Church.—The building and endowment first proposed by Mr. Robert Downes, goldsmith, of Sheffield, who offered one thousand pounds towards its erection, and a settlement of £30 per annum for the support of the minister.
1719. Rev. James Cawthorne born. "Amongst those (in Nov. 4. Sheffield) who merit attention in connection with poetry, Cawthorne stands first in the order of time, and is pre-eminent as a poet."—*Cumb. Rev. for Oct. 1824.*
- . Woods in Sheffield.—Survey of woods in the parish of Sheffield, belonging to the Duke of Norfolk, returned fourteen in number, occupying 429 acres. The Duke had, besides 25 woods in Ecclesfield, containing 1380 acres; 7 in Bradfield, 240 acres; 2 in Handsworth, 200 acres; 2 in Treeton, 96 acres; and 2 in Whiston, 240 acres.



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1719. Archbishop of York granted a commission to the Oct. 2. Duke of Devonshire, and twenty-eight of the principal inhabitants of Sheffield, to purchase a piece of ground adjoining the town, called Shaw's close, or Oxley's croft, to erect thereon a chapel of ease to the Parish Church of Sheffield, the patronage of which should be vested in Robert Downes and his heirs.

1720. May 28. The first stone laid at St. Paul's Church.

— "An assessment made, the 20th day of June, Anno Dom. 1720, for the reliefe of the poor of the towne of Sheffield, by us, whose names are hitherto sett, att the end, and we doe agree the same shall be gathered fourfold; total of assessment, £17. 12s. 3½d., assessed by us, whose names are hereto subscribed.

JONA. HURST,	}	Church-	
THOS. IBBOTSON,			wardens.
BENJ. PEARSON,	}	Overseers	
G. HASLEHURST,			of ye poor.
WM. HAWLEY,			
THOS. YOUNGE, JUN.			

Aug. 25.—Perused and allowed by us,

J. BRADSHAW,

W. JESSOP."—*Orig Doc.*

From this document, it appears that the number of persons in the whole towne assessed towards the support of the poor was 1320.—*Ed.*

— The tailors' society, (the first benefit club in the town) Sept. 20. first established.

— The causeways (nearly as they now appear, 1830,) first laid down in the church yard:—"Pd. Saml. Smith, for the pavors, £16. 5s. 6d.; Pd. Wm. Sampson, for laying causeys in the church yard, £6. 15s. 11d."—*A. B. C.*

1721. Saint Paul's Church, so far finished as to receive a congregation, when the patron of the Parish Church, and the Vicar opposed Mr. Downe's claims to the presentation thereof and claimed it for themselves.

— The free writing school and Birley's charity built, (near the grammar school, in Townhead-street,) and used according to the directions of the founder.

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1722. Vicar and Churchwardens of the Parish Church, obtain of the Archbishop of York, an order that the friends of all deceased persons interred after four o'clock in the afternoon, shall pay the sum of twenty shillings, to be disposed of as they shall think fit.

——. Part of the church steeple, "being thought by some people to be in a tottering state," pulled down and rebuilt:—"Pd. John Platts, for taking down and rebuilding part of the steeple, £16. 12s. 4d."—*A.C.B.*

1723. Nether Chapel—decease of the minister, Mr. De la *Dec.* 31. Rose, and succession of Mr. Robert Kelsall.

——. Darnall-hall built.—*H. P.*

1724. The Town-Hall let by the town trustees to a company of comedians, at the rent of 30s.

1726. Bill, empowering the company of cutlers "to make *Mar.* 11. the river Don navigable, from Holm-stile, in Doncaster, to the utmost extent of Tinsley, westward, and to enable them to improve and keep in repair the highway from Sheffield to 'Tinsley,'" first read in the House of Commons; and Mr. Samuel Shore, and Mr. John Smith, appointed deputies to support the same.

*May* 6. ————— The bill passed into a law.

——. Hollis's Hospital and School.—Thomas Hollis, son of the founder, vested the estates of Whirlow Hall, Brocco-hill closes, and Creswick close, (Hollis-street,) together with £2,000 South sea stock, in fourteen trustees for the benefit of the said hospital.

——. The cutlers' hall in Church-street, built.

1727. Advertisements published, offering great advantages to file makers to settle in France, and nearly the whole body of the workmen began to dispose of their effects, and to pack up their tools for the journey.

——. ————— Upon the recommendation of Judge Jessop, a memorial signed, by the principal inhabitants, presented to the King, praying an order in council to prevent the departure of the workmen.

——. ————— Proclamation, offering a reward for the discovery of the publishers of the advertisement, and prohibiting the emigration.—*Shef. Iris.*

——. Mr. Francis Greaves gave to the churchwardens the

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sum of £30, the interest to be given to such poor persons as have no other provision, every Christmas-eve for ever.

1729. Fullwood chapel:—William Ronksley bequeathed in trust to his honoured and esteemed friend, William Jessop, of Broom Hall, £400, the interest whereof at the first should be appropriated to build a chapel, and afterwards to pay a dissenting minister to officiate therein:—the testator was born in 1650, and educated at the grammar school.
1732. *Mar. 2.* Filesmiths' benefit society established.
- April 6.* Cutlers' benefit society established.
- July.* Shepherds' benefit society established.
- . An engraved plan of the town published by Ralph Gosling. "The oldest engraved plan of the town is supposed to be that published by Ralph Gosling in 1732, who made some small collection for the history of Sheffield."—*H. H.* 1820.
- . Thomas, eighth Duke of Norfolk, Lord of the Manor of Hallam, died.
- . ————— Succeeded by his brother Edward.
- . The corporation of cutlers, in conjunction with the corporation of Doncaster, relieve themselves from the powers granted by the navigation bill, of May 6, 1726, and obtain an act, transferring such powers, in one hundred and fifty shares, to subscribers, incorporated—"The company of proprietors of the navigation of the River Don."
- . The town consisted of the following streets, lanes, and passages:—High-street, Fargate, Balm-green, Hollin-lane, or Blind-lane, Red-croft, Town-head-street, Pinfold-lane, Church-lane, Ratten-row, Broad-lane, Westbar, Westbar-green, Scargill-croft, Figtree-lane, or New-street, Campo-lane, Hartshead, Snig-hill, Irish-cross, New Hall-street, Mill-sands, the Under-water, the Isle, Water-lane, Castle-green, Castle-green-head, Castle-fold, Castle-hill, Waingate, Bull-stake, Dixon-lane, Shudehill, the Ponds, Jehu-lane, Pudding-lane, or King-street, Truelove's-gutter.
1733. The house of maintenance for the poor (Workhouse) first opened—governor, William Lotas.
- April 12.* Old Unanimous benefit society established.

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1733. Assemblies held in two rooms belonging the building occupied by the charity boys.

1734. The town lighted at night time by Mr. Parkin, who received of the town trustees, £3. 15s. 11d. for the same.

— Decease of William Jessop, of Broomhall, Esq. justice of the peace for the district, and member of Parliament, (nine times returned) for Aldborough, Yorkshire.

1735. Coals brought to the house of maintenance since Aug. 10. Aug. 10, 1733, 55 loads, cost £8. 12s. 6d.; corn also brought in during the same time, 76 loads, cost £33. 8s. 8½d.; 12 quarters of malt, £14. 1s. — *Work. Acct.*

— Charge of the house of maintenance, during Christmas week—

	£	s.	d.	} Number of persons 19—per head per week, 23d.— <i>Work Acct.</i>
Beer .....	0	3	6	
Bread.....	0	6	9	
Baking .....	0	0	4½	
Cheese .....	0	3	0	
Coals .....	0	2	6	
Flour .....	0	3	9	
Meat .....	0	7	6	
Milk .....	0	2	0	
Salt.....	0	0	3	
Shop goods .....	0	3	4½	
Odds .....	0	3	6½	
	1	16	7	

— Received March 11, 1735, of the churchwardens and Mar. 11. overseers of the poor of the town of Sheffield, the sum of eleven pounds, for five months' wages in full, of all debts, dues, and demands. Witness, my hand, WILLIAM LOTAS.

*Test.* Jos. Steer, Thos. Young, Robt. Hawksworth, Henry Hancock, Thos. Broadbent, John Ingham.—*Work. Acct.*

— Prices of various commodities charged to the Sheffield house of maintenance, whereof Wm: Lotas was master :

	£	s.	d.
1 Load of wheat.....	0	13	0
½ Do. of rye .....	0	4	8
1 Do. of blend corn.....	0	10	6
2 Pecks of oatmeal.....	0	1	3

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£ s. d.

1 Load of coals.....	0	2	6
1 Do. of Attercliff coal.....	0	5	10
1 cwt. cheese, 2½d. lb.....	1	0	4
1 Quarter of malt.....	1	0	6

1735. The charges of the house of maintenance from Aug.

Aug. 10. 10 last year--

	£	s.	d.
Corn .....	20	18	3½
Coals .....	3	14	11
Malt .....	7	7	9
Baker.....	1	4	7
Salt.....	0	19	0
Meat .....	12	9	6½
Milch .....	5	2	7
Oatmeal .....	1	6	7½
Cheese .....	7	2	6
G---ddins .....	1	9	6
Shop goods.....	5	15	2½
Shaving .....	0	4	0
Odds .....	1	10	11½
	69	5	5½
Wages .....	25	0	0
	94	5	5½
Work done ..	4	5	5½
	90	0	0

Is. 2d. per week in ye. house of maintenance  
the second year (opened.)1736. The charge of the house of maintenance, from April  
April 9. 9, to 16 do. when Thomas Braine entered gover-

nor.—Shop goods :	£	s.	d.
4 Yards ¾ of whit dimathe .....	0	4	9
2 Do. white flannell .....	0	2	0
Pins .....	0	1	6
Ink .....	0	1	3
Yard linen cloth.....	0	1	0
2 Dussan gartrin.....	0	2	0
1 Q. paper .....	0	0	10
Beef.....	0	4	6
2 Pigs .....	0	10	0
4 Sawcers, 2 dishes, 2 mugs, glass..	0	2	3
3 Wood dishes, laddell .....	0	0	7
6 Tinn cans .....	0	1	9
lb. hops .....	0	1	6
100 of needles.....	0	0	10

1736—39.

1736. The population of Sheffield included 172 members of the society of friends, and 246 Roman Catholics.

— The number of persons in the poor house; men 9, *May* 9. women 7, children 8; total 24.—*Work. Acct.*

— Townhead cross taken down.

— Number of houses in the township of Sheffield, 2152.

— Population of Sheffield and its parishes, taken by order of the town burgesses, preparatory to presenting a petition to Parliament, to make Saint Paul's church parochial:—

	Families.	Individuals.
Township of Sheffield .....	2152	9695
Brightside Bierlow .....	211	983
Attercliffe cum Darnall ....	245	1075
Ecclesall and 2 Hallams ....	503	2352
	—	—
Totals.....	3111	14,105
	—	—

1737. Mr. Hatfield, and Mr. Greaves, came in overseers of *May* 2. the poor for the year ensuing.

— Chargiss of the house of maintenance to the 12 *May*, 10 days, £5. 6s. 7d.; number of poor persons, 34.—*Work. Acct.*

1738. *Jan.* The old shambles removed.—*S. M's. Pap.*

— Mr. Thomas Rawson, and Messrs. Leathly, came in *May* 1. overseers of the poor.

— Charges of the house of maintenance from April 28, to *May* 12, £10. 0s. 7d.; number of poor persons 35,—17 of them badly.—*Work Acct.*

1739. Mr. Dyson, and Mr. Kindle, came in overseers of the *May*. poor of Sheffield for the ensuing year.

— Chargiss of the house of maintenance from *May* 22, to June 8, £23. 6s. 1d.; poor in number, 33.—*Work. Acct.*

— St. Paul's church.—Mr. Robert Downes, and other *May* 1. contributors to the building and endowment of Saint Paul's church, having been prevented for the space of nineteen years from performing divine service therein, by the claims of presentation made by the patron and vicar of the parish church, present themselves before the justices at Pomfret Sessions, and under the toleration act, certify the building as a meeting for Protestant Dissenters.

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1739. Company of proprietors of the navigation of the River Don obtain a fourth act of Parliament, empowering them to improve the navigation of the river, from Wilsick-house to Fish Lake Ferry.
- . St. Paul's church.—Act of Parliament obtained that
- Nov. St. Paul's church should be deemed a chapel of ease to the parish church.
- . St. Paul's Church;—John Downes, M.A. nephew to R. Downes, (the founder) appointed the first minister.
- Jan 3. Buried Mary Bradley, widow, aged 105.—*P. R.*
1740. Jan. 4. Union benefit society established.
- . St. Paul's church (built by Platts of Rotherham,)
- May 2. first opened for public worship.
- . ————— consecrated by Dr. Martin Benson,
- Nov. 16. Bishop of Gloucester—the first sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Downes, from 7th 2 of Chronicles 16 & 17 verses.
- Nov. 5. Carpenters' sick society established.
1741. April 11. The market cross finished.—*S. M's. Pap.*
- . Mr. Leathley, and Mr. Betts, entered overseers of the
- May 4. poor; poor in number, 78.—*Work. Acct.*
- May 23. The shambles again removed, and the new shops rebuilt in the same place as heretofore.—*S. M. Pap.*
- Sept. 1. Society depending on Providence (benefit) established.
- . Wesleyan Methodists.—Mr. Edward Bennett (founder of Coalpit-lane and Howard-street chapels,) built a chapel for the Wesleyan Methodists, in Pinstone-lane.
- . Francis Sitwell bequeathed to the cutlers' company £400, to be lent out in small sums, not exceeding £5, each, to any necessitous member, or other inhabitant, without interest. "There are no traces existing of the receipt or application of the gift in the books of the company, and the charity, if it ever took effect, has long since ceased."—*Parliam. Report, 1829:*
1742. The reservoir formed at Crookes-moor.
- . Mr. Joseph Owen, and Mr. Jonathan Cutt, entered
- May 2. overseers of the poor; chargiss of house of maintenance, from May 16 to June 4, £18. 9s. 9d.; poor in number, 77.—*Work. Acct.*

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1743. *May 5.* Wesleyan chapel in Pinstone-lane demolished by rioters.
- Overseers, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Nutt; chargiss of *May 6.* house of maintenance, to 20 May, £10. 4s. 9d.; number of poor, 70.—*Work. Acct.*
- Decease of William Ellis, aged 69, “clerk to the parish church forty years, in which he approved himself both knowing and faithful;—a man who, in the midst of a corrupt age, retained, in spite of custom and example, a primeval simplicity of life.” This inscription appeared on an oval slab against the wall of the porch, which when it was destroyed (1790) was thrown unregarded into the Shrewsbury chapel.
1744. Overseers, Mr. Greaves and Mr. Jessop; chargess of house of maintenance from April 20, to May 4, £8. 6s. 9d.; number of poor, 60.—*Work. Acct.*
- Rev. J. Downes, A. M. resigned the ministry of Saint Paul’s church, and was succeeded by his son, the Rev. H. Downes.
- Upper chapel:—Rev. John Wadsworth resigned the pastorship, after a ministry of thirty years.
- Supply of water:—Messrs. Matthewman and Battie succeeded to the powers and privileges granted by the Lord of the Manor in 1713, to Messrs. Goodwin and Littlewood, and constructed works in the valley of Crookes-moor, which, with the original works at Whitehouse, produced a supply of water nearly equal to the demand.
- Mr. E. Bennett’s methodist chapel, in Pinstone-lane, attacked and partly destroyed by a mob.
1745. St. Peter’s church:—The bells taken down and recast.
- Upper chapel:—Rev. Thomas Haynes succeeded the Rev. John Wadsworth, as fifth minister of the congregation.
- Overseers, Mr. Marriott and Mr. Creswick. Charge *May 4.* of the house of maintenance, from May 4 to May 17, £14. 7s. 3d.; number of poor, 94.—*Work. Acct.*
- Price of commodities:—Crop of beef for roasting, 2s. 4d. per stone; load wheat, 9s. 6d.; 7 lb. sugar, 3s.; 2 stone salt, 2s. 6d.; 3 lb. candles, 1s. 4d.; 2 lb. hops, 2s. 8d.; 100 of cheese, 19s.; qt. train oyll, 8d.—*Work. Acct.*



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1745. A set of eight bells for the parish church completed  
*Aug.* and set up.

— Subscription papers published by the clergy of the  
*Nov.5.* town, "so that now every inhabitant of this riding, who has a mind to shew his concern for the safety of his country, by lending his purse towards the defence thereof, has an easy opportunity of doing it; next to doing it heartily is doing it soon. The money collected paid to Richard Milnes, Esq., at Wakefield, or Thos: Lee, at Leeds, appointed by the Lord Lieut."—*Govert. Advt.*

— The rebels expected, and great alarm in the town.  
*Nov.30.* —*S. M.'s Pap.*

1746. Visited and enquired into the affairs of the poorhouse,  
*Jan.12.* and was informed of Anne Pitt and Hannah Clayton conveying a linen sheet and three breadths of blue lindsey to Mary Woodhouse, at ye. White Horse in Gregory-row, and ordered Pitt and Clayton into the dark hole.

JOHN ABBEY,  
JOHN SPOONER.

— This day the two women (Pitt and Clayton) were  
*Jan.19.* whipt.—Signed by overseers and churchwardens.—  
*Work. Acct. Orig. Doc.*

— Great rejoicings in the town, bonfires, &c., on the  
*April26.* news arriving of the defeat of the rebels, and that they would not enter the town.—*S. M.'s Pap.*

— Overseers, John Spooner and John Atbey; num-  
*May3.* ber of poor in house of maintenance, 108.—*Work. Acct.*

— Decease of Mr. Joshua Bayes, (his father was master cutler in 1679, and a principal person among the dissenters in the town,) aged 75. He was educated at the grammar school of the town; his life was spent in London, as pastor of two congregations in succession;—he published several works of controversial divinity.

1747. Mr. J. Broadbent, merchant, first established a fo-  
reign trade for Sheffield wares.

— Master manufacturers began to visit the Metropolis, as well as other parts of the kingdom, in search of orders, with good success. Several factors now established a correspondence with various parts of

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the continent, and engaged foreigners as clerks in their counting-houses. *Ed. Goodwin.*

1747. Three waggons, loaded with the rebels, brought *April 24.* through the town, and removed the following day, being ordered for transportation.—*S. M.'s Pap.*

— Overseers, Mr. Lambert and Mr. Young. Chargiss *June 1.* of the house of maintenance for a fortnight, £14. 11s. 7d.

1748. Overseers, Mr. Staniforth and Mr. Wild.

*March 16.* Grinders' benefit society established.

— Nether chapel—Rev. John Pye ordained minister of *May 18.* the congregation.

— Decease of Mr. John Balguy, (master 1664—96 of *Sept. 21.* the grammar school,) aged 82. "—— he attained no inconsiderable eminence as a theologian, and was engaged in several of the controversies which were agitated among the divines of the former half of the eighteenth century."

1749. Expenses of the cutlers' feast:—Rump of beef, 3s. 4d.; *Nov. 25.* six fowls, 2s. 8d.; ham, 3s.; pies and puddings, 2s. 6d.; hare, 1s. 6d.; loin veal, 1s. 10d.; bread, 1s.; butter, 2s.; roots, 4d.; ale and punch, 20s. 7d.; dressing, 4s.; total, £2. 2s. 9d.;—collected of the company, 21s.; paid out of the stock, 21s. 9d.; recd. contents in full by WILLIAM DIXON.

1750. The rates for the relief of the necessitous poor of the township of Sheffield amounted to less than four hundred pounds.

— Chargiss of the house of maintenance during Mr. Roebuck's fortnight, £12. 5s. 10d.; poor in the house, 65.—*Work. Acct.*

— Prices of various commodities bought for ye. house of maintenance, 2 ounce tay 1s., a Testament and four horning books 1s. 4d., a skin to mak a pair of breeches 7d., a quarter of lamb 1s. 7d., a shoulder of mutton 1s. 6d., a stone of soap 6s. 4d.—*Work. Acct.*

— Robt. Rawson gave up his trust as governor of the *Feb. 8.* workhouse; his salary was £3. 15s. per quarter.—*Work. Acct.*

— John Ludlam chosen governor of the workhouse by a *Mar. 15.* majority of the freeholders, to enter Lady-day next.—*Work. Acct.*

1750—53.

1750. *July 4.* Bishop Blaize club established.

*July 5.* Old Gentleman's club established.

17—1800. "During a considerable part of this century, the Sheffield manufacturers discovered more labour than ingenuity; the workmen durst not exert their abilities for fear of being over-stocked with goods—their trade was inconsiderable, confined, and precarious. None presumed to extend their traffic beyond the bounds of this island, and most were content to wait the coming of a casual trader, or to carry their goods with much labour and expense to an uncertain market; and it is well known, that the chief produce of the manufactory was carried weekly by a few of Mr. Newsom's pack-horses, to the Metropolis, the inhabitants viewing their passage up the Park-hill with much pleasure."—*Ed. Goodwin, 1797.*

——. Discovery of the art of silver-plating:—"Mr. Thomas Bolsover, an ingenious mechanic and member of the corporation of cutlers, first discovered and practised the art of silver-plating; being engaged in repairing the handle of a knife which was made of silver and copper, he was impressed with the idea that the two metals might be united so as to form a cheap substance, which would present an exterior of silver, and established a manufactory for this material."

1751. Surveyors of highways of the township expended only £47. ls. 1½d. in the necessary affairs of their office during the past year.—*Sheff. Merc.*

1752. *April 14.* Overseers, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Batty.

*April 15.* Indefatigable union society established.

——. The closs at ye Harvest-lane, and a house thereto adjoining, was resigned into the possession of Mr. Obran and Mr. E. Robuck, overseers of the poor.—*Work. Acct.*

*May 8.* Number of paupers in the workhouse, 73.

*May 19.* United society (benefit) established.

——. Reformed society (benefit) established.

1753. *May 4.* Overseers, Mr. Steer and Mr. Thomas Roe-buck.

——. "Mr. John Browne agreed to be the apothecary for *May 25.* the poor of the township, and to have £20 a-year for his sallary."—*Work. Acct.*

1754—55.

1754. *Sept.* 6. Laurel united society established.
- *Dec.* 24. Decease of the Rev. John Dossie, vicar of Sheffield.
- Buried William Congreve, "who is stated on his grave in the parish church-yard to have been one hundred and eleven years and eight months old at the time of his death."—*H. H.*
1754. The first Sheffield newspaper, called Lister's Sheffield *April* 28. Weekly Journal, published every Tuesday, price 2d. Subscriptions and advertisements taken in by — Lister, printer, opposite the Cock, in High-street, Sheffield, and by Mr. Simmons, in Sheffield. Advertisements of a moderate length 2s. 6d., and subscriptions for the news 2s. per quarter.
- "Agreed that the officers present do present Dr. John *May* 24. Browne with a guinea, for his extraordinary care and attendance upon the wife of Edmund Rawood, over and above his salary and bill."—*Work. Acct.*
- *May* 27. Overseers, Mr. Ibbotson and Mr. Taylor.
- Providence society (benefit) established.
- Rev. J. Wilkinson, vicar of Sheffield, preached his *Nov.* 3. first sermon in the parish church; text, 2d verse of the 100 Psalm.
1755. The organ put up in St. Paul's church, by subscription. Benj. Withers, churchwarden; Mr. Snetzler, of London, the maker.
- "It was opened with an excellent band of vocal and *Aug.* 19. instrumental music. The town was very gay and splendid, and shewed such unfeigned delight and satisfaction at this noble entertainment, that we are assured the inhabitants are resolved to have the like annually, and will spare no necessary cost for that purpose"—*Homfray's Journal.*
- May* 6. Overseers, Mr. Robuck and Mr. Oborn.
- Number of houses in the township of Sheffield, 2667.
- The excessive rains raised the water to such a degree *Aug.* 5. that three wooden bridges were forced down by the rapidity of the stream, and although it was market-day (Tuesday) few people could pass the river with safety.—*Homfray's Jour.*
- Sheffield post office:—"As his Majesty's post master-general has thought proper to make an alteration in the several stages, for the more speedy convey-

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ing of letters, it may not be amiss to give our readers an account how they go out and return from the North; sets out on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock, and returns on Friday at noon; goes out Friday evening at nine, and returns on Sunday at noon; goes out on Sunday at nine, and returns on Tuesday at 12. All letters for London by way of Chesterfield, go out on Monday at three at noon, on Wednesday at noon, and on Saturday at five evening."—*Homfray's Journal*.

1755. Prices of grain in the town market:—Wheat 23s. to 25s. per quarter, Barley 12s. to 14s. 8d., Oats 11s. to 13s., Rye 17s. to 17s. 6d., Beans 16s., Peas 14s. to 18s., tares 18s. to 19s., pale malt 17s. to 19s., brown 16s. to 17s.

— The Sheffield Weekly Register, or Doncaster Flying Oct. 28. Post, (Revil Homfray's,) printed at Doncaster.

Dec. 9. Number of paupers in the workhouse, 74.

1756. The first public brewery, near the grammar school, (Townhead-cross,) erected by Mr. John Taylor.

July 17. Friendly benefit society established.

Aug. 10. Admiral Byng burned in effigy by the mob.

— Revil Homfray advertised that he had purchased the

Aug. 12. materials for printing, and stock of the widow of the late Mr. Lister, and intended to continue printing and publishing the Sheffield Weekly Journal every Tuesday as usual.

Aug. 24. Disturbances by the rioters in the town.

1757. The cricket players supported by the town trustees:—  
"Pd. cricket players on Shrove Tuesday to entertain the populace, and prevent the infamous practice of throwing at cocks, 14s. 6d."—*A. C. B.*

April 6. Decease of Mr. Richard Smith, bookseller, aged 52.

" At thirteen years I went to sea  
To try my fortune there,  
At twenty-three I taught to dance,  
At thirty-five laid dancing down  
To be a bookseller in this town,  
Where I continued without strife,  
'Till death deprived me of my life."

*Inscrip. on stone N. side par. ch.*

— Overseers, Mr. Parker and Mr. Greaves.

1758. Jan. 25. Careful society (benefit) established.

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1758. Mr. W. Bower at the North end of the town erected a silk mill.
- . The lead works at the South end of the town first established.
- . Overseers, Mr. Didsbury and Mr. Birks.
- . Upper chapel:—Decease of the Rev. Thomas Haynes, Dec. 3. and succession of Mr. Dickenson and Mr. Joseph Evans, as joint pastors of the congregation.
1759. Paid to chargis to Justice with assessment book 1s., Feb. 7. to horse hire 2s. 6d., book signing 2s., summons 1s., to Mr. Wood, clerk, for two examinations 1s., to one warrant 1s., taylor's wages one week 3s., a letter from York 3d., to William Roberts' funeral 1s. 6d., to bread for same 1s. 6d., for bleeding a child with horse leeches 2d., for the books carrying to church 4d.—*Work. Acct.*
- Feb. 12. Young men's sick society established.
- . Green Forester benefit society established.
- . Ordered by the overseers that the workhouse be im-  
June 6. proved and enlarged, and a school room built.
- . The lower iron works established by Dr. Roebuck, a native of Sheffield.
1760. Overseers, Mr. John Abbott, James Conyon, Wm. Birks, Thos. Moor.
- . Chapel in Scotland-street built by Mr. Bryant, a minister ordained by a bishop of the Greek church.
- . The first stage coach from Sheffield to London set up by Mr. Samuel Glanville, at the Angel Inn.
- . Broomhall;—the modern part built by the Rev. James Wilkinson, vicar, who resided in this hall of his maternal ancestors. It was here that in his character of magistrate he was accustomed to administer justice with prudence and equity.
- . Proclamation in the town of the accession of his Ma-  
Nov. 2. jesty George III.
1761. The Lady's bridge widened, and the alms houses near it removed.
- . Mr. Cawthorn, the first Sheffield poet, killed by a fall  
April 15. from his horse. "The acquired knowledge of Cawthorn is allowed to have been considerable, but his literary talents, it is said, bore but an insignificant proportion to his moral excellence."—*Cambridge Review*, Oct. 1824

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1761. Number of paupers maintained in the workhouse, 111.  
*July 11.* Tradesman's benefit society established.
- Improvement in the manufacture of silver plated articles;— "Mr. Joseph Hancock commenced the manufacture of articles of silver plated on copper, and applied it to a number of articles hitherto made only of wrought silver."
- Improvement in the manufacture of fine cutlery;— "Mr. Robert Hinchcliffe produced the first scissors which were hard polished."
1762. The assembly rooms, in Norfolk-street, built.  
 — Theatre added.
1763. The hospital (Shrewsbury) pensioners' allowance advanced to 3s. 6d. per week.  
 — Overseers of the poor, Jno. Turner, Jno. Webster, *April 4.* Jno. How, and Thos. Wilkinson.
1764. The Quakers' (friends) meeting house, in the Hartshead, rebuilt.
1765. Refining of metals;—the business first established by Mr. John Read.  
 — Mr. Holland, at the Angel, opened a public coffee-room.
- Feb. 21.* Braziers' benefit society established.
1766. Boys' charity school; Mrs. Elizabeth Parkin bequeathed £500 for its benefit, and the further sum of £500 in trust to the vicar, ministers, and churchwardens, the interest whereof should be distributed yearly to poor persons.  
 — Mr. Thomas Hanbey bequeathed £3000, 3 per cent. stock to the cutlers' company, in trust for the benefit of the school.  
 — George Young bequeathed £50, the interest thereof *Aug. 28.* to be given on Easter eve to ten poor housekeepers of the town, such as his executors "should honestly judge to answer the true and righteous ends of piety and charity."
1767. *Feb. 22.* Young benefit society established.  
*Feb. 23.* Half-boot benefit society established.  
*April 21.* Masons' benefit society established.  
 — The manor and castle of Sheffield entailed by will *July 11.* the Graystoke and Glossop branch of the Norfolk family, by Thomas the eighth Earl, in the event of the failure of male issue from Edward the ninth

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Earl, and Philip his brother, and settlement renewed and confirmed.

1767. Roman catholics;—return made to the Archbishop of York, that the number of persons in the Roman catholic communion residing in Sheffield was 319.

— The old alms-houses at the foot of Lady's bridge taken down.

1768. The passage from Bridgehouse foot to Coulston-crofts across the river by stepping stones about a yard high.

Nov. 4. Waterman's benefit society established.

— Flood in the river Sheaf, which carried down the houses forming the North side of Talbot's hospital, and drowned five of the pensioners.

— State of buildings in the town;—"There was not an erection of any kind (except a garden-house now standing on Mr. Dewsnap's premises in Arundel-street, 1830) on the South-east side of Norfolk-street, from upper or unitarian chapel, to Little Sheffield; nor was there a house at all on Sheffield-moor, from Norfolk-street to Little Sheffield, except Mr. Kirkby's old house, and one at the bowling green, where the large house and warehouse now stands, in the middle of South-street, on the North-west side.—There was not a house from Norfolk-street to Pond lane, and very few in Pond-lane, except the tilt and a part of the lead-works."—*J.H.'s Pap.*

— "Where Paradise-square now (1830) is, I have seen a field of oats; the cross now in the Square formerly stood at the head of Snig-hill, facing the sign of the Castle. Barker-pool was a square sheet of water, with a very ancient wall round it; the water was for the purpose of letting off in case of a fire within the reach of its running."—*J.H.'s Pap.*

1769. The dome added to Saint Paul's church.

— The Sheaf or Shear bridge rebuilt by Edward, Duke of Norfolk. "The passage into the town from the Park is over the Sheaf bridge, or as it was anciently, and is now commonly and properly called the Shear bridge. That is its name; a name which may assist in unravelling the etymology of the name



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of Sheffield, the field not on the Sheaf but on the Shea, a word formed from the Saxon ea, water, to which the f has been corruptly added, borrowed from its adjunct field.”—*Corres. of Hunt.*

1769. Overseers of the poor, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Homfray, *May 28.* Mr. Townsend, Mr. Stocks.

— Public meeting of the inhabitants of Sheffield, to adopt means to obtain further subscriptions to the sum of £550 then in hand, and to obtain a bill for building another church.

— Grand musical festival, Messiah, and Acis and Galatea, *June 7, 8,* tea, at the church (St. Paul's) and at the theatre, “by the same hands.” Chapelwardens, Samuel Burke and George Ayre; conductors, Messrs. Cramer and Harrison; instrumental performers, 98; vocal ditto, 160.—*Orig Pap.*

1770. The Sheffield Public Advertiser;—weekly newspaper *May 2.* first published by William Ward.

— The hospital;—Edward, Duke of Norfolk, endowed the Shrewsbury hospital with the sum of £1000, to repair the damage done by the flood, (1768,) and to erect a larger and more commodious chapel.

— The first banking establishment opened by Mr. Roebuck; he built the bank in Church-lane, now occupied by Messrs. Walkers and Stanley. *Augt. 28.*

— Invention of steel;—“the person who has the honour of this ingenious effort, (reducing bar steel to a fluid state, for the purpose of improving its quality,) was named Huntsman; he met with great success, and for a considerable time was the only person famed for its manufacture.”—*Hist. Iron Trade, North. Star.*

1771. Anniversary of the Cutlers' feast;—master, William *Oct. 3.* Trickett; guests present, Dukes of Norfolk, Devonshire, and Leeds, Marquis of Rockingham, Earl of Holderness, Earl of Scarborough, Lords George and John Cavendish, Earls of Effingham, Bute, and Stafford, the Hon. John Manners, Lord John Murray, and Sir George Saville. “The cutlers' feast was observed as a great holiday, the bells were kept constantly ringing during the three days it lasted, booths were erected in the church-yard, High-street, and Church-street, for the sale of

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fruit, spices, &c., and all business was generally suspended."—*Sheffield Courant*.

1771. The town library commenced by forty-nine subscribers, who paid one guinea each; first president, the Rev. John Dickinson.

— The painting of the Last Supper, done by Nathaniel Tucker, put up over the communion table in the church.

1772. Decease of Thos. Short, M. D.—“He was the author *Nov. 28.* of various medicinal, political, and scientific works. Before the time of Dr. Short, there had practised at Sheffield, Dr. Morton, Dr. Waterhouse, Dr. Lee, and Dr. Pearson; about the decline of Dr. Short's practice, Dr. James, the inventor of the fever powder, settled in Sheffield; Dr. Buchan also practised here, and during his residence composed that popular book his ‘Domestic Medicine.’”

— Town library; president, Rev. Ed. Goodwin.

— Norfolk-street (about the top of Howard-street) was lowered more than a yard, and the church-yard was raised with the earth from the street, chiefly at the East end and South side. On the Sunday before the digging began, the minister gave notice that all persons who had friends or relatives buried in the church-yard, should mark the spot with a stick, and on Monday morning the place was covered with long rods stuck on the graves.—*J. H.'s Papers*.

1773. *July 15.* Benevolent society of tradesmen (benefit) established.

— Town library; president, Rev. John Evans.

— St. Peter's or Trinity church;—the chimes put up by Mr. Whitehurst, of Derby.

— Hollis's hospital;—enlarged by further endowments from different members of the family of the founder.

— Assay office, for the test and marking articles of plate *Sept. 20.* manufactured in Sheffield, first opened.

— The assembly rooms;—the stone columns added to the front of the building.—*H. P.*

— The theatre (the present, 1825) built adjoining the assembly rooms, on the site of the old one.

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1774. Nether chapel;—decease of Rev. John Pye, and succession of Rev. John Harmar as minister.
- . Coalpit-lane chapel;—Mr. Edward Bennett, sugar baker, (at his own expense,) with a number of seceders from the nether chapel, opened for religious service.
- . Town library;—president, Rev. John Dickinson.
- . A great riot in the town, occasioned by a rise in the price of coals, by Mr. Furness, agent to the Duke of Norfolk. The coal stage and wooden railway (two miles long, from the high part of the Park, the expense of laying down which was the cause of the advance) burnt—a man of the name of Shaw, struck by a constable, died afterwards.—The mob afterwards paraded the town, and in Fargate were met by a party of soldiers, who fired over them.—*H. P.*
- . The premises on Sheffield-moor (occupied by Mr. Abraham as a school, 1829) built by Mr. Schofield, schoolmaster.
- . Foundation stone laid of the chapel of the Duke of Norfolk's hospital, on the eastern side the river Sheaf.
1775. Decease of the Rev. H. Downes, M. A., curate of St. Paul's.
- July 1. Succeeded by the Rev. Thos. Radford, B. A.
- . Town library;—president, Rev. Ed. Goodwin.
- . The Wicker;—the old ssembly house standing, and kept by — Hill, as a public house; there were no houses beyond, excepting Mr. Smelter's, between that and the occupation road, then a foot-path, and the ground open to Tomcross-lane; there was here a large pasture, kept by — Handley, of Oldcarr, who took in a great many cows; hither the lasses came in great numbers every night to milk them.—*G. F.*
- . Quantity of wrought plate manufactured in the town, and assayed at the public office, during the past year, 3070 lbs. 10 oz. 9 dwts.
- . The hostilities which took place in British America, created much alarm in the town, particularly amongst the several merchants and factors who

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during the last fifteen years had opened a trade to Philadelphia, Boston, and other places.

1775. Grammar school;—£805 raised by subscription for the reparation and benefit of the grammar school.

“ The gloomy entrance with its double door,  
The scooped threshold and the deep-worn floor,  
The low ranged forms to glossy smoothness wore,  
With many a name oft track'd and mangled there;  
The high raised wall, that half shut out the day,  
And fixed attention while it bounded play;  
The piteous case disastrous to disclose,  
There oft I've seen the little lingerers pause,  
With artful head the truant tale contrive,  
To Chadwick's frown all tremblingly alive.”

*Rev. Dr. Inchbald.*

——. Coroner of the district, (wapentake of Strafforth and Tickhill);—“ On Wednesday se'nnight, came on at the castle of York, the election of two coroners at large for this county, (in room of Mr. Thomas Bower, of Selby, and Mr. Gilbert Dixon, of this town, (Sheffield,) who had resigned on account of his ill state of health,) when Mr. Henry Bacon, of Selby, and Mr. William Cooke, of Tinsley, near this place, were chosen without opposition.—*Ward's Shef. Pub. Advertiser, Jan. 6.*

——. Town library;—president, Rev. Jos. Evans.

——. The American war was the subject of complaint amongst masters and workmen—many of the latter, notwithstanding they were unemployed, were paid their weekly wages, in the hope that the Ministry would conclude a peace with the United States.—Several masters engaged in the plated manufacture advanced more than £100 to individual workmen.—*R. L.*

1777. Vestry and burgesses room in St. Peter's church, made.

——. The chapel of the Duke of Norfolk's hospital finished. *Sept. 14.* Earthquake felt in the town.

——. Edward, seventh Duke of Norfolk, and Lord of the *Sept. 20.* Manor of Sheffield, died at the age of 91.

——. ————— succeeded (in virtue of settlement made by Thomas, and confirmed by Edward, Dukes of Norfolk,) by Charles Edward of Greystoke, the younger, Earl of Surrey.

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1777. Town library; president, Rev. John Dickinson.

1778. Evening service first commenced in the parish church, Dec. 27. and the assistant ministers who officiated, remunerated by public subscriptions.

——. The town library; (1771) president, Rev. John Dickinson.—First list of subscribers or proprietors to the Sheffield library;—William Berks, Jno. Booth, Miss Broadbent, Mr. Brooks, Rev. J. Dickinson, Miss E. Dickinson, Rev. Mr. Downes, Mrs. Elliott, Joseph Epworth, Rev. Mr. Evans, Thos Eyre, James Fenton, Jacob Gehrwin, Rev. E. Goodwin, George Greaves, Rev. Mr. Hall, Miss Hare, Wm. Harrison, John Hawksley, Benj. Henfrey, John Heppenstall, Thomas Holy, Samuel Kirkby, Richard Mangnall, John Parker, Wm. Pearson, Rev. Mr. Radford, Thomas Rawson, John Rawson, Jacob Roberts, John Roebuck, Joseph Roberts, Benj. Roebuck, William Booth, John Rutherford, James Shemeld, Samuel Shore, John Shore, Miss S. Shore, Mark Skelton, Wm. Staniforth, Samuel Staniforth, John Staniforth, T. R. Corbett, M.D. Henry Tudor, James Turner, William Ward, James Wheat, Francis Wheelhouse, Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, Joseph Wilson, George Woodhead; admision money two guineas.

——. ————— Librarian, Esther Caterer, her salary 10 guineas.

——. Mr. Roebuck's bank (the first established) failed.

——. Joseph and Thomas Broadbent opened a bank in the Hartshead, (the house occupied by Mr. Cope-land, solicitor, 1825.)

1779. Mr. John Kirkby bequeathed in trust to the Rev. July 31. John Dickinson, and the Rev. Joseph Evans, ministers of the upper chapel, Samuel Shore, of Meersbrook, Esq. and Joseph Roberts, merchant, the sum of £400, directing them to pay the income thence arising to two poor widows, in such proportions as they should think proper.

——. £50 collected in the parish church, for the benefit of Sept 27. the society for the propagation of the gospel.

——. Town library; president, Rev. W. Downes.

——. The Rein Deer, top of Waingate (hotel, 1826); Mr. Godfrey Fox purchased of Mr. Barlow the old

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public house and blacksmith's shop, and on the ground whereon they stood, built the Rein Deer Tavern.

1780. *Jan.* Town library; president, J. R. Stuart, M. D.
- . The bank kept by Messrs. Broadbent, failed. "It was said at the time, that if so much money had not been spent in law that they could have paid 30s. in the pound."—*Hutchinson's Pap.*
- . The Pond-lane brewery—the establishment began by Messrs. Rawson, Wheat, Eyre, and Browne.
- . Lee-croft chapel—built by a society of Independent Methodists, under the ministry of Mr. Povah.
- Sept.* 21. Friendly and united benefit society first established.
- . Garden-street chapel—erected by the Rev. Mr. Bristol, who presided over a small congregation of Independent Methodists.
- June* 30. Norfolk-street Wesleyan Methodist chapel first opened.
1781. *Jan.* Town library; president, Mr. John Rutherford.
- June.* The races this year were the last of the Sheffield races; the course was held on Crookes-moor, and the house now (1829,) occupied by Mr. Middleton, was the grand stand.—*H. P.*
- . The Nursery-house, (White-rails)—the gardens and Nursery grounds open and resorted to by the public.
- . The Duke of Norfolk, the vicar, and many principal gentleman of the town entertained at the Nursery-house—the dinner, &c. brought by servants from the Rein Deer, (hotel 1825,) kept by Mr. Godfrey Fox.
- 30. Quantity of wrought plate manufactured in the town, and assayed at the public office, during the past year, 2569 lbs. 11 oz. 5 dwts.
- Nov.* 4 Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, 156.
1782. *Jan.* Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, 146.
- . Supply of water.—Earl of Surrey, Lord of the Manor, granted to Mr. Joseph Matthewman, and three others, at an uncertain annual rent, varying according to their success, at a lease for 99 years, of the powers and privileges granted to Messrs.

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Matthewman and Battie, in 1742, for uncertain periods, to enable them better to supply the town with water.

1782. Population of township of Brightside Bierlow, 2186.

*Jan.* 10. Mr. Thomas Hanbey bequeathed to the cutlers' company, payable after the decease of his wife, £8000, 3 per cent. stock, in trust to employ the proceeds of £3000 in the education and maintenance of children in the boys' charity school, and the proceeds of the remaining £5000 for the benefit of poor house-keepers, each to receive twenty shillings in money, a black hat, and a blue coat.

— Town library; president, Rev. Benjamin Naylor.

*March.* Frank Fearn gibbeted on Loxley-edge, for the murder of Nathan Andrews, a respectable watch-maker, in High-street.—*H. P.*

— The house of Thomas Oates, publican, in the Harts-head, burnt, and with it his wife and servant girl.—*H. P.*

*Aug.* 9. Royal Union benefit society first established.

*Sept.* 6. Rodney club benefit society first established.

1783. *Jan.* Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, 163.

— Town library; president, Rev. Thomas Radford.

— The Tontine Inn commenced by a number of subscribers of £100 each, who engage to be governed by certain rules to be hereafter propounded—a piece of ground whereon stands the Castle-barn, taken on lease from the Duke of Norfolk, for 99 years, by the Rev. J. Wilkinson, for the benefit of the subscribers.

*March* 3. Decease of John Wilson, Esquire, of Broomhead, aged 63. "A gentleman to whom we are indebted for the preservation of so much documentary matter, which but for his care, it is too probable, would have been entirely lost; leaving this district (Hallamshire,) destitute of that evidence, by which alone the character of authenticity can be given to the history of many of its institutions, and the account of many of its principal inhabitants.

*April.* Parish accounts for the past years; overseers, W. Hoyland, Gilbert Tinker, James Elliott, and Josh. Kay; amount of rates collected £3557. 0s. 3½d.;

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amount paid for the relief of the poor, £3224. 5s.; county rate, £27. 16s. 11d.

1783. Queen-street chapel.—The town burgesses grant to *June* 20. Thomas Vennor and John Read, of Sheffield, “a lease of a piece of ground near a new street, to be called Fig-street or Queen-street, for the term of 99 years, at a rent of £5. 2s. per annum,” for the purpose of erecting a chapel thereon.

*Sept.* 4. Young Royal benefit society first established.

1784. Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, *Jan.* 145.

——. Town library; president, Rev. Jos. Evans.

——. The old shambles taken down.

——. A new set of chimes set up in the parish church.

——. Improvement in the market; the commissioners under the new market act, widened and improved the streets, in the neighbourhood of the market, and removed the cattle market from the Bull-stake (then called the Haymarket,) to the Wicker.

——. Queen-street;—the first house built (Mr. Hounsfeld's, 1825,) by Messrs. Rainer and Turner,—the ground was covered with trees, and was called Wade's orchard.

*April.* Parish account for the past year; overseers, Thomas Rodger, Robert Bailey, Isaac Barnes, Benjamin Wethers; amount of rates collected £3543. 6s. 11½d.; amount paid for relief of the poor, £3223. 9s. 9d.; county rate, £55. 13s. 8d.

*July* 15. The news came that peace with the American United States had been proclaimed at the Royal Exchange, London, and general satisfaction expressed thereon.

1785. Number of persons maintained in the poorhouse, *Jan.* 134.

——. First establishment of Sunday-schools;—“A lady of the name of Loftus was the first patroness of these useful institutions. By her directions one was opened in West-street. Mr. David Hinchcliffe, scissor manufacturer, of the Nursery, was the first gratuitous teacher, which office he fulfilled for thirty years.”—*S. D.*

——. Town library;—president, Mr. John Hoole.



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1785. Forges first erected in the neighbourhood for the manufacture of shear or German steel. "The origin of the latter term must be traced to the fact of that article having been imported from Germany, so late as forty years ago (1775) much of this kind of steel was brought over for the more valuable purposes. The first manufacture of it in England was established in Newcastle, and having been found very suitable for making shears, it thence obtained the latter of the titles just mentioned."—*Hist. Iron Trade, North. Star.*
- Feb.* The large reservoir of Crooks-moor completed, occupying four acres of ground, and computed to contain 300,000 hogsheads.
- Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Thos.
- April.* Warris, James Cam, Wm. Weldon, Geo. Bateman; amount collected in rates, £3500. 0s. 9d.; amount paid for relief of the poor, £3102. 3s. 7d.; county rate, £36. 15s. 6d.
- May.* The Church-lane made wider, by taking in a portion of the church-yard, and removing a certain number of bodies and coffins.
- Sept. 29.* The Tontine inn being finished, a general meeting of the subscribers took place, when articles of agreement were entered into, that each subscriber of £100 should by himself or nominee participate in the benefits and rents thereof, in the way of a Tontine, until the last or fortunate nominee only shall be living, who (his or her executors or assigns) shall become entitled to all benefits and advantages arising from the said Inn. Original subscribers—Earl of Surrey 4 (shares £100 each), Henry Howard, Esq. 2, Michael Jones 2, Vincent Eyre 2, Rev. John Stacey 1, Henry Tudor 1, William Brightmore 1, Jos. Matthewman 1, M. Gunning 1, John Kenyon 1, Benj: Roebuck 1, Joseph Mitchell 1, Thomas Boulsover 1, Anthony Thompson 1, John Read 1, John Winter 1, Kenyon Parker 2, John Carr 1, Gamaliel Milner 1, Rev. J. Moorwood 1, Samuel Broomhead 1, Joseph Clay 1, George Townsend 1, Benj. Broomhead 1, Joseph Broomhead 1, Jonathan Watkinson 1, James Wheat 1, John Sharrow 1, George Greaves 1,

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Thomas Rawson 1, Joseph Ibbotson 1, George Brittain 1, Rev. J. Wilkinson 1, Samuel Phipps 1, Benj. B. Thompson 2, Robt. Athorpe 1, John Parker 2, John Froggatt 1, Joseph Hawksley 1.—  
First landlord, Mr. James Watson.

1785. Supply of water;—a public meeting, to consider  
*Nov. 8.* the report of Mr. William Jessop, engineer, of Newark, upon “the possibility of equalising the supply of water to the various works erected on the Sheffield rivers, when it was resolved that the report afforded sufficient grounds for prosecuting further enquiries.”

1786. *Jan.* Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, 156.

— Population of the township of Brightside Bierlow, 2741.

— Town library; president, John Duncan, M. D.

— St. James's church—act of parliament obtained, enabling the vicar to set a part a portion of the vicarage estate, for the purpose of erecting another church or chapel of ease.

— Benefit societies,—52 benefit or sick societies existed in the town, out of the contributions of which the sum of £.3670 15s. 7½d. was distributed to sick members.

*Feb.* Steam engine grinding wheel, first erected by Messrs. Proctor, on the east side of the Sheaf, about 200 yards south of the bridge.

“Blush venal genius of those outraged groves,  
And thy apostate head with thy soil'd wing,  
Veil! who hast thus thy beauteous charge resigned  
To habitants ill-suited; hast allow'd  
Their rattling forges and their hammers din,  
And hoarse rude throats, to fright the gentle train,  
Dryads and fair hair'd naiades;—the song  
Once loud as sweet of the wild woodland choir  
To silence;—disenchant the spell,  
And to a gloomy Erebus transform  
The destined rival of Tempean vales.”—*Miss Seward.*

*April.* Parish accounts for the past year;—overseers, Wm. Nicholson, John Fisher, Edward Cooper, Barnet Hansod; amount of rates collected, £3784. 7s. 1d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £3684. 3s. 1d.; county rate, £44. 2s. 4d.

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1786. The new shambles;—Vincent Eyre, Esq. principal agent to the Earl of Surrey, under certain powers granted in an act passed in the session of 1784, opened the new shambles; made a readier communication between the upper and lower parts of the town, through New Market-street; removed the market from the Bull-stake to a convenient place set apart in the Wicker; and also removed the slaughter-houses to a situation South of the Lady's bridge. "The Wicker is no longer a place of diversion; the town has been allowed to extend itself over a great part of it, and the more open parts are occupied by the stalls in which the cattle are penned on the weekly market."—*H. H.*

1787. Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, *Jan.* 164.

— Post mistress, Miss Lister; office in the Market place.

— The London mail arrived at ten o'clock at night.

— One hundred and sixty-one persons carried on the business of licensed victuallers in the town.—*Gales and Robinson's Direct.*

— Town library;—president, Mr. J. Henfrey.

— The number of persons, or firms of one or more persons, engaged in the manufacture of Sheffield wares within the township, 590; the same in the neighbouring villages, 230.—*Gales and Martin's Direct.*

— Attercliffe school built on the public green, (enclosed 1817.)

*April.* Parish accounts for the past year;—overseers, John Lindley, Martin Gillott, John Bagnall, Richard Creswick; amount of rates collected, £3926. 4s. 4d.; amount paid for relief of the poor, £3894. 4s. 9d.; county rate, £31. 12s. 7d.

*Nov. 11.* Decease of Henry Howard, Esq., aged 74. "Mr. Howard acted as agent to the then Duke of Norfolk, and had his offices in the large house in Far-gate," (father of the present Duke of Norfolk, 1830.)

1788. Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, *Jan.* 169.

— Revolution benefit society first established.

— Town library;—president, Mr. H. Cheney.

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1788. Number of houses in the township of Sheffield, 6161.
- Howard-street chapel built.
- St. James's church erected on part of the Vicarage-croft, at the cost of about £3000, raised in shares of £50 each, entitling the holders to a pew in the church, as a freehold inheritance.
- Rev. Thomas Radford, M.A. appointed minister.
- April.* Parish accounts for the past year;—overseers, James Smith, James Ward, Sam. Nicholson, Dennis Sykes; amount of rates collected, £4206. 16s. 2d.; amount paid for relief of the poor, £4096. 0s. 8d.; county rate, £18. 0s. 5d.
- Aug. 5.* John Howard, Esq., the philanthropist, visited and examined the prisons in Sheffield.
- Sept. 13.* Decease of Mr. Thomas Bolsover, at Whiteley wood, aged 84.
- Nov. 5.* The centenary of the revolution celebrated at Whittington and the neighbourhood, at which great numbers of persons attended from Sheffield.
- Dec. 13.* The new chapel at Ecclesall first opened for Divine service.
1789. Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse,  
*Jan.* 164.
- Town library;—admission money raised to two guineas and a half; president, Rev. H. Tudor.
- The new Attercliffe or wash-ford bridge erected of stone, by Mr. George Blagden, of Attercliffe.—  
“There was formerly an ancient very narrow bridge of many arches—this bridge becoming unsafe, another of one arch was built, (the old one yet standing). This in a few years discovered dangerous signs of falling, and the third (Blagden's) was erected. All these stood together for years, until the last built proving to be substantial, the other two were taken down. On the East bank of the river may now be seen where they stood.”—*J.H.'s Pap.*, 1829.
- The chapel at Whiteley wood;—Mrs. Hutton (daughter of Mr. Thomas Bolsover) and Mr. Mitchell, erected the chapel for the convenience of persons employed on the works on the Porter.
- Mar. 18.* General rejoicings and public illumination of the

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town, in honour of the recovery of his Majesty, George III.

- April.* Parish accounts for the past year;—overseers, Richd. Morton, Peter Cadman, Jos. Shemel, Ant. Huf-ton; amount of rates collected, £4563. 9s. 8d.; amount paid for relief of the poor, £4483. 14s. 7d.; county rate, £77. 8s. 5d.
- June 17.* Mrs. Siddons first appeared at the Sheffield theatre.
- 20. Matthew Wadsworth (from Dronfield) and his horse killed by lightning on Sheffield-moor.
- 30. Public meeting;—committee appointed to choose a suitable situation, plan, &c. for a new workhouse.
- Aug. 5.* St. James's church consecrated by William, Archbishop of York.
- The new chapel at Ecclesall consecrated by William, Archbishop of York. "The site chosen for it was a little removed from the site of the old chapel, on a spot called Carter-knoll. A brief for the erection of this chapel was certified at Doncaster sessions, (21st Jan., 1784,) estimated expense, £1553."
- Dec.* Rev. Thomas Radford resigned the curacy of St. Paul's church, on being appointed curate of St. James's.
- Succeeded by the Rev. Alexander Mackenzie, M.A.
1790. Number of Paupers maintained in the poorhouse, *Jan.* 173.
- Town library;—president, Rev. G. Smith.
- Howard-street chapel—built chiefly by money bequeathed by Mr. Edward Bennett, founder of Coal-pit-lane chapel, (1774,) opened by the congregation of the latter.
- Scotland-street chapel, built by Bryant, occupied by those who had seceded from the body of the Wesleyan Methodists, on points of internal discipline. Alexander Kilham sometime minister.
- 5. Decease of Mr. Samuel Froggatt, optician, "the first person who introduced the business of optician in the town."—*Sheff. Reg.*
- Feb. 12.* Punishments;—"nine men put in the stocks for tipping in a public house during Divine service, and two boys made to do penance in the church for playing at trip during Divine service, by standing in the midst of the church with their trip sticks erect."—*Sheff. Reg.*

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*Feb.* 26. Rev. Dr. Coke, by advertisement, "returns thanks to the very generous persons of the town of Sheffield, who have contributed towards the support of the missions which have been instituted in the West Indies, for the instruction of the poor negroes in the principles of the Christian religion."—*Sheff. Reg.*

*Mar.* 6. Decease of Mr. William Cooke, coroner of the district.

— 12. Petition from certain freemen of the company of cutlers presented to Parliament, complaining that several sets of the public officers of the company appoint their own successors.

— 31. Public meeting; resolved to accept certain proposals made by the Northumberland fishery society to supply the town with fish; subscribed £1580 to support the scheme.

*April.* Parish accounts for the past year;—overseers, Simon A. Younge, Wm. Pearson, Rich. Yeomans, Jos. Hawksley; amount of rates collected, £4289.9s.4d.; amount paid for relief of the poor, £4130.17s.; county rate, £53.11s.2d.

— 1. Meeting of the gentlemen, clergy, merchants, and principal inhabitants; resolved that the mode of electing the officers of the cutlers' company by the statute of the 21st James I. is the best for the order of the town and the interest of the trade.

— 5. A sacred oratorio, "the Resurrection," set to music by Mr. John Hall, Sheffield Park, performed at the hospital chapel.

— Coach fares by Watson, from the Tontine; to York 11s. and 7s., Leeds 5s. and 3s., Birmingham 8s. and 6s.

— 16. Mr. Thos. Sambourne, attorney, of Sheffield, appointed deputy clerk of the peace.

— John Stevens and Thos. Lastley, button makers, executed at York, for robbing John Wharton, on the bridge, on the 30th November, 1789.

— 22. The race stand, on Crooks-moor, taken down and the produce divided amongst the original subscribers to its erection.

*May* 7. The sunday-schools—750 children taught in them.

*June.* The old part of the South side of the parish church

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taken down and rebuilt, uniform with the new part.

- June.* Price of wrought and cast iron goods, delivered by Booth, Birks, & Co., Sheffield Park furnace; steam-engine cylinders bored £21, pump barrels bored £18, common pipes £10, wrought iron boilers £32, common goods cast £12, forge hammers and anvils 10 gu. per ton.
- 18. William Wilberforce and Henry Duncome, Esqs. entertained at the Tontine, on the occasion of offering themselves candidates for the representation of the county.
- 23. Price of shares by public auction; a share in the Dun navigation £1275, a share in the theatre and assembly rooms £130, and a life interest in the Tontine inn £70.
- 30. Quantity of wrought plate manufactured in the town and assayed at the public office during the past year, 3079 lbs. 4 oz. 1 dwt.
- July* 1. Decease of Mr. George Townsend, steward to the Duke of Norfolk.
- 8. Prince of Wales benefit society first established.
- Aug.* 7. Meeting of the manufacturers of scissors;—resolved to call a meeting of the masters of every trade, to oppose the unlawful combination of the scissor grinders, and the combinations of all other workmen.
- Number of master scissor smiths, 35.
- Sept.* 2. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast;—master cutler, Mr. Joseph Ward; guests present, Bohun Shore and John Bagshawe, Esqs., Rev. T. Wilkinson, and magistrates of the district.
- 9. General meeting of the merchants and manufacturers; resolved that a committee be appointed and subscription entered into, to prosecute the scissor grinders and other workmen who have entered into unlawful combinations to raise the price of labour.
- 21. Messrs. Luke Palfreyman, Benj. Withers, Wm. Trickett, and Saml. Senior appointed surveyors of highways.
- 24. Admiral Rodney presented his portrait to the members of the Rodney club.
- Oct.* The porch of the parish church taken away.

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- Nov.* 22. Theatre opened by Mr. Whittock; principal performers, Messrs. Cooke, S. Kemble, Stanley, Norman, Morton, Abbott, Betterton, Hill; Mrs. S. Kemble, Mr. Whittock, Mrs. Hill.
- Dec.* 3. The winter fair held in the Wicker;—cheese 38s. to 48s. per cwt.
- 10. Public meeting (adjourned);—resolved that the offer of the Duke of Norfolk to let land necessary for the erection of the new workhouse, at 1d. per square yard, on lease for 800 years be accepted, and a committee appointed to raise the sum of £5000 on credit of the poor rates, to erect the same.
- 16. Decease of Timothy Hollis, F. R. S. “Of this excellent man it may be said, as of his cousin, the great Thos. Hollis, that he possessed ‘the most amiable and excellent character, both in public and private life.’ A spirit of munificence might be said to have been hereditary in him, being descended from ancestors who employed part of their great fortunes in promoting religion, founding establishment for the relief of decayed tradesmen, or other useful charities, and the encouragement of arts and sciences. The hospital in this town (Hollis’s hospital) is indebted to his munificence.”—*Sheff. Reg.*
- 31. St. John (sick) society first formed.
1791. Number of persons maintained in the poorhouse,  
*Jan.* 134.
- Town library;—admission money raised to three guineas; president, Rev. T. Younge.
- Mar.* 18. “Upon information before R. A. Athorpe, Esq. a tailor of this place was convicted in the penalty of forty shillings a dozen for setting covered buttons upon a gentleman’s waistcoat, and the wearer in a like penalty, for appearing in the waistcoat so made.”—*Sheff. Reg.*
- April.* Parish account for the past year; overseers, John Withers, Henry Hall, John Hawksly, John Rawson; amount of rates collected, £4982. 6s. 11d.; amount paid for relief of the poor, £4529. 1s. 9d.; county rate, £87. 9s.
- 3. Scissorsmiths’ benefit society first established.



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- April 4.* Theatre opened for a short season by Messrs. Betterton and Hamilton.
- . The post office removed from the Market-place to Castle-street, near the end of Castle-green; master, Mr. James.
- 6. Public meeting, to assent or dissent to the draft of a bill prepared for the erection of a new workhouse, borrowing money for the same, and other purposes, agreed upon at former meetings;—resolved “that all further proceedings for the erection of a new workhouse be abandoned, and that the proposed bill be not passed into a law.”
- June 9.* Bill for the better regulation of the company of cutlers, providing “that the makers of knives, scissors, shears, sickles, razors, forks, and files, be incorporated; that aliens may exercise any of the trades by paying a fine of £20; that non-freemen may be employed as strikers; that boys educated at the charity school be on the same footing as the sons of freemen; that twelve of the existing officers of the corporation should give way every year to twelve others, to be chosen out of twenty-four persons nominated by the master manufacturers, who are to meet for the purpose of nominating them, on the first Monday in August in each year,” passed into a law.
- 24. Act of Parliament passed for the enclosure of the waste and common lands of Upper and Nether Hallam; “this enclosure caused some commotions, but they soon subsided.”
- 30. Society instituted at the house of Mr. Booth, the coffee house, in Howard-street, for the improvement of mechanical knowledge.
- July.* Society for the preservation of marks (corporate), instituted at the Fountain, in Westbar.
- . Daily post established to Buxton and Manchester.
- 22. First case determined by the magistrates on a complaint of invasion of the right of mark; penalty awarded, £10.
- 29. Detachment of light dragoons entered the town, in consequence of the application of the magistrates.
- . The doors and windows of the gaol, and the house

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of Mr. Godfrey Fox, destroyed by a mob, and the prisoners liberated.

*July.* Broomball, the residence of the vicar, the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, attacked by the mob, the furniture and library damaged and burnt, and four ricks of hay destroyed.

*Aug.* 2. Five men (Furness, Johnson, Froggatt, Bennett, and Ellis) committed to York, charged with being concerned in the riots.

*Sept.* 1. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. Geo. Wood.

— 2. The festival of the mistress cutler.

— Bennett, convicted of setting fire to the premises of the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, at Broomball, executed at York.

— 19. Theatre opened by Mr. S. Kemble; principal performers, Messrs. Brown, Fox, Inchbald, Edwin Archer, jun.; Mrs. Kemble, Mrs. Whitock, Mrs. Hall, Miss Guest.

— 23. Dr. Graham delivered a lecture at the Tontine, on the efficacy of earth bathing, and afterwards exhibited himself and a female patient, "buried up to the lips in earth, in the garden of Mr. Beets, at the Elephant."

*Oct.* 20. Girls' charity school; trustees receive a donation of £100 from John Sykes, Esq. of Hull.

— 25. Spence Broughton, John Oxley, and Wm. Shaw, examined at the Town-hall before N. Bond, Esq., on a charge of robbing the mail near Sheffield.

*Nov.* 22. Dr. Younge chosen one of the church burgesses, and a governor of the grammar school, *vice* Mr. Jonathan Matthewman, deceased.

— 25. Decease of Mr. Joseph Hancock, aged 80. "This gentleman might justly be called "the founder of the plated business in Sheffield," as he was the first person who commenced a manufactory of plated wares.—*Sheff. Reg.*

*Dec.* Society formed under the name of "the association for constitutional information."

1792. Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, *Jan.* 121.

— Town library; president, Mr. B. Barnard.

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- Jan.* 2. The Sheffield and Rotherham bank, of Samuel Walker, Vincent Eyre and William Stanley, first opened.
- 3. The Court Baron of the Manor of Ecclesall Bierlow, for the recovery of debts under 40s. renewed (after lying many years dormant,) by Earl Fitzwilliam, Lord of the Manor; steward, Counsellor Danser; business transacted at the Old Hermitage.
- 7. Mr. Rimington appointed law clerk to the cutlers' company, *vice* Mr. Hoyle, resigned.
- Feb.* 9. The cotton mill belonging to Messrs. Wells, Heathfield, & Co., destroyed by fire. "This noble edifice was levelled with the ground, and nothing remained but the gable ends."
- 12. Decease of Mr. Jno. Winter, an eminent manufacturer of plated goods. He was one of the town regents, church burgess, trustee of the grammar school, and of the boys' charity school.
- 20. Public meeting,—resolved to present a petition to Parliament for the abolition of the African slave trade.
- 27. General meetings of the societies for constitutional information held at the Freemasons' Lodge, Fountain, Townhead-cross, and the Tyger, New-street.
- Mar.* 9. Decease of Mr. John Osguythorpe, proprietor of the Cricketers' publichouse, in Broad-lane. "This same Osguy (for that was the name he was generally called) a few years ago was thought to be the first cricket player in England."—*Sheffield Reg.*
- 19. Paid by the county, to defray the loss occasioned by the riot in Sheffield, (July 29, 1791); to the Duke of Norfolk, £54. 5s. 8d.; to Mr. Wheat, £185. 14s. 5d.; to the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, (exclusive of a claim of £409. 10s. for hay destroyed) £190. 5s. 1d.
- April.* Parish account for the past year; overseers, S. Marshall, Samuel Morris, John Reed, Thos. Settles; amount of rates collected, £4832. 13s. 9d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £4347. 4s. 2d.; county rate, £107. 11s. 1d.
- 14. Spence Broughton executed at York, for robbing the Rotherham mail near Sheffield.
- 16. ————— hung in chains on Attercliffe Common.

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- April 23.* The general infirmary—the first meeting to promote the establishment of a Sheffield general infirmary, held at the Town-hall, Rev. Jas. Wilkinson, the vicar in the chair; resolved, “that from the particular kind of manufactures carried on in Sheffield and its neighbourhood, an Infirmary near this place would be extremely advantageous,”—the original subscribers appointed a committee; the sum of £2867 collected at the meeting.
- May 4.* Disturbances in the streets between certain of the inhabitants of the town and the officers on duty—several persons wounded, and the windows of the Tontine broken.
- June 1.* The constitutional society publish a declaration of their principles and objects.
- 11. Public meeting at the Town-hall, Dr. Browne in the chair; the following motion proposed,—“That an humble address be presented to his Majesty, thanking him for his gracious and royal proclamation against seditious writings and criminal correspondencies,” which was negatived by a very great majority.—*Sheffield Reg.*
- June 13.* Public meeting at the cutlers’-hall; resolved, “that an address be presented to his Majesty, expressive of thanks for his late royal proclamation against seditious writings, and that the meeting do esteem it their duty to give the utmost efficacy in their power to the said proclamation.”—*Sheffield Reg.*
- July 4.* First public meeting for the purpose of taking into consideration the bringing up the navigation from Tinsley to Sheffield; committee appointed, and shares subscribed for to the amount of £8450.
- 20. First conviction of five sickle smiths, in the penalty of 40s. each, for working as journeymen without having first obtained their freedom of the company of cutlers.
- 27. The erection of a barracks for the accommodation of 200 cavalry, commenced on a piece of ground beyond Shales-moor.
- Aug. 29.* Public meeting; resolved, that a navigable cut or canal from the River Dun to Barnsley would be of great public utility; committee appointed, and sub-

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scriptions entered into to carry the object into effect.

*Sept.* 6. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. Henfrey; guests present, the Earl of Effingham, Count Zenobio, &c.

— 10. Theatre opened by Mr. S. Kemble; principal performers, Messrs. Browne, Clarke, Edwin, Ross; Mrs. Kemble, Miss Ross, Mrs. Edwin.

— 21. Girls' charity school;—trustees receive a bequest of £100 from the executors of Mr. John Morton, deceased.

*Oct.* 28. Surveyor of highways, Messrs. John Butcher, Thos. Colley, William Tyas, John Jervis, and William Staniforth; expended during the last year £627. 12s. 8d.

*Nov.* 4. First anniversary in commemoration of the revolution of 1688, held at the Tontine.

— 23. The success of the French revolutionary armies in the Netherlands celebrated by five or six thousand people, who roasted an entire ox, and paraded the town with banners amidst the firing of cannon, &c.

*Nov.* 27. The Wicker fair; cheese, new 42s.; old, 56s. per cwt.

*Dec.* 6. Meeting at the Angel, to promote the intended canal from the town to Rotherham, attended by the owners and occupiers of land, situate on its intended course;—the project abandoned.

— 10. Society for constitutional information enter into subscriptions to defend printers and authors of works, which in the opinion of counsel are not libelous and seditious.

— 31. Public meeting at the cutlers' hall; resolved, to print and publish a declaration, expressive of inviolable attachment "to the excellent form of Government by King, Lords, and Commons, under which they (the subscribers) have the peculiar happiness to live.

1793. *Jan.* Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, 126.

— Town library; president, Rev. John Downes.

— The first house on the site of Barker-pool built by Mrs. Potter.

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- Barker-pool destroyed;—"the walled in pool, which was destroyed about this time, seems to have been that made by Robert Rollinson, a mercer in Sheffield, who died in 1731, aged 91."—*Hunter*.
- The hospital (Shrewsbury,) pensioners' allowance increased to five shillings per week.
- The first hackney coaches set up by Mr. J. Nelson.
- 18. Price of grain in the Sheffield market; wheat, 5s. 10d.; barley, 4s. 6d.; oats, 2s. 4d.; rye, 4s. 2d.; Beans, 4s. 6d. per bushel.
- Feb.* Thirty recruiting parties in the town, occupied in enlisting men for the ensuing war.
- Mar.* 2. The second and last of the octagonal towers, forming part of the manor house in the Park, fell down during a storm in the night.

" There was—remembrance dimly paints its form—  
 A lofty turret nodding to the storm;  
 Wrapt in a vest of ivy proud it stood,  
 As some gay wreck that had survived the flood;  
 There angry winds in furious skirmish met,  
 Swept its green cloak and mouldering parapet,—  
 Seem'd as with fingers rude to mock at crime  
 And pluck'd the wizard beard of hoary time:  
 The bat here claim'd hereditary right;  
 The owl its tenant scream'd, unscared at night:  
 At last like age weigh'd down with years it fell,  
 Nor left a vestige of its fate to tell."

*Holland's Sheffield Park.*

- 11. A printed declaration, expressive of the attachment of the town of Sheffield to the present constitution, printed by Mr. Ward, and distributed at the expense of the town trustees.
- April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Geo. Woolhouse, J. Andrew, J. Atkin, J. Frith; amount of rates collected, £4709. 0s. 8d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £4234. 4s. 5d.; county rate, £166. 16s. 11d.
- 8. Public meeting on the Castle-hill, Mr. Jos. Gales in the chair; resolved that a reform in the representation of the people in Parliament is necessary for the peace and happiness of the country, and that a petition be presented to the House of Commons, praying for the thorough reform thereof.

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- May* The Sheffield petition for reform rejected by the  
6. House of Commons, for containing disrespectful expressions.
- June* 6. Tontine inn opened by William Carnelly.  
— 7. The last number of the Sheffield Advertiser published by Mr. Ward.  
— 10. The first number of the Sheffield Courant published by Mr. John Northall, New Market-street.
- July* 1. Public subscription (£96. 8s.) for the distressed French clergy in England.  
— 16. Mr. Peech, of the Angel, having been very successful in getting in his harvest, treated his mowers, &c. with a plentiful dinner, at his farm at Carbrook, and brought them to his house in coaches drawn by four horses each, with bands of music.— The cavalcade proceeded to the Angel, where a cold collation was served to the company, and Mrs. Peech gave half a dozen very large bowls of cold posset.
- Aug.* Declaration of war;—"The war (with France) gave such a check to the commerce of the town, as occasioned gloom and dismay to overspread every class of its population."—*Hunter*.
- Sep.* 4. Sheffield general infirmary; the first stone laid by Mr. Swallow, deputed by Mrs. Fell, of New Hall, (a donor of £1000;) the ceremony attended by all the public officers of the town, and upwards of 20,000 people.  
— 5. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. Warris.  
— 5. Cricket match between Sheffield and Derby players, at South Wingfield; won by the former, and nine wickets to go down.  
— 12. Francis Sitwell, Esq. deceased, bequeathed £500 to the general infirmary.  
— 16. Great rejoicings in the town, on the news of the taking of Toulon, by Lord Hood.
- Oct.* The Sheffield Register (newspaper); Mr. J. Gales, 19. the proprietor, announced the sale of the previous week to be 1468 copies.  
— 21. Repairs of the highways; expended during the last year, £639. 13s. 1d.

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- Nov.* Meeting of the members of the constitutional society;  
 13. resolved that Mr. Matthew C. Brown be sent as a delegate to the ensuing convention of the friends of reform, to be held at Edinburgh.
- 18. Committee formed and subscription entered into to limit the expenses and charges of attorneys in the Courts Baron, "evils which have caused an immense increase in the poor rates, and brought distress on many large families."
- 28. Theatre opened by Mr. Pero; principal performers, Messrs. Maxwell, Robertson, Dun, Bowles; Mrs. Pero, Mrs. Sisson, Mrs. Bosville.
- Winter fair; price of cheese, 32s. to 40s. per cwt.
- Dec.* 3. Decease of Mrs. Jane Bower, of Blind-lane, aged 98.
- 6. Nineteen funerals occurred at St. Peter's church.
- 16. Meeting on an open piece of ground in the Park, of the friends of freedom and Parliamentary reform; declaration drawn up in favour of reform, and in disapprobation of Government prosecutions for seditious writings and libels.
1794. Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse,  
*Jan.* 129.
- The benevolent or "the strangers' friend," society established by the society of Methodists.
- "As we have opportunity let us do good to all men,"—*Gall.*
- Decease of John Hall, at the Duke of Norfolk's Hospital, "the old man who composed the oratories of the Redeemer, Resurrection, &c., several times performed in the town for his benefit."
- 9. The new coffee house in George-street opened with a splendid supper and ball.
- 12. Decease of John Parker, Esq. at Woodthorpe, steward of the manor court of Sheffield. "In his official capacity he so discharged his duty, that respect and reverence must ever accompany his name and memory—as a man, his life must draw after it the unfeigned regret of the good part of mankind."
- Buried Aaron Rodger, aged 101.—*P. R.*
- Feb.* Price of flour in the town; best, 2s. 1d.; seconds, 19. 2s.; thirds, 1s. 11d.
- 28. Public fast observed.



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- Feb.* Public meeting "of the friends of peace and reform," held in an open piece of ground in West-street; resolution passed "declaring the abhorrence of the meeting for the present war carried on against France, the landing in England of Hessian troops without the consent of Parliament, &c." present 5000 people.
- Mar.* The new school house at Crookes erected by the inhabitants.
- 10. Mr. C. Brown, the delegate from the constitutional society, arrested and held to bail at Edinburgh on the charge of sedition.
- April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, J. Lindley, J. Vickers, J. Bishop, R. L. Walker; amount paid for relief of the poor, £5649. 5s. 1d.; county rate, £42. 1s. 1d.
- . The first volunteer corps of infantry raised, consisting of 590 men; colonel, the Earl of Effingham.
- 7. Public meeting on the Castle-hill, Henry Yorke chairman, resolved "to present an address to the King, on behalf of Muir, Palmer, Skirving, Margorott, and Gerald, convicted of libels; to petition the King for the total abolition of slavery; and that no further petitions be presented to the House of Commons on the subject of reform."
- 24. Acting constables of the town, Samuel Hall, Josh. Hinchcliffe, and George Eyre.
- . Mrs. Brown deceased, bequeathed to the girls' charity school £45; to the Sunday-school £20; and the boys' school 12 guineas.
- May* 1. Sale of the Sheffield register, 2025 copies.—*Gales's Sheffield Register.*
- . Proposals first published for raising a corps of Independent Sheffield Volunteers.
- 29. William Broomhead, secretary to the constitutional society, William Camage, late secretary, and J. Moody, apprehended and conveyed to London under a military escort.
- June* Several inhabitants of the town arrested and held to bail on charges of sedition.
- 19. R. A. Athorpe, Esq. of Dennington, accepted command of the Sheffield Volunteers.

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- June* The premises of Mr. Jenkinson, in Paradise-square,  
 — 22. and stock, value £500, destroyed by fire.
- 26. Mr. Joseph Gales, printer and publisher of the Sheffield Register, published an address in which, bidding farewell to the town and neighbourhood, he says “the suspension of the Habeas Corbus Act prevents him staying amongst his friends unless he would expose himself to the malice, enmity, and power of an unjust aristocracy.”
- The Sheffield Register (newspaper,) discontinued after publishing 369 weekly numbers.
- July* 3. First number of the Sheffield Iris, published on Mr. Gales’ late premises in the Hartshead, by James Montgomery and Co.
- 11. The new organ at St. James’ church, built by Mr. Donaldson, opened with a grand musical festival.
- 17. Decease of Dr. Roebuck, aged 76. “He was educated at the grammar school of the town, and was celebrated for his chemical and mechanical knowledge.”
- 30. Members of the constitutional society vote an address of approbation and condolence to Mr. Joseph Gales.
- Aug.* Sheffield Independent Volunteers presented by Josh. Walker, Esq. in the name of Miss Benton, daughter to Lady Cope, with a set of colours.
- Sep* 4. Anniversary of the cutlers’ feast; master, Benjamin Withers;—guest present, Earl Fitzwilliam.
- First anniversary of laying the foundation stone of the general infirmary.
- 22. Decease of Mrs. Sarah Tricket, of Hollis’ hospital, aged 97.
- Oc.* 15. Grand jury (Sheffield Michaelmas Sessions,) returned a bill against Mr. James Montgomery, for printing and publishing a supposed libel, entitled “A patriotic song by a clergyman of Belfast.”
- 20. Theatre opened by Messrs. Taylor and Robertson; principal performers, Messrs. Manley, Hammerton, Sidney, Thorne, Mr. Taylor, Miss Robinson.
- Nov.* Loyal Independent Volunteer sick club first established.  
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- Dec.* The secretary and members of the constitutional society apprehended in May last, discharged on en-  
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tering into recognizance to give evidence against Mr. Henry Yorke.

- Major Athorpe appointed lieutenant colonel commander of the Sheffield Independent Volunteers.
- 26. Friends of reform dine together in the great room in Watsons'-walk, to celebrate the acquittal of Mr. Thomas Hardy and others, and the liberation of five members of the Sheffield constitutional society.
- 1795. Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, *Jan.* 144.
- 1. First anniversary of the benevolent society; report—relieved during the past year, 444 poor and sick families, for the sum of £53. 3s. 6d.
- Town library; president, Rev. George Smith.
- The iron bridge from Bridgehouses to Coulston-crofts put up.
- Female benefit society first established.
- 22. Trial of Mr. James Montgomery, at the Doncaster quarter sessions, for selling and publishing a certain song, containing a libel “of and concerning the war, and his Majesty’s conduct therein,” sentence—fine £20, and three months imprisonment.
- 29. Decease of Mrs. Feil, “who had arrived at an advanced age in the exercise of every virtue which can exalt humanity. She was *accustomed* to exertions of generosity which are rarely met with amongst the more affluent. To promote the Sheffield infirmary, she gave £1000.”
- 30. Public meeting; “resolved that the inclemency of the weather, the very high price of provisions, the obstructed state of trade, and the general want of employment, render necessary a subscription for the relief of the poor;” subscriptions at the meeting, £1000.
- Feb.* Society of friends of literature vote an address to Mr. 11. James Montgomery; president Mr. J. Pye Smith, secretary James Horsfield.
- Mar.* 8. Decease of Aaron Roger, of Pond-street, aged 101.
- 25. Churchwardens and overseers advertise a bounty of fifteen to twenty guineas to each volunteer to the body of 38 men, to be raised in the town for the sea service, pursuant to an act for raising a certain number of men in each county.

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- April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Jos. Frith, Ralph Hodgkinson, John Smith, Jos. Wildsmith; amount of rates collected, £8231. 0s. 1d.; amount paid for relief of the poor, £7524. 16s. 8d.; county rate, £20. 4s. 2d.
- May* 14. Mr. James Marshall, "in obedience to a verbal request made by his late sister, Mrs. Lydia Marshall, which operated on his mind with the same force as a written will," paid £100 to the trustees of the general infirmary, and £100 to the trustees of the girls' charity school.
- June* 4. Independent Sheffield volunteers, and West-Riding yeomanry cavalry, under the command of Colonel Athorpe and Capt. Newton, reviewed on Brindsworth common by Lord Darlington.
- 18. Decease of Mrs. Eleanor Heaton, "the last surviving sister of several maiden ladies, who during their lives were distinguished by unaffected piety, and the most benevolent dispositions towards the poor; she bequeathed £800 and the residue of her personal estate to the general infirmary, and £100 each to the boys' and girls' charity schools."—*Sheff. Iris.*
- 29. Price of wheat, &c. in Sheffield market, the load (3 bushels, 33 quarts each) 35s.; bread flour, 3s.3d. per stone of 14 lbs.; and oatmeal 1s. 8d. per peck of 8 lbs.
- Public meeting, to take into consideration the high price of corn; resolved that a committee be formed and subscriptions entered into to supply the poor with cheap flour; and a further subscription (£8100) to guarantee any sum borrowed for the purpose of buying corn for the neighbourhood.
- July* 1. Applicants for relief to the corn relief committee, between four and five thousand.
- General infirmary; abstract of the whole of the receipts and payments, from the commencement, (April 25, 1792):—
- |  | £             | s. | d. |
|--|---------------|----|----|
| Received by subscriptions and legacies ..... | 18,013        | 1  | 0  |
| Total interest .....                         | 340           | 19 | 10 |
| „ rents .....                                | 127           | 10 | 0  |
|  | £18,482 10 10 |    |    |

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Paid on account of building . . . .	7812	18	9½
To pay further . . . . .	3637	11	10
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	£11,450	10	7½

- In hand in favour of the charity, £7031 0 2½
- Public engagement entered into by many families, to restrain the use and prevent the waste of flour, &c.
- Aug. 3. Decease of Mr. George Close, aged 87. "Few people were more universally known, and none more generally respected. His hospitality and kindness to the unfortunate and distressed excited the admiration of all his acquaintance."—*Sheff. Iris*.
- 4. Disturbances amongst the privates of Col. Cameron's new regiment, and the Sheffield independent volunteers called in; Col. Athorpe read the riot act, after which two persons were shot in Norfolk-street, and several wounded.
- 6. The corn committee for relief of the poor, report that they are obliged to pay for wheat £7. 10s. per quarter, and for oats £1. 18s., and will retail flour at 4s. 11d. per stone, and oatmeal at 1s. 11d. per peck.
- 10. Bread flour retailed at 5s. 6d. per stone.
- Public meeting of the friends of the constitutional society and others, on the Castle-hill; resolved to present an address to the King, praying for peace.
- 18. Meeting of deputies from friendly societies established in the town; resolved to form a joint stock for the purchase of flour, &c. for the use of the members, at cost price.
- 19. The corn committee sell at the Town-hall, fine flour at 2s. 6d., and bread flour at 2s. per stone.
- 20. Public rejoicings in the town, on account of the sudden fall in the price of corn.
- 22. A number of women, with ribbons and cockades in their hats, entered the room at the cutlers'-hall, in which the gentlemen of the corn committee had assembled, and after thanking the gentlemen most heartily for the great reduction which they had that day made, marched up in a body to the head of the table, and told Dr. Browne, the chairman, that they had brought a chaise to the door, and beg-

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ged leave to draw him through the principal streets of the town. The doctor declined the honour, "as it would invert the order of things, and be ungal-lant," and the women having repeatedly and ur-gently preferred their petition, retired invoking blessings on those who had been the cause of the great and sudden reduction in the price of corn.

—*Courant.*

— 23. A *concerto spirituale*, for the benefit of the benevolent society, performed at St. James's church; col-lected £70.

*Sept.* 3. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. Birks.

— 10. General Scott arrived to inspect Col. Cameron's regi-ment, and accepted the whole 600 men raised, ex-cepting six.

— 23. Decease of the Rev. Alexander M'Nab, minister of a congregation of dissenters in the town.

*Oc.* 15. Bill found by the grand jury at Barnsley sessions against Mr. James Montgomery, for a libel on Col. R. A. Athorpe.

— 16. Theatre opened by Messrs. Taylor and Robertson, principal performers, Messrs. Thorpe, Manley, Franklin, Robertson, Sidney, Mrs. Sidney, Miss Robinson.

*Nov.* 5. The members of 43 friendly societies of the town, with music, flags, &c. attended by an immense con-course of people, went in procession to Hullfoot, to lay the foundation of a new corn mill, to be built for their common use and benefit.

— 17. Public meeting on Crookes-moor, of the friends of the constitution as established in 1688; resolved to present a petition against the bills depending in Parliament against treason, sedition, and conven-tions.

— 18. The shock of an earthquake (11 P. M.) very severe-ly felt in various parts of the town.—*Sheffield Iris.*

— 28. The Wicker fair; cheese 48s. to 60s. per cwt.

1796. *Jan.* Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, 143.

——. Town library; president, Rev. Thos. Younge.

——. Township of Sheffield contained 7657 houses.

——. ——— Upper Hallam contained 105 houses.

——. ——— Nether Hallam contained 188 houses.

— 20. Decease of Mr. John Turner, aged 68. "Seldom

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has our obituary recorded the exit of a character so truly honourable; possessed of an ample fortune, he employed the bounties of providence in the exercise of beneficence."—*Sheffield Iris*.

— Mr. John Turner bequeathed to the boys' and girls' charity schools £200.

*Jan.* Trial of Mr. James Montgomery for a libel on Col.

21. R. A. Athorpe, contained in some remarks which appeared in the *Iris* of the 6th August, 1795, relative to his conduct in dispersing an assemblage of people in Norfolk-street; sentence, fine of £30, and six months imprisonment.

*Feb. 5.* Decease of Mary Hides, aged 95. "This woman performed the office of sexton at the new church for many years."

— 9. Decease of Dr. James Wright, aged 76. "He was great in his profession;" there is a small monument to him within the west end of St. Paul's church.—*J. H.'s Pap.*

*Ma. 28.* Mr. Ryley, (author of the *Itinerant*,) gave his entertainment at the theatre, entitled "Original New Brooms."

*April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, John Staniforth, James Sharrow, James Rotherham, Richard Gregory; amount collected in rates, £8621. 19s. 8d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £8588. 5s. 8d.; county rate, £99. 19s. 6d.

— 3. Rev. Jehoida Brewer preached his farewell sermon on his resignation as minister of the dissenting chapel in Queen-street.

— 5. Wheat sold in the market at 24s. 6d. to 31s. per load.

— 27. The steam grinding wheel in the Park partially destroyed by fire.

*May* 500 widows received pecuniary relief, from the profits of a tragedy and farce performed at the theatre by amateurs.

*June* First appeal made by the friends of the missionary society—donations of cutlery, &c. solicited for the missions to Otaheite and the South Seas.

*July* Journeymen spring knife cutlers and other branches of workmen, *strike* for an advance of wages.

— Meeting of the master manufacturers—resolved, not to agree with the demands made by the workmen

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for extra wages, and not to employ the journeymen of a former master without consent in writing.

*Aug.* 27. The club of Odd Fellows instituted.

*Sep.* 1. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, J. Fletcher Smith:

— 2. Second musical performance for the benefit of the Methodist benevolent society, produced £120. 16s. 6d.

——. Price of grain, wheat 20s. to 25s. per load; oats 22s. to 24s.

*Oct.* 27. Theatre opened by Messrs. Taylor and Robertson, principal performers, Messrs. Mansel, Gordon, Jerrald, Sidney, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Robertson.

*Dec.* 5. The premises of Mr. James Bramall, cutler, on Redhill, destroyed by fire.

— 15. Plan of the parish of Sheffield, published by William Fairbank and Son, price 21s.

— 31. Price of provisions; bread per quartern loaf, 8½d; Meat, 8½; butter, 1s. 2d.; cheese, 8d.; sugar, 13d. per lb.

1797. Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, *Jan.* 120:

——. Contents of the parish of Sheffield and its township, according to the return made to the deputy clerk of the peace, for the information of the board of agriculture. :—

	Houses.	Acres.
Sheffield .....	7351	3436½
Ecclesall Byerlow .....	1071	4180
Brightside Byerlow ....	822	2680
Attercliffe-cuin-Darnall..	500	1336½
Upper Hallam.....	105	8836
Nether Hallam .....	188	1902
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	10,037	22,371

— 5. Hanbey's charity.—The charitable bequests made by the will of Mr. Thomas Hanbey, in 1782, first distributed.

——. St. James's church.—The eastern window taken down, and replaced by a painted one, executed by Peckitt of York.



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- Jan.* Town library; president, Rev. C. Chadwick.
- School of industry in the Hartshead, established for teaching poor children reading, knitting, and sewing.
- Price of grain; wheat, 17s. to 19s. 6d. a load; oats 17s. to 18s. per quarter.
- Feb.* 145 individuals carrying on the business of licensed victuallers in the town.—*Robinson's Direct.*
- Sixteen practitioners of the law, resident in the town, and carrying on their profession therein.—*Robinsons's Direct.*
- Coaches that come in and go out from Sheffield; one to Birmingham from the Angel, four times a week; two to Doncaster every day from the Angel and Tontine; one to Halifax from the Angel three times a week; one mail coach to Leeds every day from the Angel; one heavy coach to Leeds every day from the Angel; one mail coach to London every morning from the Angel; one heavy coach to London every morning from the Angel; one coach to Manchester four days a week from the Angel; total two mails and seven coaches.
- Ma.* 1. Meeting of the master cutler and principal gentlemen and manufacturers; resolved, "that wishing to support public credit, and being satisfied of the solidity of the two banks in the town, we do agree to accept the notes of the said banks in all our transactions, in lieu of specie, until such time as the directors of the bank of England shall make their payments in cash."
- 15. Decease of Dr. Lund, "an eminent surgeon in the town".—*J. H.'s Pap.*
- 24. Decease of Mr. John Booth, aged 62, after a life spent in contributing as much in his power to the comfort of those around him. "Here (Brush-house,) he spent the latter end of an active life, in mathematical and philosophical studies, and indulging a natural and patriarchal desire, prepared his own sepulchre amidst the shades his own hand had formed, in which his remains are now reposing."—*H. H.*
- April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Samuel Peach, Jno. Middleton, Jno. Batcher, Thomas Pearson; amount collected in rates, £10,322. 14s.;

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amount paid for the relief of the poor, £10,156. 13s.; county rate, £162. 10s.

*Apr.* Acting committee of the town, Joseph Eyre, Samuel Hall, George Eyre, Jno. Hinchcliffe.

— 19. Decease of the Dowager Mrs. Rimington, in Norfolk-street. "The noiseless tenor of this lady's life yesterday secured the best of worldly possessions,—a good name; to day—immortality."—*Sheffield Iris*.

— 24. Decease of Mr. William Brightmore, merchant and manufacturer, of Broad-lane, aged 62.

— 31. Mr. Hanbey's legacy (Jan 10, 1782,)—a declaration of trust of the stock £8000 executed by the cutlers' company under the corporate seal.

*June* Violent storm over the town; eleven o'clock A.M.  
3. thermometer at 40.

— Meeting of the "cutting butchers of the town;" "resolved, that it is our opinion, that the practice of carcase butchers in monopolising the markets on which the Sheffield market is dependent, is one cause of the dearness of butchers' meat in this town, and that therefore it ought to be restricted and the trade of carcase butchers regulated; that forestalling and regrating of late years much increased, have tended to enhance the price of butchers' meat, &c."

— 22. Decease of Joseph Clay, Esq. of Bridgehouses, aged 85, "lamented by his friends and the poor, to whom he was a liberal benefactor."

— Meeting of the master cutler and company; resolved, to petition Parliament against the bill relieving the owners of ships from their responsibility as carriers.

— 30. Price of Sheffield newspapers (in consequence of additional taxation) raised from 4d. to 6d.

*July.* The most ancient of the inscriptions on brass plates (many of which were formerly found in the church or chancel) now remaining, is the following near the north corner of the communion rails:—"Here lyeth Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Erle of Ormond, and Lore his wyf somtyme, which Elizabeth deceased the 20th day of February, the year of our Lord mcccccx. on whose soul then have mercy—men."

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1797. The number of boys taught and supported at the charity school, N. E. corner of the parish church, 54; and the number of girls in their school, 50.—  
*Ed. Goodwin*
- Eight hundred children taught in the different Sunday schools established in the town.
- Aug. 4. The last number of the Courant Sheffield newspaper published by Mr. Northall.
- 17. Violent storm, A. M. “The rivers Sheaf and Dun were swelled to an amazing height; the flood of the former was so sudden and impetuous, that of two men who were getting sand, one was instantaneously swept away, and the other was with difficulty saved.”—*Sheffield Iris*.
- Sep. 7. Anniversary of the cutlers’ feast; master, Mr. Lindley, guests present, Earl Fitzwilliam, and Hon. Henry Lascelles.
- Oct. 4. Sheffield General Infirmary,—the institution first opened for the reception of patients; first trustees appointed, T. Walker, Esq., G. B. Greaves, Esq., Richard Swallow, Esq. Rev. J. Wilkinson, C. H. Rhodes, Esq., Samuel Shore, jun. Esq., Vincent Eyre, Esq., Thomas Rawson, Esq., Thomas Holey, Esq., Jno. Browne, M.D.
- Service in the parish church, with a selection of sacred music.
- Procession from the church to the infirmary; the magistrates, clergy, public officers, freemasons, members of societies, &c.
- Public dinner at the Angel; Dr. Browne president.
- Grand miscellaneous concert at the theatre.
- 5. The sacred oratorio of the Messiah performed at the church.
- Second concert at the theatre.
- 6. Grand selection of sacred music performed at the church, principal singers; Madame Mara, Miss Leak, Miss Neild, W. Neild and Meredith; instrumental, Messrs. Cramer, Flack, Holmes, Wilson, Leanders, Linley, &c.; organ, Mr. J. Mather.
- Third concert at the theatre.
- Ball at the assembly rooms.
- 7. First medical officers of the general infirmary; physicians, Dr. Steuart, Dr. Wainwright, and Dr.

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Younge; surgeons, Mr. Cheney, Mr. Staniforth, and Mr. Webb.

- Produce of the musical performances for the benefit of the infirmary, £1055. 1s. 11d. Total expences, £748. 4s. 3d.
- 19. Decease of Mr. Thomas Taylor, captain in the Sheffield Independent Volunteers.
- 30. Theatre opened by Messrs. Taylor and Robertson; principal performers, Messrs. Manby, Pero, Gordon, Sidney, Mrs. Sisson, Taylor, &c.
- Nov. Independent Sheffield Volunteers vote a donation of 100 guineas to the widows and orphans of those who fell on the 11th October, (the defeat of the Dutch fleet by Admiral Duncan.)
- 9. — 27. Play, farce, &c. performed at the theatre, for the benefit of the infirmary; produce, £50.
- Dec. The compassionate society first instituted for the distressed, without regard to religious denominations.
- The number of persons, or firms of one or more persons, manufacturing Sheffield goods in the town and neighbourhood, 1350.—*Robinson's Direct.*
- 1798. Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, Jan. 147.
- Town library; president, Rev. C. Chadwick.
- 4. Fourth anniversary of the benevolent society; treasurer's report; received in subscriptions, &c. £128. 11s. 10d., and relieved with the same 2030 objects of charity.
- The hotel in the Haymarket, as lately kept by Mr. Francis Beardsall, occupied by Mr. James Healey.
- Feb. 2. The Tontine inn entered upon by Mr. Ashmore.
- 21. Public meeting;—resolved that a public subscription be opened under the authority of Parliament, for the defence of the country; subscribed at the meeting, 4 sums of £100 each, 3 sums of £50, and 12 sums from £10 to £30.
- The cutlers' company vote the sum of £200, usually appropriated to the annual feast, in aid of the subscription for the defence of the country.
- Mar. Decease of the Rev. John Harmor, minister of the nether chapel. "Diligent and conscientious in the discharge of his ministerial functions for 25

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years, an approving heart afforded him a perpetual feast, and his affectionate addresses to his hearers, particularly that which he delivered from the pulpit the day before his death, as if prophetic of his end, will be long remembered."—*Sheffield Iris*.

- Upper chapel;—Mr. John Dawson appointed minister.
- The voluntary contributions (agreed to at the meeting of the 21st February,) advertised to amount to £1652. 13s. 6d.
- April*. Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Jno. Morver, Ebenezer Brookes, Jno. Jennings, Jas. Makin; amount of rates collected, £9009. 17s.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £8685. 2s. 7d.; county rate, £843.
- Mr. John Bagnall deceased, bequeathed to the boys' and girls' charity schools £20 each.
- 16. Sheffield Independent Volunteers received by vote, at a public meeting, the thanks of the town for their offer of services to the Government in case of invasion, or the imminent danger thereof.
- 15. Public meeting to raise two troops of cavalry, and form companies of infantry for the defence of the town and neighbourhood.
- May* Decease of Joseph Epworth. "He was clerk to the Rev. J. Wilkinson the magistrate, before Joseph Gregory."
- July 5*. Mr. Hanbey's charity first distributed to 38 poor men, and 19 poor women, each a blue cloth coat or cloak, and a black hat, with twenty shillings in money; six boys admitted to the charity school under Mr. Hanbey's will.
- Aug. 9*. Decease of Mr. Ward, many years printer of the Sheffield Advertiser newspaper.
- 15. Decease of John Sutcliffe, M.D. "The simplicity of his manners, the active benevolence of his disposition, and indefatigable attention to the duties of his profession, rendered his character known and venerated in the neighbourhood.—*Sheffield Iris*."
- Sep. 2*. The first charity sermons for the benefit of the infirmary, preached by the Rev. John Lowe, M.A. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought to love one another," 1st. Epist. John.—Collections at the churches, £76. 9s. 4d.

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- 6. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast,—(the money usually applied to defray the expences of the feast, having by vote been appropriated to the subscription in aid of the exigencies of the Government,) tickets 10s. 6d. each; master, Mr. S. B. Ward.
- 26. The Rev. Rowland Hill preached in Queen-street chapel, and in Paradise-square.
- 27. The Sheffield armed association organised and completed.
- Oct.* 3. First anniversary meeting of the trustees, subscribers, and friends of the general infirmary, reported that the annual income for the support of the institution amounted to £2090. 12s. 10d., exclusive of the current income expected from charity sermons, benefactions, concerts, &c. amounting to £1017.
- 16. Mr. Dixon's joiners' tools' manufactory in Eyre-street, destroyed by fire.
- 22. The theatre opened by Messrs. Taylor and Robertson; principal performers, Messrs. Manley, Gordon, Sidney, Wrench, Wilks, Stanwix, and Mrs. Robertson.
- 24. The town illuminated in honour of the victories obtained by Lord Nelson, and Sir J. B. Warren, over the French fleets.
- 25. Lady Fitzwilliam presented the standard to the Sheffield Independent Volunteer Cavalry.
- Nov.* Decease of Mr. David Greenwood, "many years distinguished as a schoolmaster of approved talents, and indefatigable diligence."
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- 28. The winter fair; price of cheese, 45s. to 55s. per cwt.
- Dec.* 4. Decease of Mrs. Ruth Abdy, aged 81, at her house in Howard-street.
- 1799. The committee of the club corn mill paid 5 per cent.
- Jan.* 7.   to the societies which had advanced money.
- Town library; president, Rev. C. Chadwick.
- Mar.* An examination and inspection taken of the paupers in the poorhouse; past 70 and incapable of work, 15; children under ten, 27; Lunatic, 8; total, 114 persons.
- 9. Signior Petro's house and fire work manufactory partly blown up by gunpowder, and destroyed by fire; two lives lost, and many persons injured.

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- April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Wm. Birks, John Bennett, Francis Beardsall, John Marshall; amount of rates collected, £10,199. 16s. 4d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £9759. 5s.; county rate, £43. 15s. 4d.
- 21. Benevolent society; collected during the past year, £167. 3s.; cases relieved, 2448; disbursements, £191. 13s. 7d.
- 22. The old peal of eight bells taken out, and the new peal of ten bells set up, in the parish church, and opened by the Ashton-under-Lyne ringers.
- 27. Decease of Mr. John Barlow, of Campo-lane.
- Decease of Mr. Charles Whitlock, formerly joint manager, with Mr. Munden, of the Sheffield theatre.
- June* Mr. Dibdin gave his entertainment called the Sphynx  
15. at the theatre.
- Jul.* 25. Nelson benevolent society first established.
- Au.* 16. Duke of York society established.
- 17. Great storm over and about the town; "The rivers Dun and Sheaf, as well as the brooks and streamlets, were swollen to an unusual height, overflowed their banks, inundated the houses adjoining, and did considerable damage to the hay and corn fields."  
— *Sheffield Iris.*
- Sept.* Hugh Parker, of Woodthorpe, Esquire, qualified as  
2. a magistrate within the West-Riding.
- Rev. John Lowe qualified as a magistrate of the West-Riding.
- 3. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. B. Vickers.
- 12. Female benefit society; balance in hand, £232. 3s. 3d.; honorary members, 145; benefit do., 359; members relieved during the past year, 55.
- Oct.* 1. Theatre opened by Mr. M'Creedy; principal performers, Messrs. Harley, Halpin, Johnson, Stanwix, Noble Egerton, Harlowe, Munden, (three nights;) Mrs. Harlowe, Mrs. Siddons, (five nights,) Mrs. Coates.
- 2. Second anniversary meeting of the trustees, subscribers, &c. to the general infirmary.
- 8. Performance of the first of six subscription concerts, (leader, Mr. Ware,) for the benefit of the general infirmary.

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- 25. Decease of Mr. Samuel Roberts, merchant, at his house in Union-street, aged 63.
- . Price of carriage of goods, to Manchester, 3s.; to Liverpool, 3s. 6d.; to Chester, 4s. 6d. per cwt.
- 31. Right Hon. Earl of Effingham appointed Colonel of the Independent Sheffield Volunteers, *vice* Colonel Athorpe resigned.
- Nov. The clock at the general infirmary put up at the expense of Dr. Browne.
- 10. — . Major Fenton promoted to Lieutenant-colonel of the Sheffield Independent Volunteers; Captain Thos. Leader to be Major; Lieutenant Charles Brookfield to be Captain.
- 25. Mrs. Mountain first sung at the theatre.
- . The churchwardens and overseers advertise that they are willing to receive proposals for the establishment of one or more town's banks, for receiving pledges, the profits arising from which to be applied to the relief of the poor.
- 28. The winter fair; price of cheese 60s. to 70s. per cwt.
- Dec. 5. Soup sold at 1½d. per quart, at the cutlers'-hall, to the necessitous poor.
- 1800. The Priory; "There are no remains of the old priory, and its existence can only be known from old deeds, and the right side of High-street, coming from the market, still retaining amongst the oldest inhabitants the name of Prior-row."
- Jan. — . Town library; president, Rev. C. Chadwick.
- 5. Decease of Mr. Hawke, of Church-street, aged 90.
- 13. The Rev. Mr. Chadwick, master of the grammar school, "concerned to observe that persons are persuaded to consider the language and learning of the great models of antiquity of little use to boys not intended for a learned profession," advertised the commencement of classes for instruction in the English language.
- 20. Sheffield Independent Volunteers present to their late Colonel, R. A. Athorpe, Esq., an elegant gold cup.
- Feb. 6. Decease of Mr. Richard Hoystrop.
- 13. Independent Volunteers vote £100 towards a subscription for the relief of the necessitous poor, and a further sum of £100 (if necessary) for the relief of



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members of their own corps, exposed to the pressure of the times.

— Decease of Mr. Antt, merchant, of Broad-lane.

— Price of grain in the town; wheat 38s. to 48s., oats 45s. to 55s. per load.

*Mar.* Mary Thorpe executed at York castle, for the murder of her child, (seven days old,) by casting it with a stone tied to its neck, into the river at Bridgehouses.

— 15. Decease of Mr. John Staniforth, merchant, of Norfolk-street.

*April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Robert Hadfield, Jos. Bailey, Robert Unwin, Saml. Stanley; amount of rates collected, £9371. 2s. 3d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £9172. 17s. 10d.; county rate, £117. 14s.

— 1. Second subscription (during the year) for the relief of the necessitous poor, "rendered necessary by the great scarcity and dearness of all the necessaries of life."

— 2. The millers, bakers, meal and flour sellers, of the town, in public meeting, resolve "to use all lawful means in their power to suppress the selling of corn by sample, particularly that sold by the petty-fogging corn-jobbers, being convinced that their trade is thereby greatly imposed upon, the public in general injured, and the labouring part of mankind most shamefully oppressed."—*Sheff. Iris.*

— 15. Acting constables of the town, William Battie, Saml. Hall, Joseph Eyre.

— 22. Disturbances in the town on account of the high price of provisions; riot in Queen-street, and attack on a flour warehouse.

*May* Decease of Mr. William Booth, of Brush-house.—

3. "To his unremitting exertions may be principally attributed the perfection and extent of the steel works established at Rotherham, which for a long time have chiefly supplied the town with the essential article of its manufacture."—*Sheffield Iris.*

— Decease of Mr. R. James, postmaster.

— 29. Public meeting; address to his Majesty voted, on the occasion of his escaping the attempt on his life made by Hadfield the lunatic.

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- Aug.* The anniversary of the birth-day of the Rev. James  
 5. Wilkinson, celebrated by a public dinner at the  
 Tontine; president, Dr. Browne; present, 130  
 of the principal persons of the town.
- 20. Rev. Dr. Majendie, Bishop of Chester, confirmed  
 1726 young persons in St. Peter's and St. Paul's  
 churches.
- 20. Decease of Mr. Samuel Marshall. "He held not  
 money for himself, but as a generous almoner for  
 others; poverty in its rags, sickness in its anguish,  
 the debtors in the prison, and old age in its help-  
 lessness, have poured forth many a blessing on his  
 head."—*Sheffield Iris*.
- . ————— bequeathed £200 to be placed  
 out on security, and the interest applied to aug-  
 ment the salary of the minister of the nether  
 chapel for ever; £100 to the boys' and girls' cha-  
 rity schools each; £200 to the general infirmary;  
 and thirty guineas towards an organ for St. Peter's  
 church.
- 25. Thermometer fell from 85 to 58.
- 26. The first rain fell after a drought of ten weeks.
- Sept.* Meal and flour sellers' shops attacked by mobs in con-  
 2. sequence of high prices.
- 4. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. Saml.  
 Newbould.
- 17. Sheffield armed association dissolved by authority of  
 the Lord Lieutenant of the county.
- 23. A large quantity of corn sold in bulk in the market,  
 at from 24s. to 33s. per load.
- 25. Theatre opened by Mr. M'Cready; principal per-  
 formers, Messrs. Harley, Halpin, Lee Lewis,  
 Egerton, Macartney, Quick, (five nights;) Miss  
 Duncan, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Macartney, Miss  
 Biggs.
- Oct.* 1. Third anniversary meeting of the trustees, subscri-  
 bers, &c. to the general infirmary; report, admitted  
 during the last year 242 in-patients, and relieved  
 406 out-patients.
- 15, Musical festival for the benefit of the infirmary; per-  
 16,&17. formances at the church, theatre, and assembly  
 rooms.
- 20. Corporation of cutlers resolve that it would be un-

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advisable to make a by-law prohibiting the manufacture of cast iron cutlery within the limits of the corporation.

- , Mr. Holman first played at the theatre.
- 23. Rev. James Wilkinson, "in consideration of the difficulties under which public charities labour, from the extreme dearness of the necessaries of life," presented 50 guineas to the infirmary, and 40 guineas to the boys' and girls' charity schools.
- Nov. 3. General meeting of the seatholders of the parish church; resolved "that the interior of the church should be repaired pursuant to the order of the archdeacon; that the church burgesses do (as they have agreed) pay for the pulling down the pillars and the arches in the body of the church, raising them higher, altering the roof over the north and south aisles, &c., and that the seatholders do defray the expense of new paving the church." Rev. George Smith chairman; George Knowles and John Morver, churchwardens.
- , The Romans had a temple on or near to the site of the old church, and what confirms it is a that when the repairs and addition were making, it was found that the east end stood upon a vast bed of bones, and it excited the curiosity of the undertakers to examine further, when they found that that part almost entirely stood upon bones, and they were surprised how the church stood on such a foundation. It has always been remarked that where the Roman *Campa* is found, that there also many bones are discovered. It is without dispute that Campo-lane has the same reference to the *Campa* as Church-street has to the church. The old *Brocco* Bank was a Roman appellation; and Ponoters-lane is supposed to be Roman.—  
*Anon.*
- Dec. 1. Two thousand people assembled at night time in a field in the Park, to consider the distress arising from the high price of provisions.
- 15. Public meeting at the Town-hall; resolved, "that in consequence of the very high price of provisions and other necessaries of life, many persons in this town being in very great distress, that a public

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subscription for their relief be commenced ;” put down at the meeting, £1200.

1801. Number of houses in the township of Sheffield, 7720.

Jan. — *Ridge's Pict. of Sheffield.*

— Town library ; president, Rev. C. Chadwick.

— 7. Public meeting of the rate-payers ; resolved, “ that it is absolutely necessary that a new workhouse be built, for the future comfort, accommodation, and employment of the poor,” and a committee appointed to carry the resolution into effect.

— 8. Decease of the Rev. J. Reece, minister of the independent chapel, in Howard-street. “ An amiable man, and a most exemplary character.”

Mar. “ Upwards of ten thousand persons receive at this time the benefit of the very liberal subscription entered into for the relief of distressed objects in the parish ; so unprecedented is the wretchedness arising from the excessive high price of all the necessaries of life.”—*Sheffield Iris.*

— Public notice of application to Parliament, for a bill to regulate the making and vending of cast iron cutlery, and for amending the Act 31 Geo. III. for the better regulation and government of the company of cutlers within Hallamshire.

— 25. General infirmary ;—committee of subscriptions appointed to increase the receipts, and prevent the diminution of the number of patients relieved, on account of the high price of the necessaries of life. —*Sheff. Iris.*

April. Parish accounts for the past year ; overseers, Jno. Eyre, W. Harwood, Thomas Harrison, William Hutchinson, amount of rate collected, £12,589. 0s. 6d. amount paid for the relief of the poor, £12344. 14s. county rate, £124. 16s. 6d.

— 6. Decease of Vincent Eyre, Esq. banker and agent to the Duke of Norfolk. “ His death is deeply and justly lamented, as a public loss to the town and neighbourhood.”—*Iris.*

— 30. Population of Sheffield, according to the Parliamentary census :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Sheffield Town and Park,	15483	15831	31314
Ecclesall Byerlow.....	2675	2687	5362

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Brightside Byerlow.....	2028	2002	4030
Attercliffe-cum-Darnall..	1222	1059	2281
Hallam Nether .....	1041	933	1974
Hallam Upper.....	439	355	794
Total	<u>22888</u>	<u>22867</u>	<u>45755</u>

*May* 1. Birmingham Royal Mail first started.—Ashmore, Tontine.

*June* Decease of Mr. Thomas Chapman, aged 91. He was  
19. the principal benefactor to the school at Heeley, whereon there is an endowment of £14 per annum.

— 30. Quantity of wrought plate manufactured in the town, and assayed at the public office during the last year, 3848 lbs. 6 oz. 12 dwt.

*July* 6. Brightside Bierlow new workhouse commenced.

*Aug.* Second anniversary of the birth-day of the Rev. James  
5. Wilkinson, at the Tontine; president, Dr. Wainwright.

— 24. Decease of Mr. Fairbank, surveyor.

*Sep.* 3. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. Joseph Bailey.

— School of industry established by a number of ladies.

— 11. Decease of Mr. Harrison, of Hollis-croft, merchant.

— Decease of Mr. John Love, of Scotland-street, merchant.

— Executors to the estate of Mr. J. Wilson, deceased, pay the trustees of the girls' charity school his bequest of £50.

— 22. Theatre opened by Mr. M'Cready; principal performers, Messrs. Harley, Twaits, Turner; Mr. and Mrs. Pope, (one week;) Mrs. Degville, Mrs. Macready, Mrs. Chapman.

— 30. Mr. James Kay, after keeping the King's Head in Change-alley, forty-six years, let the house to Mr. George Howson.

*Oct.* 3. Public rejoicings, on the news being brought to the town that articles of peace with France had been signed by Lord Hawksbury.

— 12. The town illuminated in honour of the peace.

— Price of grain; wheat, per load 21s. to 28s.

*Nov.* Rev. Charles Chadwick, jun. A.M. elected under-  
5. master of the grammar school, *vice* Mr. Anthony Robinson resigned.

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- 16. Mr. John Thelwall commenced a series of lectures on elocution at the Tontine.
- 28. The Winter fair; cheese 60s. to 70s. per cwt.
- Dec.* Executors to the estate of Joseph Walker, Esq. deceased, pay trustees of the infirmary his legacy of £100.
- 20. Decease of Mr. Greaves, merchant, of Norfolk-street.
- Decease of Mr. George Wood, merchant, of Leavey Grange.
- 1802. Marriages at the parish church (during the last year)
- Jan. 1.* 465; increased beyond last year, 83; beyond the yearly average of the last ten years, 36, and exceeding any former year except 1792, when there were 472. Baptisms decreased since last year, 96, and beyond the average of the last ten years, 141½. Burials decreased beyond last year, 276; beyond the average of the last ten years, 161. Monthly average of baptisms, 123½; of burials, 98 1-12th. Excess of births above burials, 305. Excess of males baptised above females, 72, or about 2 in 41; of females buried above males, 19, or 1 in 62.
- Town library; admission money raised to three guineas and a half; president, Rev. C. Chadwick.
- Freeholders; Duke of Norfolk obtained an act of Parliament "for vesting several detached parts of his estate in trustees, upon trust, to sell, and purchase other estates elsewhere."
- The master and journeymen button-makers of the town give notice that, after the 11th of September, they will lay informations under 8th Queen Anne, against all tailors using, and other persons wearing, garments having buttons covered with cloth or other stuff, whereby they incur penalties of £5 and 40s.—[This statute remains unrepealed, 1830. —ED.]
- 21. A great storm over the town and neighbourhood;—"The wind here arose early in the morning, and blew with increasing violence until late in the afternoon; scarce a house in the town escaped dilapidation. The slates were torn from the roofs, and scattered through the streets so dreadfully, that it was perilous to pass them. A stack of chimneys in St. James's-street fell through the roof of an

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adjoining house, and overwhelmed a bed from which a person had just risen. A sheet of lead, about 2000 lbs. weight, was precipitated from the flat roof of the Tontine into the yard, immediately after the Doncaster mail coach had set out, and upon the very spot where it had stood. Many chimney pipes were destroyed, casements blown out, signs carried off, and decayed buildings shaken to pieces. A child was crushed to death at Sheffield-moor, by a falling wall. Two trees by the river side near the Nursery, were torn up by the roots, and laid across the road. In the Wicker, three high chimneys at Mr. Dixon's silver refinery, were laid to the ground."—*Sheff. Iris*.

- Feb.* 19. Death of Mr. Timothy Gales, printer. "He had languished under an afflicting illness for seven weeks, during which his mind and body had been reduced to a state of melancholy weakness; in an agony of delirium, he escaped from his house and friends, and was lost in the river before assistance could be afforded. He served faithfully and industriously in the office of the *Sheffield Register* and *Iris* for upwards of ten years."—*Sheffield Iris*.
- 28. Decease of Mrs. Hartop, Brightside. "The business of her life was the happiness of others, and her fortitude in death had all the fulness which is derived from religious faith and philosophic meditation."—*Iris*.
- Mar.* 4. Decease of Mrs. Hancock, relict of the late Mr. Jos. Hancock, the first founder and establisher of the silver plated manufactures.
- April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Godfrey Fox, Henry Froggatt, John Bingham, Robt. Burnand; amount of rates collected, £15,175. 1s. 11d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £14,323. 11s. 9d.; county rate, £127. 10s. 6d.
- 22. Mr. Francis Chantrey (the sculptor) advertised to take portraits in crayons, at 24, Paradise-square "and trusts in being happy to produce good and satisfactory likenesses, and no exertion shall be wanting on his part, to render his humble efforts deserving some small share of public patronage."—*Sheffield Iris*.

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- May* His Majesty's proclamation of peace publicly read in  
 5. the High-street and Market-place.
- 14. Storms of snow and hail during the last three days.
- 17. The Sheffield Independent Volunteers disbanded, and the colours of the regiment deposited in St. Peter's church.
- 25. Day of thanksgiving (restoration of peace) observed; service at the churches and chapels, business closed.
- The sum of £405. 5s. 2d. subscribed by the Rev. James Wilkinson, the Easter jury, and some humane inhabitants of the town and Rotherham, and given to the poor, instead of expending the same in illuminations in honour of the peace.
- The thermometer was at 29, three degrees below the freezing point. "The late colds must have done incredible harm to the fruit, since even the leaves of hardy trees are dropping off."—*Iris*.
- 28. The thermometer (noon) was at 73.
- July* General infirmary; trustees receive of the executors  
 1. of Mr. Thomas Chapman, (Heeley,) the sum of £514. 16s. 10d., the residue of his property bequeathed by will.
- 11. Fifty-two banns of marriage published in the parish church; the average number of banns during the last twelve months of the war, was thirty-one for each Sunday, or rather more than ten a-week; the number of marriages in the last month was 55.
- Aug.* At the parish church this day, nine couple were married, forty-two children baptised, and one funeral.
- 5. Third anniversary of the birth-day of the Rev. James Wilkinson; president, Hugh Parker, Esq.
- 9. Henry Ibbotson and Mary his wife, of Bridgehouses, committed to Wakefield for assaulting and wounding Elizabeth Berry, their niece. "These poor wretches were filled with the idea of being bewitched by the young woman, and had long meditated a plan to draw blood from her, which they fondly imagined would break the charm that afflicted them. Meeting her in our market on Saturday evening, (7th,) they both at once assailed her; the wife with her teeth bit her inhumanly in the arm, and the husband with a sharp instrument, stabbed the unfortunate woman in the body."—*Sheffield Iris*.



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- Sept.* Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. Joseph Withers.
- 3. The members of the society of friends subscribed the sum of £70. 13s. 6d. for the benefit of the general infirmary.
- 13. Decease of Mr. Thomas Tyson, (Fountain, Coalpit-lane,) a distinguished florist; "his funeral was attended by the florists of the town, who strewed his coffin with a profusion of the most beautiful flowers."
- 22. Public meeting; resolution signed by the heads of 260 firms, pledging themselves, "in consequence of a great and unusual run on the bank of Messrs. John and William Shore, occasioned by misrepresentations," to take their notes in payment as usual, until some just cause for refusing the same shall appear.
- Additional water reservoir commenced on Crookes-moor.
- Oct.* 6. Fifth anniversary meeting of the trustees, subscribers, &c. to the general infirmary; present, Earl Fitzwilliam and the Earl of Effingham.
- 6 Musical festival; the oratorio of the Creation performed at St. Paul's church, and concerts at the theatre; principal singers, Miss Tennant, Miss Richardson, and Mr. Harrison.
- 26. Decease of Mr. Robert Hinchcliffe, "an ingenious man, who had essentially contributed towards the improvement of the manufacture of scissors in the town."
- Nov.* State of Sheffield prisons; prison for the liberty of Hallamshire, property of the Duke of Norfolk, for debtors, gaoler, Godfrey Fox; fees in high court, (processes from courts of Westminster,) for commitment and turnkey, 25s. In the low court, 1s. 8d. Number of prisoners, 5. Low court prisoners detained for debts under 40s. The actions entered in the Sheffield court every three weeks, are, on the average, 300—number of prisoners, 14. Sheffield Town-Hall; the lobbies under the Town-Hall are three dark cells, which open into a narrow passage, the largest 8 feet high by 6 feet square. — *Nield's Remarks on Prisons in Yorkshire.*

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No.29. Theatre opened by Mr. M'Cready; principal performers, Messrs. Harley, Austin, Twaites, Falkner.

— Ireland, the Yorkshire leaper, exhibited at the circus, in Gibraltar-street.

*Dec.* Decease of Mrs. Elizabeth Wainwright, aged 92,  
24. thirty-two years an inmate in the Duke of Norfolk's hospital.

— 26. Executors of the estate of Isaac Hawkins, Esq. of Burton, transfer to the trustees of the general infirmary the sum of £3000, 3 per cent. consols.

1803. Marriages at the parish church during the last year,  
*Jan.* 1. 607; increased beyond last year, 142; beyond the average of the preceding ten years, 178.

— Town library; admission money raised to four guineas; president, Rev. C. Chadwick.

— Town trustees make a donation of sixty guineas to Mr. Fenton, Lieut. Col. of the Sheffield Volunteer Infantry, for the purchase of a horse.

— 8. Death of Mr. Joseph Frith, (proprietor of the steam wheel in the Ponds) by accidentally falling on the crank of the engine.

— 19. J. Stuart Wortley (Right Hon. Lord Wharncliffe,) qualified as a magistrate within the West-Riding.

— 20. Decease of the Rev. C. Chadwick, jun. A.M., under master of the grammar school.

— 24. Navigable canal from Tinsley to Sheffield; public meeting at the Cutlers' Hall, to consider the formation of a company for the prosecution of the same; report of a committee of the cutlers' company adopted, and subscriptions for shares opened.

*Feb.* 7. Decease of Jno. Read, Esq. of Norton.

*Mar.* 7. William Lee, and William Ronkesley, two workmen of the town, sentenced at York to seven years transportation, for administering unlawful oaths to engage in a seditious association.

— 30. Public meeting; resolved to present to his Majesty a loyal address of congratulation on his escape from the late treasonable conspiracy (Col. Despard.)

— 31. Trustees of the Methodist chapel in Garden-street, dispose of the same, and the congregation subscribe £2000 towards the erection of a larger chapel at the top of Carver-street.

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- April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Jno. Hoyland, Robert Turner, W. Silcock, Jos. Nicholson; amount of rates collected, £10,275. 14s. 1d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £9,922. 19s. 2d.; county rate, £131. 19s. 2d.
- 3. Congregation of Independent Protestant Dissenters remove from their chapel in Coalpit-lane, to the chapel in Garden-street, purchased by their minister, Rev. Archibald Bell.
- Society for bettering the conditon of the poor first established.
- Establishment of the Sheffield Jennerian society (in connexion with the general infirmary,) for the extermination of the small-pox.
- 7. Funding or money society (the Eagle) established at Mr. Anthony Branson's, Fleur-de-Lis, Barley-street; proposed capital £10,000, shares £50 each, paid by monthly instalments of 4s.
- 13. The new tenor bell set up in the parish church.
- 15. Acting constables of the town, Joseph Eyre, John Hinchcliffe, and Thomas Smith.
- 28. Richard Danser, Esq. appointed by Earl Fitzwilliam steward of the Ecclesall Manor court; *vice* John Danser, Esq. deceased.
- May* Sheffield and Tinsley new canal; committee appointed to prosecute the work resign their trust on account of the failure of the negotiation with the Duke of Norfolk.
- June* Earl Fitzwilliam entertained the members of the Sheffield and Rotherham Yeomanry Cavalry at the house of Mrs. Peech.
- July* 7. Produce of raw hides and skins (searchers' official return for the town,) since midsummer, 1802; ox and cow hides, 3603; calf skins, 4156; sheep skins, 30,666.
- 13. Decease of Mr. A. Robinson, upwards of forty years master of the grammar school.
- 14. Public meeting; resolved that a regiment of volunteer cavalry be raised in the town and neighbourhood, for internal defence during the war.
- Messrs. Pickford, carriers between Sheffield and London, offer for the service of Government, the use of 400 horses, 50 waggons, and 28 boats.

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- Ju.* 14. Subscriptions opened to purchase a bell for the clock of the parish church.
- Decease of Mr. Samuel Glanville, (formerly keeper of the Angel Inn,) in the Duke of Norfolk's almshouse, aged 83.
- 28. Mr. Jacob Geirwin presented £100 to the general infirmary, and £40 to each of the charity schools.
- Completion of two town troops of yeomanry cavalry.
- Corps of volunteer infantry; formation commenced, and subscriptions (Earl Fitzwilliam £300) entered into for clothing, &c.
- Aug.* 5. Fourth anniversary of the birth-day of the Rev. J. Wilkinson; president, Mr. James Cockshutt.
- Sep.* 4. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. James Makin.
- Completion of the Sheffield Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, 600 men; captain, Mr. Thos. Newbould.
- 12. Mrs. Billington commenced five nights performance at the theatre.
- 22. Lord Eardley presented 100 guineas to the trustees of the general infirmary.
- Patriotic subscription opened for the support and maintenance of the newly raised regiment of volunteers.
- Oct.* Sheffield Regiment of Volunteer Infantry; Hon. Earl of Effingham, Colonel; Francis Fenton, Lieut. Colonel; Thomas Leader, Esq. Major; Captains, Messrs. Charles Brookfield, Joseph Read, Robert Wreaks, Robert Lowther, William Newbould, S. Carver, Wm. Warris, W. Champion, and John Jeeves; Lieutenants, Messrs. Joshua Hawksley, Samuel Lucas, Wm. Hutton, Robert Gainsford, Robert Wade, Godfrey Machon, Thomas Asline Ward, Charles Shore, John Norris, Matthew Jenson, John Yeomans, and Thomas Norris; Ensigns, Messrs. Henry Elgie, William Howard, William Tattershall, Charles Pickslay, John Furness, and William Radford; Adjutant, Mr. John Best; Quarter-Master, Jas. Woollen; Surgeons, Messrs. Henry Jackson, and John Sterndale.
- 20. The theatre opened by Mr. Macready; principal performers, Messrs. Harley, Meggett, Austin, Carles, and Mason.

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- No.* 28. Winter fair; price of cheese, 68s. to 78s. per cwt.  
 —. Several hundred persons sworn before the magistrates as special constables, to act in case of an enemy landing.
- Dec.* Association corps of infantry, 100; troop of cavalry, 50; and a thousand special constables, formed for the preservation of the peace of the town and neighbourhood, and assisting the civil magistrates in the event of the volunteers being called into service.
- 31. Quantity of rain in the town and neighbourhood during the past year, 26.06. of which 6.75. fell during the last three weeks.
- . Decease of the Rev. Joseph Evans, appointed in 1758, on the death of the Rev. Jos. Haynes, one of the ministers of the upper chapel. "I will not deny myself the satisfaction of saying, that a fairer name than the one last mentioned, adorns not these pages; single hearted, mild, devout, benevolent, his unblemished life was spent in the search after truth, the unwearied discharge of his pastoral duties, and the promotion of every benevolent and useful undertaking."—*H. H*
1804. Marriages at the parish church during the past year,  
*Jan.* 573; decreased since the preceding year, 34; increased beyond the average of the last ten years, 144.
- . Town library; president, Rev. C. Chadwick.
- . Town trustees make a donation of £100 to the Commander of the Sheffield volunteer infantry.
- Feb.* Association for the prosecution of felons first formed,  
 29. principally by the exertions of Mr. E. Rhodes.
- . Decease of Mr. Samuel Hoyland, aged 81. "He was the oldest foot hunter in the Sheffield hunt, and after the late Mr. Peter Hinchcliffe, the eldest publican in the town."
- Mar.* Preachers and trustees in the methodist connexion  
 1. laid the foundation of the new chapel at the top of Carver-street. The first stone, laid by Mr. Thos. Holy, bore the following inscription:—"On March 1, 1804, in the 44th year of the reign of Geo. III. the father of his people, and the protector of religious liberty; at a time when the nation was en-

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gaged in an expensive war, and threatened with extermination by a haughty usurper;—this was laid in the first stone of a methodist chapel, as an act of faith towards God.”

- April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Geo. Bennett, Saml. Roberts, John Sykes, John Salt; amount of rates collected, £12,598. 11s. 11d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £11,621. 1s. 5d.; county rate, £152. 15s. 1d.
- 7. Public meeting; committee appointed 7th Jan., 1801, to take measures for the erection of a new workhouse, dissolved, and a second committee appointed for the same purpose.
- 13. Public meeting; the churchwardens and overseers, Rev. James Wilkinson, Hugh Parker, Esq., Dr. Browne, Dr. Younge, V. Eyre, Esq., Mr. Samuel Roberts, and Mr. Geo. Bennett, appointed a committee to purchase land for the erection of buildings for the better accommodation of the poor.
- 16. Public procession, headed by Dr. Browne, to welcome the return of the Volunteer Infantry, after dismissal from permanent duty at Doncaster, “where they had obtained the commendation and applause of Lord Mulgrave, the General of the district; Lieut.-Col. Bell, the Inspecting Field Officer; Mr. Frank, the Vice-Lieutenant of the riding, and of the Mayor and Corporation.”—*Iris.*
- May* 25. Eight silver medals shot for by the eight companies of Volunteer Infantry; winners, Messrs. W. Blackwall, Wm. Darwent, Wm. Naylor, jun., Geo. Swift, John Lambert, Robt. Rodgers, Robt. Woodhead, Mich. Rockley.
- 28. Meeting of the rate-payers who had subscribed to indemnify the committee appointed (13th April last) to enlarge or rebuild the workhouse, resolved, by a majority of 47, that the situation near the Watery-lane be chosen for the site thereof.
- June* The gold medal shot for by the eight winners of silver medals, (25th May,) won by Mr. Geo. Swift.
- 25. Inspector's return of raw hides and skins from slaughter-houses in the township of Sheffield, for the past year, beast hides, 3003; calf skins, 4575; sheep and lamb skins, 28,470.

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- July Mrs. Mountain gave her entertainment at the theatre,  
2. entitled the Lyric Novelist.
- 20. Decease of Mrs. Mary Singleton, first appointed matron to the general infirmary; "the blessing of those that were ready to perish was often upon her."
- Providence sick society; members, 146; amount of stock, £924. 8s. 3½d.
- Decease of Mrs. Gosling, of Norfolk-street, "known as the author of a small volume of moral essays, and the novel of Ashdale Village."
- Aug. Fifth anniversary of the birth-day of the Rev. James  
6. Wilkinson; chairman, Mr. James Cockshutt.
- John Stockton, *alias* Stockdale, a ring-leader of the desperate gang of villains who for many years past had plundered warehouses in this and other towns, of property of great amount, brought hither from Birmingham, and committed to York, charged with breaking open Messrs. Rhodes & Champion's warehouses, in the Wicker, in 1802.
- Sept. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. Wm.  
6. Nicholson; guests present, Earl Fitzwilliam, Lord Milton, Hon. Mr. Vernon.
- 17. Master H. W. Betty, "the young Roscius," commenced eight nights' performance at the theatre, under the management of Mr. Macready.
- Oct. 4. Sheffield Volunteer Infantry; Ensign Henry Elgie to be Lieutenant, *vice* Hawkesley resigned; John Ardron, Ensign; Rev. Alex. Makenzie, Chaplain.
- 5. General infirmary; meeting of governors and others, and reported "that it appears to them satisfactorily, and is evinced clearly by facts deduced from figures, that the fund of the charity has been increasing every year since midsummer 1801, and that it is at present in a very flourishing condition."
- 17. Mr. F. Chantrey advertised that he had commenced taking models from the life, and hoped to "meet the liberal sentiments of an impartial public."—*Sheffield Iris*.
- 24. "There was not one funeral at our parish church from Friday to this day, (Wednesday,) an interregnum of funerals longer than can be remembered for many years."—*Sheffield Iris*.

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*Nov.* Theatre opened by Mr. Macready; principal performers, Messrs. Carter, Harley, Holmes, Waring; Miss Norton, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Courtney.

— 30. General infirmary; Dr. D. Davis, M.D. appointed physician.

*Dec.* Master and company of cutlers discontinue the distribution of the money given away on St. Thomas's day, and order that the money be divided amongst the officers of the company, to be by them given to the poor of the corporation entitled to receive the same.

— 20. Decease of the Rev. George Bayliffe, aged 84, senior assistant minister of the parish church, and curate of Ecclesall; "ripe with age, and laden with plenty, he calmly resigned his soul into the hands of God who gave it, supported by the comfortable hope and reviving prospect of a blessed immortality."—*Sheff. Iris.*

1805. Marriages at the parish church during the past *Jan. 1.* year, 445.

— 3. Rev. George Smith appointed by the church burgesses, assistant minister, and by the Rev. J. Wilkinson, to the curacy of Ecclesall, *vice* Rev. Mr. Bayliffe deceased.

— . Town library; admission or share money raised to five guineas, and an annual subscription of 12s. 6d.; president, Rev. C. Chadwick.

— 18. Decease of the Rev. James Wilkinson, A.M. (aged 75,) vicar of Sheffield, and justice of the peace for Yorkshire, "whose life had been pre-eminently distinguished by unaffected piety, inflexible integrity, and unwearied zeal in the service of the public during a period of half a century." "His whole life was devoted to the public good. Such was the commanding influence of his superior character—his unfeigned, though unostentatious piety—his quick penetration and solid judgment—his mild, modest, and conciliating, yet dignified manners—his inflexible integrity—his respectable family and fortune—and lastly, his venerable age and estimable services,—that few persons have had the enviable opportunity of being so eminently useful to society. However it might be suspected that



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the language of panegyric is improperly used by the pen of friendship to describe the deceased 'excellent of the earth,' they who knew the subject of that praise, know well that it is not overcharged, but faithfully characteristic of this, one of the most worthy and amiable of human beings."—

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*Jan.* Bequest by the Rev. J. Wilkinson to the general  
18. infirmary, £600; to the boys' and girls' charity schools, £200 each.

— 21. Rev. Stuart Corbett, D.D. qualified as a magistrate within the West-Riding.

— 24. Decease of James Wheat, Esq. aged 64. "In the whole of this populous town and neighbourhood, there was not a single person more generally admired, or more cordially respected, than the late Mr. Wheat."—*Iris.*

*Feb.* 2. Tontine Inn taken and entered upon by Mr. Wm. Simpson.

— 3. The interment of the Rev. J. Wilkinson observed by public mourning.

*Mar.* The Rev. Thomas Sutton, A.M. Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, instituted by his Grace the Archbishop of York, on the presentation of Philip Gell, Esq. of Hopton, to the vicarage of this town.

— New Town-Hall; the Town-Collector and his Assistants having determined upon the plan of a new Town-Hall, prisons, and other public buildings, on the site of Castle-hill, advertise to contract with builders and workmen.

— The workshops of Mr. Robert Collier, haft-presser, in Charles-street, destroyed by fire.

*April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Jacob Roberts, W. Justice, Thos. Wild, Rich. Wilson; amount of rates collected, £14,167. 12s. 2d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £13,388. 2s. 0d.; county rate, £107. 7s. 3d.

— 15. Profits of the concerts during the past year for the benefit of the infirmary, £95. 2s. 3d.

— 25. Acting constables of the town, Joseph Eyre, John Hinchcliffe, and Thomas Smith.

— 29. This day fell one of the deepest snows of the past winter, and certainly the greatest that can be re-

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collected, at this time of the year in this neighbourhood.

- May* Public meeting called by Mr. William Nicholson,  
27. Master Cutler, Gamaliel Miller, Capital Church Burgess, Wm. Staniforth, Town Collector, and Thomas Leader, foreman of Easter Jury, "to consider the propriety of applying to Parliament for an act for paving, lighting, and cleansing the town;" proposition negatived "on the ground of the refusal of the Town Trustees to periodically publish their accounts, and a supposition that their funds are adequate to accomplish all the purposes for which a rate (by the intended act) is proposed to be raised,"
- July* The new Methodist chapel in Carver-street opened  
25. by Mr. Benson.
- 29. Sixty-second annual Methodist conference (the first held in Sheffield) held in the new chapel in Carver-street.
- Aug.* Sixth anniversary of the birth-day of the late Rev.  
6. James Wilkinson; president, Rev. John Lowe.
- Right of mark; Daniel Brammall, manufacturer of files in Sheffield, obtained a verdict of £2000 damages against Mr. B. Power, manufacturer of files in Birmingham, for wrongfully using his mark.
- 15. The Sheffield Volunteers, roused by the accidental firing of the beacons, assembled on parade, and marched to the appointed place of rendezvous. "Of the volunteers of this town and neighbourhood, every man flew immediately to arms who was not prevented by sickness or absence; out of six hundred men (the regiment of infantry) only nine were absent."—*Sheff. Iris.*
- 16. The overseers provided for the comfort of the women and children left behind by the volunteers; those who applied received 2s. each, and Dr. Browne gave 1s. to each of the wives, and 6d. to each child of the volunteers, out of his own private purse.
- Sept.* Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. John  
5. Eyre.
- 23. Theatre opened by Mr. Macready; principal performers, Messrs. Harley, Fawcett, Huddart, James, Blandford, Master Betty, (one week,) S. Kemble, (five nights;) Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kniverton.

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Oct. 6. The parish church, which has lately undergone such an entire alteration as to make it assume the appearance of a new edifice, re-opened; a sermon on the occasion preached by the Rev. Thomas Sutton; and in the course of the service, a very large new organ opened, and a number of pieces of sacred music performed.—*Advt. in Iris.*

— 9 Grand musical festival, for the benefit of the general & 10. infirmary; sacred music in the parish church in the mornings, and concerts at the theatre in the evenings; principal vocalists, Miss Parke, Miss Munday, Messrs. Harrison, Bateman, and Goss; produce of the festivals, rehearsals, sermons, &c. £1139. 17s. 1¼d.; cash paid to performers, and expenses, £833. 9s. 11d., leaving a balance of nett profit to be applied to the use of the infirmary, £306. 7s. 2¼d.

— 14. Right Hon. Lord Milton, M.P. qualified to act as a magistrate within the West-Riding.

— 31. Steam corn mill, (Attercliffe,) with the grain, machinery, &c. totally destroyed by fire.

Nov. Battle of Trafalgar; news came to the town of the

4. great victory of Trafalgar, and the death of Admiral Nelson, on the 21st October.

“ The hour of vengeance comes—by Gades’ towers,

By high Trafalgar’s ever trophied shore,

The godlike warrior on the adverse powers

Leads his resistless fleet with daring prone.

————— Full on the foe he hurls his fires,

Performs the dread behest, and in the flash expires.”—*Pye.*

Dec. 5. Observed as a day of thanksgiving for the transcendent victory of Trafalgar; collected at the three churches, for the relief of the families of the slain, £100. 17s. 11d.

— Mr. Jos. Sykes, of Hull, bequeathed to the general infirmary £100.

1806. The Wanderer of Switzerland, poem, published by

Jan. Mr. James Montgomery.

“ Though long of winds and waves the sport,

Condemn’d in wretchedness to roam,

LIVE! thou shalt find a sheltering port,

A quiet home.”

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1806. Marriages at the parish church during the past year, 479.

— Town library; president, Rev. C. Chadwick.

— 16. The highest floods in the river ever remembered; the high road between the Wicker and Bridgehouses completely overflowed.

— 23. Decease of R. A. Athorpe, Esq., of Dennington, formerly a magistrate of the Riding, and Colonel of the Sheffield Volunteers.

— 26. Right Hon. Wm. Pitt; news came of the decease of Mr. Pitt, at his house at Putney, on the 23d inst., aged 47.

*Mar.* York spring assizes; no prisoners from Sheffield  
8. tried for any offence.

*April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Geo. Senior, Peter Brownell, Jos. Hawksley, George Oates; amount of rates collected, £15,969.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £15,765. 2s.; county rate, £133. 6s.

— 9. Public meeting; resolved to petition Parliament to abandon the tax on pig iron.

— Court Leet; acting constables, John Hinchcliffe, Thomas Smith, and William Smith.

*May* The intelligence that the Ministry had abandoned the  
22. tax on pig iron, diffused the most lively sensations of joy amongst the manufacturers and inhabitants, which were displayed on the following day by the ringing of bells, bonfires, firing of cannon, &c.

— 23. Decease of Mrs. Eyam, of Paradise-square, aged 75. "The numerous excellent qualities which adorned her character, entitled her to the high estimation in which she was held;"—bequeathed £20 to the infirmary, and £20 to the boys' and girls' charity schools.—*Iris*.

— 25. This day (Sunday) ten couples were married at our parish church, thirty-six children christened, and what is very extraordinary, there was not one funeral at all the three churches.

*June* Moritz (manager of a company) advertised that Sig-  
5. nior Belzoni, the Patagonian Sampson, would perform three nights at the theatre.—[Belzoni, afterwards the celebrated traveller, and author of Egyptian antiquities, literature, &c.]—ED.

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*July.* The Quakers' (friends) meeting house in the Hartshead rebuilt.

*Aug.* Report of the society for bettering the condition of the poor; receipts for the past year, £366. 4s. 6d.; average number of persons provided with spinning and knitting, 50; sick persons relieved, 228; lying-in cases relieved, 94; young people educated, 200.

— 4. Theatre opened by Mr. Macready, for one month; Miss Smith (London) six nights, Mr. Barrymore, Mrs. Johnstone, Mr. Munden, Mr. Edwin.

*Sept.* Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. John 4. Sorby.

— 18. Boys' charity school; report of the trustees and state of accounts of the charity:—

	£	s.	d.
Expended from Jan. 1, 1805, to Jan. 1, 1806, in maintaining, clothing, and instructing 60 boys, (including three on Mr. Hanbey's establishment, . . . .	660	3	9
Receipts from rentals, annual subscriptions, (£167. 12s. 7d.) collections at churches, (£65,) &c. . . . .	594	14	10
Deficiency of income, . . . . .	£65	8	11

— 25. Hon. C. J. Fox; news came to the town of the death of Mr. Fox, on the 23d inst., aged 59.

— 26. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Clarence (guests of Earl Fitzwilliam at Wentworth House, during the races at Doncaster) privately visited the town, and examined many manufactories, &c.—  
*T. M.*

*Oct.* 1. Sheffield banks; hours of business fixed from ten to three at noon.

— 6. Female benevolent society first formed.

— 10. Public meeting; resolved that a new Town-Hall should be erected, to provide necessary accommodation to the magistrates; overseers agree to pay £1050 out of the rates, as their proportion of the expense of the new building.

— 16. Theatre opened by Mr. Macready; principal performers, Master Betty, (three nights,) Messrs. Faw-

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cett, Chalmers, Edwin, Harley, O'Gallagher ; Miss Greville.

- Oct.* First anniversary (commemoration of the battle of  
21. Trafalgar) of the Nelson club ; " Its fund, the benefit of which no member can receive, is raised by regular contributions, and is applicable only to patriotic and charitable purposes."
- 24. Mr. Lascelles, Mr. Fawkes, and Mr. Wilberforce, severally address the freeholders of the town, at the Town-Hall and Tontine, on the occasion of offering themselves (Mr. Fawkes first time) to represent the county.
- Nov.* Duke of Clarence and suite visited the manufactories  
5. of the town.
- 28. Winter fair ; price of cheese, 58s. to 70s. per cwt.
- Dec.* Chantrey's first public piece of work, the monument  
23. to the memory of the late Rev. J. Wilkinson, placed in the parish church. " This monument, just erected by subscription, has been much and deservedly admired, not only as a faithful and affecting resemblance of a venerable and lamented character, whose virtues will consecrate the marble which records them—but also as a chaste and exquisite specimen of the talents of a young artist, whose genius we are firmly of opinion is destined hereafter not only to confer celebrity on the little village of Norton, the place of his birth, but to reflect glory on his native county itself."—*Iris.*
1807. Marriages at the parish church during the past year,  
*Jan.* 484 ; increased beyond the former year, 5 ; beyond the average of the last ten years, 55.
- The business before the magistrates transacted at the Cutlers'-Hall.
- Town library ; president, Rev. C. Chadwick.
- Independent and Dissenting chapel at Attercliffe built ; first minister, Rev. Maurice Philips.
- 19. Decease of Mr. John Trevor Younge, merchant, of Union-street ; " he was one of the oldest inhabitants of Sheffield, a trustee of the town and church estates, and having preserved an unblemished character for integrity and piety, died in his 88th year, in peace with all mankind."—*Iris.*

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- Feb.* 27. Town fire engines;—the fire engines belonging to the trustees of the town presented to the directors of the Birmingham fire office, who undertake to keep the same in repair, and employ men to work them.
- Mar.* 22. Choir of St. Paul's church;—22nd anniversary of the collection (£22. 8s. 6d.) for the benefit of the choir.
- 28. The Sheffield Mercury newspaper;—the first number published by Mr. William Todd, in the Market-place.
- April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Jno. Wreaks, Peter Spurr, J. W. Wright, Wm. Skidmore; amount of rates collected, £14,315. 11s. 10d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £14,169. 9s. 7d.; county rate, £141. 4s. 2d.
- 7. There are at this time upwards of 40 recruiting parties in the town, successfully employed in procuring young men and boys for limited service.—*Iris*.
- 16. New Town-Hall.—Town Collector and Trustees present the town with the site of ground at the top of Waingate, and on the south of Castle-street, for the new Town-Hall.
- 29. First public meeting at the Tontine to promote the election of Lord Milton as M. P.;—first committee formed, H. Parker, V. Eyre, Sir W. C. Bagshawe, S. Shore, S. Shore, jun., Richard Swallow, Thos. Rawson, Dr. Browne, Dr. Cheney, Joseph Read, Rev. Wilfred Huddleston, Rev. J. Dixon, Robt. Turner, Hugh Mellor, and G. Woolhouse.
- Mr. Lascelles' committee for promoting his election as M. P.;—James Stuart Wortley, Thomas Sutton, Stuart Corbett, Benjamin Wainwright, M.D., Mark Skelton, jun., John Jeeves, Samuel Newbould, George Bustard Greaves.
- Mr. Wilberforce's committee;—S. Walker, William Alderson, Richard Stanley, S. B. Ward, B. Sayle, D. Holey, W. Staniforth, F. Parker, G. Bennet, S. Turner, G. Senior, and Joshua Spooner.
- John Sorby, Master, and Company of Cutlers in meeting, resolved "that this Company are truly sensible of the very great Parliamentary attention which

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Mr. Wilberforce and Mr. Lascelles have uniformly given to the interests of the town, and deem them highly worthy of support at the ensuing election."

- May 1. Public meeting; resolved to present a loyal and dutiful address, expressing the "unalterable attachment to his Majesty's sacred person and Government;" chairman, Rev. Mr. Sutton.
- 2. The river (Dun) "suddenly swollen by the waters of the Rivelin and Loxley, a mass of clouds having burst in a deluge on the high lands at Bradfield; the torrent, in its progress, ploughed up the soil, and carried with it great quantities of earth, shrubs, trees, utensils of husbandry, &c."—*Sheffield Mercury*.
- 10. Public collection in the parish church for the benefit of the singers, and to purchase sacred music.
- 20. Society established and subscriptions opened, to improve the condition of children employed by chimney-sweepers, and to supersede the necessity of employing them.
- 25. General infirmary;—Trustees receive, through the hands of Messrs. Coutts, London bankers, the sum of £6337. 2s. 10d., the produce of £1000 3 per cent. stock, the donation of one unknown.
- June 4. Public procession through the town, to celebrate the return of Lord Milton as M.P.
- 25. Society for bettering the condition of the poor; fourth annual report, received during the past year, £268. 15s. 5½d.; disbursed, £335. 6s. 5d.; value of flax, worsted, linen, bedding, &c. on hand, £267. 9s. 5d.
- 26. Sheffield Volunteer Infantry inspected by Colonel Gooch.
- July 7. Decease of the Rev. S. Barnard, minister of Howard-street chapel, "sincerely and justly lamented by a numerous and respectable congregataion, more than 500 of whom attended his funeral."—*Sheffield Mercury*.
- 12. General infirmary;—Trustees receive £50, donation from Mrs. Martha Wigfield of Darnall, deceased.
- 22. Public dinner at the Tontine, to celebrate the return of Lord Milton as M.P.
- Aug. 5. Theatre; Mr. Munden played (4 nights.)
- 7. Samuel Paramore, aged 68, executed at York, for



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criminally assulting two infant children in a house in Carver-lane.

- Aug.* James Gordon (a well known character in the town) committed to the house of correction for publishing a libel on J. Ireland, excise officer of the district. —*Sheffield Mercury.*
- Sep.* 3. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. P. Brownell; guests present, Duke of Norfolk and Lord Milton.
- 4. ————— Mrs. Brownell gave an elegant dinner to the ladies, and in the evening, an assembly at the rooms in Norfolk-street.
- 7. Sheffield Volunteer Infantry; public meeting, Dr. Browne chairman, resolved, that a committee be formed, and subscriptions entered into, for three years if necessary, to meet the exigencies of the regiment.
- 14. Theatre opened by the "managers;" principal performers, Messrs. Dwyer, Harley, Huddart, and Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Young, Miss S. Booth, Miss Macauley.
- Oct.* 7. Decease of Mr. Joseph Hattersley, of Pond-street, aged 82. "In the early part of his life, he was the most celebrated steel, drawer within the limits of the corporation."
- 19. Oratorio at St. James's church, for the benefit of Mr. Joseph Taylor, "the venerable father of music in Sheffield."
- 22. First subscription concert and ball, for the benefit of the Infirmary.
- 23. Sheffield Regiment of Volunteer Infantry inspected by Colonel Baldwin, at Broom-hall.
- Nov.* Promotions in the Sheffield Volunteer Yeomanry:—
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|--|-----------------|
| Francis Fenton, Esq. to be Lieut. Col. Commandant. |                 |
| Major T. Leader .....                              | Lieut. Colonel. |
| Captain Joseph Read .....                          | Major.          |
| Lieut. Robert Wade .....                           | Captain.        |
| Lieut. Godfrey Machon .....                        | Do.             |
| Lieut. T. A. Ward .....                            | Do.             |
| Lieut. M. Jepson .....                             | Do.             |
| Ensign C. Pickslay .....                           | Lieutenant.     |
| Ensign John Turner .....                           | Do.             |
| Ensign John Ardron .....                           | Do.             |

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Ensign George Tillotson .....	Lieutenant.
Ensign John Blake .....	Do.
Joseph Nowill, Gent.....	Do.
Ensign Thomas Walton .....	Do.
John Brown, Gent.....	Do.
Simon Hefford, Gent.....	Ensign.
Thomas Barber, Gent.....	Do.
C. R. Cooke, Gent.....	Do.
Jamas Hide, Gent.....	Do.
John Wiley, Gent.....	Do.
Thomas Bradbury, gent.....	Do.

- 28. Winter fair held ; cheese, 60s. to 67s. per cwt.
- Dec.* 1. Decease of Mrs. Woolen, wife of Mr. Wm. Woolen, of the Park. “ She had just finished reading a letter, which contained an account of the loss of a ship, on board of which all the crew perished, excepting her own son and another boy ; when, being suddenly overcome with joy and apprehension, she fell on the floor and instantly expired :—  
*Sheffield Mercury.*”
- 2. Sheffield fire office first formed ; shares of £100 each.
- 12. Decease of Mr. John Northall, formerly publisher of the Sheffield Courant newspaper.
- 14. Rev. C. Chadwick, A. B., master of the grammar school, presented with a silver cup by the gentlemen educated by him, “in token of their gratitude and high regard.”—*Inscrip. Reverendo Viro Carolo Chadwick, A.B., Scholæ liberæ Sheffieldensis rectori sedulo, anno jam trigesimo secundo laboranti, discipuli præceptoris et amici beneficiorum memores, D. D.—Anno MDCCCVII.*
- 24. Master Cutler and Company give notice “ that they will enforce their act of corporation, making it penal in the amount of ten pounds per month, for any person not a freeman of the said Company to carry on any of the corporate arts or trades.”
- 31. Expended by the Church Burgesses during the past year out of their trust fund ; to the clergy £400 ; to repairs, &c. of the church, £217. 13s. 7d. ; to the poor £15 ; to general and incidental expences, £211. 5s. 1d.—*P. Rep.*
- 31. Public meeting ; resolved to raise the sum of £300,000,

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in shares of £100 each, for the establishment of the Sheffield fire office.

- Price of conveyance of goods, (Wade and Co.'s, Shudehill;) Manchester to Sheffield, 2s. per cwt.; Sheffield to Manchester, 2s. 2d.; to and from Sheffield and Liverpool, 2s. 10d. per cwt.
- Jan.*
- Town library; president, Rev. C. Chadwick.
- 30. Committee of the new insurance company announce receipt of subscriptions to be £155,000.
- Mar.*
9. General infirmary; Mr. John Dawson elected Secretary, *vice* Mr. William Lowrie, resigned.
- 25. General infirmary; fifth subscription concert and ball for the benefit of the infirmary; leader, Mr. White; principal singer, Mr. Frith.
- April.*
- Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Thos. Watson, James Cam, Jos. Hawksley, Francis Carr; amount of rates collected, £16,151. 0s. 7d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £16,001. 10s. 8d.; county rate, £147. 16s.
- 6. Sheffield fire insurance office; committee of formation announce the subscriptions to have reached £297,500, and the opening of the establishment the ensuing midsummer.
- 25. Acting constables of the town, John Hinchcliffe, Thomas and William Smith; assistants, Edward Jennings and William Jones.
- Decease of Mr. William Warris, aged 38, "merchant, and Captain in the Sheffield regiment of Volunteer Infantry."
- May*
- Performance of sacred music, and collection at the doors of the parish church, for the benefit of the singers.
- 1.
- 7. Angel Inn, Angel-street, first kept by Mr. William Peech.
- Old Town-Hall, at the corner of St. Peter's churchyard, taken down.
- 28. Mr. Lambert (weighing 50 stone of 14lbs ea.) advertised that he would "see company" at the Angel Inn.
- June*
- Summer fair held in the Wicker; price of cheese, 14. 75s. to 85s. per cwt.
- 16. Sheffield Volunteer Infantry inspected on Brinsworth Common, by Col. Baldwin.

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- June* Bill passed "to facilitate the recovery of debts under  
 18. five pounds, within the jurisdiction of the Courts  
 Baron of Sheffield and Ecclesall;" Clerk (Deputy  
 Steward) of the Court, John Watson, Esq.
- 23. The foundation laid of the new Town-Hall.
- 24. Samuel Mather appointed organist of St. Paul's  
 church, *vice* his father, Mr. John Mather, de-  
 ceased.
- 25. Offices of the Sheffield fire insurance company first  
 opened for business, at the house of Mr. T. Willey,  
 (principal agent,) Market-place.
- July* 4. Decease of Mr. Charles Proctor, aged 69, "a most  
 useful member of the community at large taking,  
 on all occasions, a most active persevering part to  
 accomplish any object for the benefit of society."
- 5. Decease of Mr. Thomas Wilson, Sycamore-street,  
 aged 63; "his hand and purse were always ready  
 to serve the cause of humanity, and support the  
 interests of religion."
- 7. First court day of the Sheffield Court of Requests; of-  
 fice, the Freemasons'-lodge, in Paradise-square;  
 Steward, Thos: Wybergh, Esq.
- 10. Sermons preached at the Nether, Howard-street, Lee-  
 croft, Garden-street, and Queen-street chapels,  
 and collections made for the benefit of the British  
 prisoners in France, and the relief of unemployed  
 workmen in the town.
- 11. Sheffield regiment of Volunteer Infantry, grand field  
 day; addressed by Col. Leader, on transferring  
 themselves, at the recommendation of Government,  
 to the militia; present, 398; volunteered as recom-  
 mended, 338; including 26 officers.
- 20. Non-commissioned officers and privates of the Shef-  
 field regiment of Volunteers, present Lieut.-Col.  
 Fenton with a superb sword, "as a testimony of  
 their sincere regard and attachment."
- 22. General infirmary receive £100; boys' and girls'  
 charity schools, £50 each; and Sunday Schools,  
 £20; bequeathed by Mr. Charles Proctor.
- Aug.* Committee of the association for the prosecution of  
 felons, present Mr. Ebenezer Rhodes with a gold  
 cup, "in acknowledgment of his public services in  
 the establishment of the institution."

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- Aug.* Mr. John Bannister delivered at the theatre his entertainment, called "Bannister's Budget."
29. Anniversary of the cutlers' feast; master, Mr. Ebenezer Rhodes.
1. — 2. Mrs. Rhodes entertained the ladies; dinner and assembly, at the rooms in Norfolk-street.
- 23. Public meeting; resolved to present an "address of congratulation to his Majesty, on the signal and successful efforts of Spain against the perfidy and tyranny of France."
- Oct.* Sheffield Volunteer regiment mustered for the last time; enrolled for the Local Militia, 456; commissioned officers, 32.
19. — 31. Theatre opened by Mr. Macready, for six weeks; principal performers, Mr. Conway, (first appearance,) Fawcett, Harley; Miss Grayson, Miss Young, Miss S. Booth.
- Dec.* 2. The Hope London and Sheffield coach first commenced running; Thomas Simpson, Tontine.
- 22. First meeting of the directors (24) of the Sheffield fire office.
- 31. Expended by the Church Burgesses during the past year, out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £400; to repairs, &c. of church, £380. 14s. 9d.; to the poor, £15; to general and incidental expenses, £83. 13s. 11d.—*P. Rep.*
1809. Places of public worship in the town at which service is performed:—
- |                   |       |                      |
|-------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Church of England | ..... | St. Peter's Church.  |
| _____             | ..... | St. Paul's.          |
| _____             | ..... | St. James's.         |
| _____             | ..... | Hospital Chapel.     |
| Independents      | ..... | Queen-street Chapel. |
| _____             | ..... | Norfolk-street.      |
| _____             | ..... | Howard-street.       |
| _____             | ..... | Garden-street.       |
| _____             | ..... | Lee-croft.           |
| Methodists,       | ..... | Norfolk-street.      |
| _____             | ..... | Carver-street.       |
| _____             | ..... | Bridgehouses.        |
| Catholics,        | ..... | Norfolk-row.         |
| Unitarians,       | ..... | Norfolk-street.      |
| Friends,          | ..... | Hartshead.           |

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Baptists, ..... Coalpit-lane.  
 Methodist New Connexion, Scotland-street.

- Jan.* Town library; president, Mr. Thomas Asline Ward.
11. Public meeting; resolved, "in consequence of the unprecedented stagnation of trade, the very high price of provisions, and the extreme difficulty of collecting the parochial rates, that a subscription be opened for the relief of the poor."
- 17. Public meeting for same purpose at the court room, Ecclesall Bierlow, and at Nether Hallam.
- Decease of Adam Ashton, aged 82, "fifty years overlooker of the water-works."
- 20. Committee appointed at the public meeting for the relief of the poor, (Sheffield township) announce the receipt of subscriptions £1300, and the number of applicants for relief, 10,000.
- 27. Tontine Inn first kept by Jno. Batty.
- Feb.* Mr. Joseph Lancaster, at the Assembly-rooms, publicly elucidated his plan of educating poor children.
- 16. Public meeting; resolved that a committee be appointed and subscriptions entered into, towards the establishment of a school for 1000 boys, on the plan of Mr. Lancaster.
- April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Jno. Eadon, jun., Samuel Mitchell, Benj. Shepherd, Henry Whitelock; amount of rates collected, £18,990. 17s. 1d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £18,831. 3s.; county rate, £135. 18s. 7d.
- 12. Public meeting; resolved that thanks be given to Colonel Gwilliam Lloyd Wardle, for his conduct during the investigation of the charges brought against the Duke of York; address conveying the thanks received 15,035 names.
- May* Decease of Mr. Samuel Pecch, aged 70. "He was one of the greatest coach proprietors and post-masters in the kingdom, and kept the Angel Inn thirty years."
- 30.
- June* Lancasterian school, in Gibraltar-street, first opened; master, Mr. Charles Bower.
- 5.
- Mr. Wheatcroft, of Sutton, appointed a master of the free grammar school.
- 17. Sheffield Yeomanry Cavalry reviewed on Brinsworth Common, by Col. Gooch.

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- June* Decease of the Rev. Charles Chadwick, B.A., vicar of Tinsley, and head master of the grammar school for more than thirty years, aged 71 years. "He was a man of considerable erudition, and ranked high as a classical scholar; he was highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance." *Sheffield Merc.*
19. Confirmation in the parish church of 1073 young persons, by the Hon. Edward Venables Vernon, Archbishop of York.
- July* 5. Sheffield regiment of Local Militia, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Fenton, commenced fourteen days' exercise at Doncaster.
- Fifth anniversary of the annuity society, at the Tontine; reported, £750. 14s. 4d. stock; members, 120.
- 6. Thirteenth anniversary of the female benefit society; stock, £971.
- 24. Town-Hall; the new clock first set a-going.
- 27. The vault beneath the Shrewsbury chapel in the parish church explored by Mr. Joseph Hunter, Mr. V. H. Eyre, and Mr. John Greaves. "By eight or nine steps from the chancel, we descended to an upright door, which we found so decayed that it fell from its bolt and hinges on a slight force being applied to it. We were then admitted into a room about ten feet square and six feet in height, its stone roof supported by a rough hewn pillar, rising in the centre. We found only two coffins lying on tressels, (Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury, 1616, and Henry Howard, Esq., 1787.) Formerly more of the coffins were in sight; the others deposited here are probably walled up in that part of the vault which lies under the founder's tomb."
- Aug.* Mr. Incedon, the singer, gave a vocal entertainment
7. at the theatre.
- 26. Rev. Jos. Wilson, M. A. elected master of the free grammar school, *vice* Mr. Chadwick, deceased.
- Sept.* Anniversary of the Cutlers' feast; Master, Mr. Robert Brightmore. Corporation announce, that in consequence of the state of their finances, they suspend the annual feast, and dine by tickets, 15s. each.

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- Sept.* A cloud descended precipitately on Crookes-moor, 8. from whence the water rolled down through the intervening fields and gardens, bearing away walls and ploughing up the soil, until it reached Young-street, on Sheffield-moor, where, after inundating the ground floors and cellars of the houses, the flood spent itself over the road and adjoining land.—*Sheffield Mercury*.
- 19. Early in the morning, the town and neighbourhood visited by a most tremendous hurricane, exceeding in violence any storm experienced at such a season. In its impetuous course, it tore trees from the roots, destroyed fruits and gardens, walls, windows, &c.—*Sheffield Mercury*.
- 26. Dr. Cori and his pupils perform a musical melange at the theatre.
- Oct.* 9. Theatre opened by Messrs. Robinson and Manley; principal performers, Messrs. Pritchard, Shelton, Platt, Earl, Sidney; Mrs. Wrench, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Sidney.
- 14. Decease of Mr. Robert Gales, aged 75, father of Mr. Jos. Gales, publisher of the Sheffield newspaper.
- 16. First appearance of Miss Feron at the theatre.
- 17. Decease of Mr. Ebenezer Radcliffe, dissenting minister, aged 77. "He was educated at the grammar school of Sheffield; he had powers of a very superior order, and may be said to have established a permanent reputation upon works (theological discussion) which rarely survive the occasion which produces them."
- 25. Celebration of his Majesty's entrance on the 50th year of his reign; business closed, churches and chapels open, and collections for charitable purposes; Jubilee public dinners at the Angel and Tontine, and other inns; seventy-one poor men of the age of his Majesty receive each a new coat and hat, and dine at the Cutlers'-Hall, at the expense of the corporation; fire-works, balls, &c.
- Nov.* Winter fair held in the Wicker; price of cheese, 78s. 28. to 90s. per cwt.
- Dec.* 4. General meeting of the merchants and manufacturers, (Mr. John Tillotson chairman,) to take into consideration measures necessary to be adopted in con-



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sequence of the demands of the journeymen for an advance of wages; resolved that a committee of trades be appointed to ascertain the expediency of an advance.

*Dec.* Charge of conveyance of merchandize from Sheffield  
31. to London, 11s. 8d. per cwt.; Messrs. Pickfords, Hunt, and Ibbotson.

— Expended by the Church Burgesses, during the past year, out of their funds; to the clergy, £400; to repairs, &c. of church, £386. 2s. 1d.; to the poor, £15; to general and incidental expenses, £214. 7s. 2d.—*P. Rep.*

1810. Public news room established in an elegant and com-  
*Jan. 1.* modious room in the old church yard.

— Town library; president, Rev. Thomas Sutton.

— 11. Meeting at the Tontine, of the friends of Col. Wardle, to promote a public subscription towards defraying the expenses of the legal proceedings attending the enquiry into the conduct of the Duke of York; collected (about) £130.

— 17. Decease of Sergeant Street, aged 79; “Orderly Sergeant in the Sheffield Volunteers, commanded by the late Col. Athorpe.”

*Feb. 5.* Sheffield Auxiliary British and Foreign Bible Society, public meeting, and subscriptions opened for its formation.

— 23. The screw manufactory in Millsands, belonging to Messrs. Hattersley and Co., destroyed by fire.

*April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Saml. Carver, John Tillotson, Francis Allwood, Jona. Francis; amount of rates collected, £16,241. 10s. 7d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £16,016. 18s. 6d.; county rate, £149. 11s. 7d.

— 6. Journeymen scissor makers combine together, and resolve not to work for masters making cast steel scissors; workmen in several branches combine for an advance of wages.

— Meeting of the merchants and master manufacturers; resolved “that subscriptions be raised, and that prosecutions be commenced against workmen who have entered into unlawful combinations.”

— 10. Decease of John Browne, M. D., aged 70. “Distinguished by powers of mind which are only given to

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the few and favoured instruments of a gracious Providence, to promote the interests and happiness of the society in which they are placed, these high endowments were actively and uniformly dedicated by him to every object of social usefulness, and every exertion of compassionate benevolence; on all occasions the public mind turned to him as a man devoted to its interests,—the foremost in every measure directed to the public good, with talents adequate to every undertaking, and a heart which bestowed the gifts of an ample fortune on every meritorious object." *Go thou and do likewise.*

- April* Sheffield Auxiliary Bible Society;—first report, Earl  
 14. Fitzwilliam president; amount of donations, £292; annual subscriptions, £355; one-half of total amount transmitted to the Parent Society, and the remainder appropriated to the purchase of Bibles and Testaments.  
 — 16. The funeral of Dr. Browne attended by the principal inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood.

" The light his life has ceased to give,  
 Will e'en in his example live;  
 And memory's grateful incense burn,  
 Diffusing radiance from his urn."

- Bequests of Dr. Browne; to the Infirmary, £500; boys' and girls' charity schools, £100 each.  
 — 19. The new Town-Hall opened, and business first transacted there by the magistrates.  
 — 28. Female friendly society first formed.  
*May* Sheffield regiment of Local Militia assembled for 20  
 2. days' training and exercise.  
 — 3. Joseph Ward, James Knight, Samuel Hawke, Eliazer Clayton, Thomas Booth, and William Bromley, six resident blind musicians, have a benefit concert at the assembly rooms.  
 — Mr. Blewitt appointed organist of the parish church.  
 — 7. Dr. Browne;—resolved at a public meeting to place by subscription a bust (value 100 guineas) of Dr. Browne, deceased, in the infirmary, and to raise a monument to him in the church.  
 — 8. Decease of Mr. John Eadon, master of the free writing school, aged 80. "As a mathematician, he ranked among the first in the kingdom, and the

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last fifty years of his useful life were devoted to the education of thousands of the youth of Sheffield."

- May Pitt Club; first meeting and dinner of the members,  
28. at the Angel Inn. Rev. Stuart Corbett, D. D. president.
- June Public meeting; "about seven or eight thousand of  
6. the inhabitants assembled in Paradise-square, to take into consideration the assumption of privilege by the House of Commons, in imprisoning his Majesty's subjects for offences cognizable in the usual courts of law, to consider the subject of a reform in the representation of the people, and the propriety of returning thanks to Sir Francis Burdett for his great and unremitting exertions in the service of his country."—Address and petition voted.—*Sheffield Mercury*.
- Master Cutler, (Robert Brightmore,) Church Burgesses, and Town Collector, (Robert Turner,) and three hundred merchants, manufacturers, &c. publish a declaration, declaring their dissent from the objects of the meeting.
- 14. Lancasterian school; first report of the committee; expended in salaries, rent, books, &c., £803; received in donations, £627; number of scholars, 620; master, Mr. M'Coy.
- 20. Humane society, for the recovery of persons apparently dead, first formed by Mr. F. Cluley, the directors of the Sheffield fire office, and governors of the infirmary.
- 28. Court of Requests removed to the room in the new Town-Hall.
- Public dinner at the Tontine, of the friends of constitutional reform; Thomas Rawson, Esq., president.
- July 1. Disputes between the masters and journeymen spring knife cutlers amicably adjusted.
- Public dinners given at the Tontine, and sixteen other inns, to celebrate the liberation of Sir Francis Burdett.
- 10. Decease of Mr. John Smith, aged 63, "many years an eminent bookseller in this town, and father to the Rev. John Pye Smith, D.D., of Homerton."—*Sheffield Mercury*.

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- Aug.* J. A. Stuart Wortley, Esq. M. P., and a number of  
 1. the friends and customers of Mr. Peech, deceased, dined at the Angel Inn, in compliment to the manner in which the house had been conducted by himself and family.
- 20. Sale of the property, horses, wines, &c. of Mr. S. Peech, deceased, at the Angel Inn; a brass candlestick sold for £6, the old two-armed elm chair, used for so many years by Mr. Peech, in the bar, five guineas, and the set of silver casters, so well known and admired, £24.
- Sept.* Sir Sidney Smith visited the town, and was received  
 1. publicly by the members of the corporation, &c.
- 6. Anniversary of the Cutlers' feast; Master, Mr. John Tillotson; dinner by tickets, 15s.; guest, Lord Milton.
- 18. Mr. Thelwall lectured on elocution at the theatre.
- Oc. 27.* Lord Milton presented £100 to the infirmary.
- Nov.* Messrs. Revill and Co.'s sugar-house, in the Nursery,  
 9. partly destroyed by fire; damage, £1000.
- 12. Mr. Charles Adams appointed vestry clerk, *vice* Mr. Thomas Scholefield resigned.
- 16. Princess Amelia; the day for the interment of the deceased Princess (died 2d instant) observed in the town.
- 23. The cotton mill of Messrs. Heathfield, Middleton, and Co. destroyed by fire; "by twelve o'clock, four hours after commencement, the building, with the exception of one end, appeared a mere shell; no lives lost."—*Sheff. Merc.*
- 26. Theatre opened by Mr. Simms; principal performers, Messrs. Harley, Amthos, Tuthill, Shaw, Bennett, Ryan; Mr. J. Bannister, (six nights;) Mrs. Wood, Miss Walcot, Miss Feron, (three nights.)
- 29. The Messiah (oratorio) performed at St. Paul's church, on the occasion of re-opening the organ; principal performers, Miss Feron; Messrs. Cotham, Bradbury, Lees, White, Ellis, and John Mather.
- Dec.* Police act;—resolved, at a public meeting held at the  
 17. Town-Hall, that it is expedient to procure an act of Parliament for the better watching and lighting the town, removal of nuisances, &c.; original committee, Messrs. J. Rimington, W. Shore, J. Bailey,

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J. Tillotson, T. Hawksley, E. Nanson, R. Walton, W. Thompson, G. Bennet, J. Withers, J. Favell, J. Shearwood, E. Rhodes, T. A. Ward, and J. Nowill.

- Dec.* Chantry's marble bust of Dr. Browne placed in the  
 31. board-room of the infirmary.  
 —. Expended by the Church Burgesses during the past year, out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £491. 10s.; to repairs, &c. of church, £268. 14s. 1d.; to the poor, £15; to general and incidental expenses, £193. 8s. 1d.—*P. Rep.*  
 1811. Population of Sheffield, according to the Parliamen-  
*Jan.* tary census:—

Townships,	Males.	Females.	Total.
Sheffield Town & Park,	17387	18453	35840
Ecclesal-Byerlow.....	3190	3379	6569
Brightside-Byerlow....	2462	2437	6899
Attercliffe-cum-Darnall,	1436	1237	2673
Hallam Nether .....	1233	1151	2384
Hallam Upper .....	453	413	866
Total .....	26,161	27,070	53,231

- . Town library; president, Mr. George Bennet.  
 —. Attercliffe and Darnall;—the common fields and waste lands within the manors of Darnall and Attercliffe (50 acres of common field, and 230 acres of waste land) enclosed by act of Parliament.  
 —: Number of houses in the township of Sheffield, 7927.  
 —*Ridge's Picture of Sheffield.*  
 — 23. Public meeting;—resolved to petition the post-master to expedite the London mail by Worksop.  
*Feb.* Publication of the Sheffield Mercury removed to Mr.  
 — 23. Middleton's late premises, head of the Market-place.  
*Mar.* General fast observed;—£135 collected at the churches and three chapels for the relief of British prisoners in France.  
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 —21. Public meeting to receive the report of the committee appointed to prepare a police act.  
*April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Samuel Young, Benjamin Colley, Edward Wilson, Samuel Lucas; amount collected in rates, £16,640. 10s.

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7d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £16,453. 10s. 8d.; county rate, £154. 17s. 0d.

- April* Public meeting;—resolved, “1st, That the report of  
5. the committee appointed in December 1809 be adopted as the basis of the proposed police act; 2nd, That the Town Trustees having declined appropriating any portion of the funds towards the objects of the bill, that it is expedient to institute proceedings in Chancery, to obtain a proper specific settlement of the trust adapted to the wants and exigencies of the town.”
- 8. First annual meeting of the friends of the Auxiliary Bible Society held at the Cutlers’-Hall.
- 16. Court Leet;—acting constables, John Hinchliffe, Thomas Smith, William Smith; assistants, Jones, Deakin, Watkin, Morton.
- 17. Miss Osborne first sung at the subscription concerts for the benefit of the infirmary.
- May* Dreadful storm;—“In the afternoon, between five and six o’clock, this town and neighbourhood were visited by a tremendous storm of hail, accompanied with thunder and lightning—the streets were covered with hail-stones three to five inches in circumference; fruit trees, hot-houses, &c. were destroyed; on the premises of 32 persons only 10,710 panes of glass were destroyed.”—*Sheffield Merc.*
- 13. Friendly female society;—first report and anniversary meeting at the Town-Hall; distributed during the past year, £256, with which 341 objects have been in some degree relieved; of these, two-thirds are upwards of 70 years of age, thirty-seven upwards of eighty, and one more than 90.
- 27. Sheffield Local Militia inspected by Major-General Stevenson.
- 28. Second anniversary of the Pitt club at the Tontine, president, Rev. Thomas Sutton.
- June* 3. Decease of Sir S. Sitwell, aged 42;—bequeathed to the Sheffield Bible Society £400, to the infirmary £300.
- Vestry meeting;—Churchwardens authorised to purchase a piece of land to be given to the Church Burgesses, in exchange for two acres and a half

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situate at the top of Broad-lane, to be used as a burial-ground.

*June 5.* Meeting of Protestant Dissenters at Queen-street chapel—day of thanksgiving appointed for the rejection of Lord Sidmouth's bill.

— 25. Eighth report of the society for bettering the condition of the poor; receipts, £322; stock and debts due, £93. 5s.; disbursed £288.

— 30. Quantity of wrought-plate manufactured in the town, and assayed at the public office during the past year, 3882 lb. 1 oz. 4 dwts.

*July* Price of grain, &c. in Sheffield; wheat, 26s. to 35s.; rye, 22s. to 25s.; barley, 35s. to 44s.; oats, 24s. to 32s.; beans, 19s. to 20s. per quarter Winchester.

— The young society;—stock, £2482; members, 553.

— 12. Election of Town Trustees;—public meeting for the election of three new Trustees, resolved "that the committee appointed on 5th April last, do, within two months, report the opinions of Sir James Mansfield and Sir William Grant, touching the right of electing persons as Town Trustees."

— 20. The directors advertise the club corn mill to be sold.

— 29. The sixty-eighth annual conference of Wesleyan preachers held in the town.

— Sheffield fire insurance, new offices opened in George-street.

*Aug.* Rev. W. Hedges, of Thribergh, bequeathed £100 to the infirmary.

*Sep. 5.* Anniversary of the Cutlers' feast;—Master, Mr. John Eton; dinner by tickets. 15s. each.

— Master and Company of Cutlers advertise to raise £2100, in sums not less than £500 each, by way of annuity.

— 14. Patent granted to George Kitchen, silver-plater, for making portable sconces or branches.

*Oct. 7.* Theatre opened by Messrs. Manley and Robertson; principal performers, Messrs. Yates, Carter, and Clarke, Miss Wallis, Miss Irwin, Miss Plowden.

— 11. Public meeting;—resolved, that in consequence of the increasing scarcity of small change, (money) that the overseers, under the sanction of the town, do issue a coinage of silver tokens, not exceeding £10,000, of 1s. and 2s. 6d. currency.

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- Oct. 16. Steam engines;—true bills for nuisances found by the grand jury at the sessions, against the owners of two steam engines in Arundel-street and Pond-street, for not consuming the smoke.
- 26. Decease of Mr. Joseph Taylor, aged 81;—"He was the first public spirited person who introduced oratorios into the town, and as a tribute of esteem, honourable both to the givers and receiver, performances of sacred music have been yearly presented for his benefit by his musical friends, the profits of which in age, infirmity, and blindness, enabled him to live comfortably."
- Nov. 6. Decease of the Rev. Thomas Spencer, "a man of great worth and sincerely lamented by his friends."
- John Westwood issued silver tokens, value sixpence and one shilling.
- 26. Mr. William Lawton, (Bay Childers) aged 39, in crossing the Market-place, fell down and expired without a groan or convulsion of nature.
- 28. The winter fair;—price of cheese, 75s. to 90s. per cwt.
- Dec. 8. Decease of Mr. James Kay, aged 79, of Eyre-street, and formerly of the King's Head, Change-alley.
- 30. Public meeting;—resolved, "that it is unadvisable for the overseers or private individuals to issue any more tokens, and that none excepting those issued by the overseers be taken after the expiration of one month."
- 31. Expended by the Church Burgesses, during the past year, out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £460; to repairs, &c. of church, £218. 7s. 3d.; to the poor, £15; to general and incidental expences, £191. 4s. 11d.—*P. Rep.*
1812. Jan. Town library; president, Mr. George Bennet.
- 13. Meeting of the friends of Church Sunday Schools; resolved, that a building be erected or procured, capable of containing 500 scholars, and that the system of Dr. Best be introduced,—subscriptions entered into.
- Messrs. Inledon and Matthews produce their entertainment of the Travellers at the theatre.
- General infirmary;—Treasurer receives £70. 2s. 3d., a proportion of the undisposed balance of the Yorkshire Tontine.



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- Jan.* Patent granted to Mr. John Sorby, jun. for a new method of making shears.
- 22. Rev. Henry Stephen Milner, D. D. qualified as a magistrate within the West-Riding.
- Rev. George Chandler qualified as a magistrate within the West-Riding.
- 26. Decease of Mr. Josephus Parkin, age 79. "He was elected Master Cutler in 1779, and on the death of his successor in 1780, he was called upon a second time to discharge the duties of that office."—*Sheffield Merc.*
- 27. Decease of Mr. J. Brady, a member of the Society of Friends. "Though deeply lamented by the more immediate circle of his connexions, yet to society his memory will be long deservedly dear, and all will unite in the regret at the early termination of a life devoted to benevolence."—*Sheffield Merc.*
- 29. Decease of Mr. Anthony Norton, aged 86, "he was the first person who drove a coach or chaise between Sheffield and Chesterfield."
- 31. Subscriptions for the maintenance of the Church Sunday Schools, proposed at the meeting of the 13th inst., amount to £800.
- Feb. 3.* Public meeting;—resolved to petition Parliament to rescind certain "Orders in Council," in consequence of which, the American Congress have prohibited the importation of British manufactures.
- Mar.* Decease of Mr. Longden, aged 58, "thirty-five years a preacher in this town, of the Methodist connection." "The goodness of his character requires no panegyric, hundreds of happy spirits, to whom he has been rendered useful, will hail him welcome to the skies."—*Sheff. Merc.*
- Decease of Mrs. Dorothy Broadhead, a member of the Society of Friends, aged 73. "She left sons and daughters, and 30 grand children, to lament her loss,—she has, in the fullest sense of the word, done all the good for which she was intended."—*Sheff. Mercury.*
- 9. Second anniversary and report of the Auxiliary Bible Society at the Town-Hall; Rev. Thomas Sutton in the chair.
- 25. The hospital (Shrewsbury);—Duke of Norfolk in-

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creased the pensioners' allowance to ten shillings per week to the men, and eight shillings per week to the women.

- Mar.* Master and Corporation of Cutlers vote that petitions
28. be presented to Parliament against the renewal of the East India Company's monopoly, after the 1st March, 1814, the period of its expiration;— Mr. T. A. Ward appointed deputy, to further the object of the petition to London.
- April* Parish accounts for the year; overseers, Samuel
5. Young, Benjamin Colley, Edward Wilson, Samuel Lucas; assistant overseers, Thomas Deakin, Jarvis Brady, J. Shaw, James Wild; amount collected in rates, £18,607. 10s. 5d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £18,327. 16s.; county rate, £149. 5s. 8d.
- Anne Phoenix and Hannah Machon sentenced at the sessions to six months' imprisonment and to stand once in the pillory in the town, for keeping disorderly houses.
- 7. Sheffield regiments of Yeomanry Cavalry and Local Militia upon service to assist the civil power in preserving the peace of the town.
- 13. Decease of Mr. Peter Cadman, aged 78, merchant, of Norfolk-street.
- 14. Attack made by several hundred persons upon the military depôt of the Sheffield Local Militia; the Dragoons called out by the magistrates; thirty stand of arms destroyed.
- 15. Magistrates of the town order the special constables to parade the town in parties during the evening and night, and apprehend all persons refusing to disperse, and that all publicans close their houses by ten precisely, except permission to the contrary be given.
- 20. Disturbances in the town, chiefly on account of the high price of provisions.
- 27. Town Collector and Assistants offer thanks to the civil and military powers, for their spirited and judicious conduct during the late unhappy disturbances.
- May* Mr. John Bailey, Messrs. Naylor, and Mr. Ebenezer
2. Rhodes, appointed a deputation to London to give

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evidence in the Parliamentary committee, touching the revocation of the Orders in Council.

- May* Members of the Pitt Club advertise "That in consequence of the late atrocious assassination committed on the person of Mr. Perceval, the Minister, (who was so strict a disciple of, and so able a successor to the late Right Hon. W. Pitt,) the proposed anniversary of the 28th be postponed."
16. Additional special constables sworn at the Town-Hall, and association formed for the preservation of the peace.
- 31. Decease of Mr. Brittain, aged 73, merchant, partner in the house of Messrs. Brittain, Wilkinson, and Brownell.
- June* South Devon Militia quartered in the town, and inspected by General Stevenson.
1. — 11. Third anniversary of the formation of the Lancastrian schools; scholars, 551; received in subscriptions, donations, &c. the past year, £390. "And we would cause, as we very easily may by God's help, all the youth that are of the English nation to be put to learning; and that they should be set about no other business until they first know how to read English."—*Alfred the Great*.
- 19. Rejoicings in the town, upon the news of the suspension of the Orders in Council.
- 22 Yorkshire amateur music meeting; performance in & 23. St. Paul's church, dinner at the Tontine, concert at the assembly rooms, and ball.
- 29. Decease of Mr. Porter, of Howard-street, aged 76. "A principle of benevolence, integrity of heart, and fervour of friendship, were conspicuous in his character."—*Sheffield Mercury*.
- July* 1. Public meeting; resolved to vote "thanks to those Members of Parliament who supported the revocation of the Orders in Council, by which the valuable trade to the United States of America has been restored to Sheffield;" and a subscription, limited to sixpence each, formed, to present a piece of plate to Mr. Brougham, for his able advocacy of the revocation.
- 18. General infirmary; received a donation of £100 from a person unknown.

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- July* Anniversary of the Pitt club, at the Tontine; president, Leut.-Col. Leader.
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- Aug.* Trials of the prisoners at York, charged with the riot in Sheffield on the 14th of April; Rodgers, six months' imprisonment; Gibbons, twelve months; Wolstenhelm, acquitted.
- 13. Price of fine flour, upwards of five shillings per stone.
- Public meeting; resolved that the overseers increase generally the weekly allowance made to the necessitous poor.
- 16. Gold tokens issued by Young, Wilsons, and Young, and silver tokens issued by C. Younge & Co., withdrawn from circulation.
- 18. A great number of persons assembled in the town, & 19. and proceeded in a most tumultuous manner to the meal and flour dealers, and compelled them by force to sell their flour at 3s. per stone. The riot act read in different parts of the town, the military called out, and several persons apprehended.
- 20. Public meeting; general subscription for the relief of the poor of the township of Sheffield, and the hamlets, not receiving actual relief from the overseers.
- Sept.* Anniversary of the Cutlers' feast; Master, James 6. Smith, Esq.
- 8. Rev. Rowland Hill, M. A. preached a sermon in the theatre, for the benefit of the London Missionary Society; collected, £72.
- 11. Flour sold at 6s. 4d. per stone.
- 12. ——— at 4s. 8d. ditto.
- 13. Decease of Mr. Joseph Hawkrigg, aged 55; "No one ever sought his aid in affliction and distress in vain."—*Sheffield Mercury*.
- General infirmary and girls' charity school receive £50 each, the bequest of Mrs. Ellen Downs, deceased.
- Mail communication between Sheffield and Worksop first established.
- 16. Public dinner of the friends of Parliamentary reform at the King's Head; chairman, Thomas Rawson, Esq.; present, Major Cartwright.
- Oct.* 2. Mr. William Staniforth, jun. elected surgeon to the infirmary, *vice* Dr. Cheney resigned.

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*Oct. 5.* J. A. Stuart Wortley, Esq. addressed a meeting in Paradise-square, on offering himself a candidate for the representation of the county.

— 8. Theatre opened by Messrs. Robertson and Manley; principal performers, Messrs. Earl, Carter, Clarke; Munden, (three nights;) Miss Jervoise, Miss Treby.

— 9. Lord Milton addressed a meeting in Paradise-square, and vindicated his political conduct, on the occasion of offering himself a second time to represent the county.

— 22. Public dinner (130 present) at the Tontine, in compliment to J. A. S. Wortley, Esq., and in approbation of his conduct from the commencement of the canvass to his resignation of the contest to represent the county; president, Dr. Younge.

— 27. Amount of subscriptions for the relief of the poor, opened August 20, £1883. 17s.

— 29. General infirmary; Earl of Harewood and Hon. W. Lascelles gave fifty guineas each.

*Nov.* Decease of Mr. Taylor, "well known for having performed several astonishing cures on the lame, the deaf, and the blind."

— 4. The members of the Orange club, in full costume, paraded the streets, and heard a sermon delivered by the Rev. George Smith.

— 20. Decease of Mr. James Healey, of the hotel.

— Public meeting; overseers of the poor requested to issue copper tokens, for the convenience of the retail traders.

— 21. General infirmary; received £100, the legacy of J. Shepherd, Esq. of Greenhill.

— 28. Advertisements to discover the heir-at-law of the Rev. James Wilkinson, late vicar.

— The winter fair;—price of cheese, 75s. to 85s. per cwt.

*Dec. 5.* General infirmary; received £50 from Earl Manvers.

— 15. Mr. Joseph Hudson, late of London, bequeathed to the Master Cutler, in trust, £200, 4 per cents., the interest whereof to be distributed every Christmas eve, to sixteen of the most indigent file makers or file strikers.

— 21. Hollis's hospital; distribution of funds of the charity

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declared on occasion of the feast day—to each widow, one guinea every three weeks; to the schoolmaster, fifteen guineas quarterly, also the use of a good house in the hospital yard; to the minister of the upper chapel, £30 per annum; to the minister of the nether chapel, £10; to the Fullwood minister, £20; to the ministers at Rotherham and Doncaster, £20 each; to the schoolmaster at Doncaster, £20; and to the schoolmaster at Rotherham, £40.

*Dec.* Public meeting; resolved to petition Parliament against the East India Company's monopoly; Mr. T. A. Ward and Mr. Leader sent to London as deputies of the committee; two hundred guineas subscribed.

— 31. Expended by the Church Burgesses during the past year, out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £560; to repairs, &c. of church, £79. 19s. 4d.; to the poor, £120; to general and incidental expenses, £85. 9s. 3d.—*P. Rep.*

1813. *Jan.* Town library; president, Mr. Thomas Smith.

— 20. Public meeting; overseers report that the amount of weekly payments to the poor exceeds the rates collected, and that money must be obtained at interest, or the collection of rates made more frequent and rigorous; a committee of fifty-two appointed to assist the overseers, as district superintendents.

*Mr. 6.* Decease of Mr. Hall, the postmaster.

— 10. Public fast observed.

— 29. Decease of Mr. William Lee, aged 92, twenty-seven years governor of Hollis's hospital.

*April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, John Yeomans, Barth. Hounsfeld, J. B. Furniss, John Heppenstall; amount collected in rates, £27,253. 9s. 10d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £27,005. 0s. 9d.; county rate, £163. 11s. 9d.

— 14. Public meeting; resolved to petition Parliament, "that provision may be inserted in the new charter to be granted to the East India company, to enable persons of all Christian denominations to proceed to India, for the purpose of diffusing moral and religious knowledge."

— Decease of Mr. John Brookfield, solicitor, aged 60.

— 23. Public meeting; Thomas Rawson, Esq. chairman;

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resolved to present an address of congratulation to the Princess of Wales, on the occasion of proving herself innocent of the charges brought against her.

May "The World before the Flood," poem, by Mr. James Montgomery, first published.

"Of one departed world,  
I see the mighty shadow."—Young.

— 16. Thomas Rawson, Henry Wheat, and James Rimington, Esqrs. present the Sheffield address to the Princess of Wales, at Montague House.

— 21. Mr. Brougham acknowledged the receipt of a token of gratitude presented to him by the workmen of Sheffield.

— 28. Anniversary of the Pitt club, at the Tontine; president, G. B. Greaves, Esq.

June Public meeting; resolved "that this meeting highly disapproves of the conduct of the overseers of 1810 and 1811, in having taken the liberty, and incurred the responsibility, of appointing surveyors to assess a new rate, at an enormous expense; and those (overseers) of 1812, in having added to the expenses of the workhouse, by additional salaries, without the authority or concurrence of a town meeting."—*Sheffield Mercury*.

— 7. First anniversary meeting of the Sunday-School Union held at the nether chapel; reported the state of Red-hill, Queen-street, Scotland-street, Howard-street, Garden-street, Lee-croft, and Nether chapel Sunday-Schools.

— Portrait of Dr. Browne, painted by Mr. F. Gainsford, put up in the infirmary.

— 18. Fourth anniversary of the Lancasterian schools.

July Sheffield National schools; directors receive a donation of £300 from the London parent society for their support.

— 13. Public meeting, to consider the expediency of completing the water carriage of goods between the town and Rotherham; committee of enquiry appointed, and subscriptions raised.

— 30. Death of Mr. Joseph Blake, of Netherthorpe, aged 50; "his death was awful and sudden; whilst attending the arduous duties of his office, (overseer

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of the poor,) he was seized with a fit of apoplexy, and instantly expired."

- Aug.* York summer assizes; no commitment from Sheffield
1. appeared in the calendar.
  - 27. Meeting of inhabitants at the Pheasant inn; resolved that the present new rate is unjust, and that means be taken to equalise the mode of rating property.
  - 30. Decease of Mr. Nathaniel Gower, aged 83. "He was the father of the white metal trade in this town, having carried on that business forty years ago, in partnership with Mr. Georgius Smith."
- Sept.* Archbishop of York, after confirming 1300 young
11. persons at the parish church, visited and expressed his approbation of the Sheffield national schools; present, 400 female children.
  - 26. Armed ride established between Glossop and Sheffield, to facilitate the delivery of the London mail.
- Oct.* 4. Decease of Mr. R. Wheatley, Sergeant-Major in the Sheffield Cavalry.
- 6. Sixteenth anniversary of the Sheffield general infirmary, at the Tontine; president at the board, Earl of Effingham; at the dinner, S. Walker, Esq.
  - 7. Sheffield musical festival held at St. Paul's church; principal singers, Madame Catalani and Mrs. Salmon.
  - Theatre opened under the management of Messrs. Manley and Robertson; principal performers, Messrs. Earl, Rayner, Carter; Miss Jervoise.
  - 11. Master Betty, the young Roscius, played at the theatre three nights.
  - 14. Public entertainment given by the gentlemen of the town, at the assembly-rooms, in compliment to the officers of the Sheffield Local Militia.
  - 21. Friends of Methodist Missions held a meeting, and entered into subscriptions to support their objects.
- Nov.* Rejoicings in the town, to celebrate the news of the victories of Dresden and Leipsic.
- Dec.* 1. Public meeting of the inhabitants; resolved to present a congratulatory address to the Regent, on the recent glorious victories of the British and allies over the French troops; and that a public subscription for the relief of invalid soldiers, sailors, and



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and their widows and orphan children, resident in the town, be commenced.

Dec. 6. Public dinners to celebrate the victories over the French, balls, fireworks, &c.; illumination, display of flags, &c.

— 30. Decease of Mr. Simon Andrew Younge, aged 80; "few have been more ready, during a long life, to benefit this generation; none stepped before him in benevolence and liberality of sentiment."

— 31. Expended by the Church Burgesses, during the past year, out of their funds; to the clergy, £560; to repairs, &c. of church, £94. 11s. 2d.; to the poor, £25. 10s.; to general and incidental expenses, £111. 9s. 0d.—*P. Rep.*

1814. Jan. Town library; president, Mr. Thomas Smith.

— Boys' charity school; gross rental of the real estate of the charity, £283. 15s. per annum increased by donations and legacies, collections at churches, &c. subscriptions and £30 yearly donation from the Duke of Norfolk.

— 13. Public thanksgivings in the churches and chapels to Almighty God for blessings bestowed on the nation.

— London mail reaches the town by way of Worksop by eight o'clock at night, instead of eleven as heretofore by way of Leeds.

— 29. General infirmary; received £100 bequest of Mrs. Millicent Kay widow, deceased, formerly of the King's Head.

— Continued frost and snow; magistrates receive a circular from the Secretary of the Home Department, requesting them and the overseers to employ the poor in cleaning the public roads.

Feb. Decease of Sarah, wife of Mr. Laurence Potts, of  
10. Low-field. "If the great purposes of creation be to smooth life's thorny path, and plant it with the seeds of genuine kindness and benevolence, it may be truly said that herein her diligence was exemplary, and her labour most effective."—*Sheffield Mercury.*

— 14. Decease of Mr. Laurence Potts, of Low-field. "The fair fame of an unsullied integrity had been his companion through life, affording a consolatory

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prospect that rendered less pungent the anguish of death."

*Mar.* Fourth annual meeting of the friends of the Bible  
14. Auxiliary Society; H. Parker, Esq. chairman.

— 19. Promotions in the Sheffield Local Militia;—Lieutenant Joseph Nowill to be Major, *vice* Tillotson resigned, Lieut. C. R. Clarke, to be ditto, *vice* Machin resigned, Ensign Thomas Watson, and William Binks, to be Lieutenant.

— 23. Public meeting; resolved to establish a society under the title of "The Sheffield Mercantile and Manufacturing Union,"—committee formed of two members from each trade, to consider the present prices of labour; resolved, that no merchant, a member of the union, under a forfeit of £100, purchase any article of Sheffield manufacture, at a higher price than he paid in 1813, &c.; subscription entered into, first list, 21 firms £100 each, 20 £50, 29 from £20 to £30, and 102 from £5 to £15.

*April* Parish accounts for the year; overseers, Daniel Cooper, Benj. Rose, Thomas Dunn, Jos. Rayner; amount collected in rates, £21,960. 8s. 1d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £21,720. 6s. 7d.; county rate, £191. 15s.

— The goal for debtors in King-street; Mr. Thomas Smith succeeded Mr. Godfrey Fox as goaler.

— 21. Public dinner at the Tontine; chairman, John Horner, Esq. Master Cutler, to celebrate the entrance of the Allies into Paris, and the abdication of Buonaparte.

*May* Petition to the Commons, against the proposed alteration of the Corn Laws, "having for their object the raising the import price of grain," signed by 15,800 persons.

— 28. Anniversary of the Pitt club at the Tontine; president, Samuel Walker, Esq.

— Meeting of the committee of the "Mercantile and Manufacturing Union," formed 23d March.

— Thirteen persons employed as grinders, sentenced at the Sessions to three months' imprisonment, for combining together for the purpose of obtaining an advance of wages.

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- June* 7. Summer fair held in the Wicker; price of cheese, Derbyshire, 70s. to 80s.; Cheshire, 80s. to 95s. per cwt.
- 15. Fifth annual report of the Lancasterian School Committee;—admitted since the opening in Aug. 1809, 2836 boys; 630 of these educated during the last year.
- 22 & 23. First anniversary of the Auxiliary Missionary Society for the West-Riding of Yorkshire.
- 29. Decease of Mr. John Jeffcock, aged 50, Captain of the Sheffield West-Riding Cavalry. "His remains were interred at Handsworth, with military honours; and insensible indeed must have been that heart, which felt not the most poignant anguish on consigning so truly philanthropic a character to its kindred dust."—*Sheffield Merc.*
- 30. Public procession on the proclamation of peace by the Sheriff's deputy;—present, the magistrates, public officers, and members of various societies. Thus arranged, the procession stopped in the Market-place, and the Peace was then publicly proclaimed by Mr. Needham, the Sheriff's deputy. This part of the ceremony was preceded by the sound of trumpets, and by the bands playing "God save the King." The same ceremony was observed at the usual places appointed, and concluded in the Haymarket, all the societies and clubs stopping to music in front of the magistrates, and others on horseback; after which the incalculable multitude joined in the national song of "God save the King," and concluded the ceremony by the loud huzza of triumph usually denominated three times three.—*Sheffield Mercury.*
- Public illumination in celebration of the peace.
- July* 7. Public thanksgiving offered; collected at the three churches £186, for the relief of the distressed Germans.
- 8. Public meeting; petition to Parliament adopted, expressing regret that in the recent treaty with France, no stipulation has been made for the abolition of the slave trade, and praying the ministers to enforce such abolition.
- 28. Public meeting to receive the report of the committee

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- July* appointed in July last year, to prepare the best plan of bringing the Sheffield navigation from the River Dun up to Sheffield; resolved, that subscriptions be entered into for the purpose of forming a company for the completion of a canal from the township of Tinsley to Sheffield, on the southern side of the River Dun.
- 31. Decease of Mr. James Best, aged 46, many years Captain and Adjutant in the Sheffield Local Militia.
- Aug. 2.* Anne Hough, aged 12 years, (Carver-street,) found dead in Busk Wood, near Norwood-Hall; overseers advertise for the discovery of the murderer.
- 5. Messrs. Incedon, Williams, Claremont, Horncastle, and Sinclair, gave an entertainment at the theatre.
- 30. First meeting of the members of the Yorkshire Choral Concert at the Tontine.
- Sept. 1.* Anniversary of the Cutlers' Company; Master, Mr. Joseph Parkin.
- 24. Subscriptions entered for the Sheffield canal advertised to amount to £35,900.
- Oct. 5.* General infirmary; seventeenth anniversary at the Tontine.
- 10. Theatre opened by Messrs. Robertson and Manley; principal performers, Messrs. Carter, Watson, G. Butler, Young, Earl, Miss Browne, Miss Jervoise, Mrs. Jordan, (one night.)
- Nov.* Bequests the of late Dr. Brown, paid by his executors; infirmary £500; boys' and girls' charity school £100 each.
- Dec. 4.* Public meeting to consider the best means of supplying a quantity of change for paying the poor, after the taking up the local tokens heretofore issued by the overseers; resolved that they (the overseers) be authorised to take up the silver tokens issued by their predecessors, at the value for which they were issued, and that they be authorised to obtain a supply of bank tokens, not exceeding £20,000, for the various purposes connected with the town's business.
- 31. Expended by the Church Burgesses, during the past year, out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £560; to repairs, &c. of church, £181. 10s. 2d.; to the poor, £15; to general and incidental expenses, £202. 16s. 9d.—*P. Rep.*

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1815. *Jan.* Town library; president, Rev. Thomas Sutton.
- 2. Public meeting;—formation of the Lancasterian school for girls.
  - 27. The house of Mr. Smith, in the Hartshead, partly destroyed by fire; one life lost.
  - 31. Formation of the Sheffield Auxiliary Society for the “promoting Christian knowledge.”
- Feb.* 1. Public meeting; petition to Parliament adopted against the renewal of the *war* property tax.
- 9. Eleventh annual meeting of the association for the prosecution of felons; resolved, “that the meeting anticipating that the income from the funds of the society will shortly be sufficient to meet its expences, that no contribution be paid for the ensuing year; report, balance in hand in favour of the association, £849. 7s. 7½d.
  - 25. Bill presented to Parliament, for making and maintaining a navigable canal from Sheffield to Tinsley; Bernard John Wake and Benjamin Burbeary, solicitors.
- Mar.* Public meeting in Paradise-square;—resolved to present a petition to Parliament, praying them to interfere in behalf of the long suffering nation, in such a manner as to prevent the enacting of any bill to prohibit or restrain the free importation of corn.
- April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Jos. Wreakes, Jonathan Beet, George Eadon, George Deakin; amount of rates collected, £16,952. 5s. 1d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £16,714. 19s. 1d.; county rate, £195. 6s. 8d.
- May* 6. Mr. William Todd, printer and publisher of the Mercury newspaper, appointed post-master, *vice* Mr. Richard Griffiths, nominated agent for the Government packets at Holyhead.
- 7. Blucher Birmingham coach first set up, and run by William Wright from the King’s Head.
  - 15. Post office removed to Mr. Todd’s premises in the Market-place.
  - 29. Anniversary of the Pitt club; president, Rev. Alex. Mackenzie.
- June* 22. The battle of Waterloo; arrival of the news of the engagements of the 16th and 17th, between the allied

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armies and the French, in Belgium, and confirmation of the rumour of the great victory and overthrow of Buonaparte at Waterloo, on the 18th of June.

— 17. Act of Parliament for the canal between Sheffield and Tinsley received the Royal assent.

— 29. Annual Yorkshire Amateur Music meeting (held alternately in Sheffield, Leeds, and York,) at St. Paul's church, and the Assembly-rooms.

*July* Decease of Mr. Greaves, of Bridgehouses, aged 99  
25. years and ten months.

*Aug.* 2. Tried and sentenced at the sessions for breaking into the engine wheel of Mr. Ellin, and threatening and assaulting him; George Hall two years' imprisonment, J. and G. Dickens, and B. Short, 18 months, Wm. Dickens 12 months, and Thomas Hall 6 months.

— 4. Public meeting; resolved to open a public subscription for the relief of the families of the British troops, who have fallen or become sufferers in the glorious victory of Waterloo.

*Sept.* 7. Anniversary of the Cutlers' Company; Master, Mr. James Deakin.

— 14. Mr. Emery performed four nights at the theatre.

— 16. Decease of Mr. Ezra Ridgard, bookseller; "his integrity as a tradesman for half a century, has established his reputation in the memory of his friends, and his liberality to all the great public charities of the town renders his death a public loss."—*Sheff. Merc.*

— 30. Decease of Mrs. Mary Parsons, "who, from an affectionate regard to her brother's memory, bequeathed £1500 to be invested in the public funds, the interest or dividend thereof to be annually distributed among 48 aged, infirm, and poor silver platers; and £2 to a clergyman, duly appointed for preaching a sermon on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, for ever.

*Oct.* 4. General infirmary; anniversary at the Tontine; president, Earl Fitzwilliam.

— 9. Theatre opened by Messrs. Robertson and Manley; principal performers, Messrs. Baker, Sheridan, Yarnold, Mr. S. Kemble, (three nights,) Mr. W.

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Macready, (four nights,) Clarke; Miss Macauley, Mrs. Sidney.

*Oct.* 9, Cricket match at Bent's Green, for 66 guineas; 10, & 11. Brocco eleven; Hoyland, Austin, Carr, Sheppard, Sampson, Bramall, Fenton, Hague, Shaw, Elliott, and Green; against Holly-street club, Calback, Winterbotham, Littlewood, Marsden, Champion, Radcliff, Wilkinson, Gascoigne, Clayton, and Bishop; won by the latter by 34 runs.

*Nov.* Formation of the Grateful society, (consisting of individuals educated at the boys' charity school,) for the purpose of aiding the objects of the charity.

— 28. The winter fair held in the Wicker; price of Derby cheese, 65s. to 85s.; Cheshire, 75s. to 90s. per cwt.

*Dec.* The Wednesday evening lectures at the parish church, voluntarily undertaken by the assistant ministers of the parish.

— 23. Decease of the Rev. W. Windle, aged 73.

— 31. Expended by the Church Burgesses, during the past year, out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £560; to repairs, &c. of church, £95. 6s. 9d.; to the poor, £15; to general and incidental expenses, £256. 13s. 8d.—*P. Rep.*

1816. Town library; admision or share money, five guineas; annual subscription, 15s.; president, Mr.

*Jan.* Thomas Smith; librarian's salary, £30 per annum.

— 5. Decease of Mr. Middleton, aged 71, "partner in and principal manager of the cotton works in the town."

— 29. Stephen Kemble gave readings and recitations at the assembly rooms.

*Feb.* 1. Decease of Caleb Hartley, at Brightside. He was born about 1738, in a house near the Irish cross, (Sheffield;) he was the veteran who, during the celebrated siege of Gibraltar, took a lighted shell out of the laboratory, carried it some distance, and threw it on the ground, where it exploded. For this action he received a present of money, and the thanks of General Elliott, the governor of the fortress.

— 12. Theatre opened by Mr. Amthos, for 14 nights.

— 14. First anniversary of the Lancasterian school for girls.

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- Feb.* Decease of Samuel Foster, of Bridgehouses, cutler,  
28. aged 94.  
— Decease of John Dickenson, of Bridgehouses, farmer,  
aged 93.
- Mar.* Public meeting, Samuel Shore, Esq. in the chair;  
1. petitions to Parliament adopted, praying against  
the renewal of the property tax, under any modi-  
fication whatever.  
— Petition in favour of a continuance of the property  
tax prepared, and received a number of signatures.  
— 14. Patent granted to Mr. John Stead, of the Wicker,  
for certain improvements in stage coaches and car-  
riages.  
— 18. Public meeting at Queen-street chapel, (Mr. George  
Bennet, chairman,) and formation of the local re-  
ligious tract society.
- April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Wm.  
Parker, David Davys, Jno. Wingfield, Jas. Deakin;  
amount collected in rates, £18,189. 6s. 1d.;  
amount paid for the relief of the poor, £17,865.  
10s. 5d.; county rate, £242. 8s. 11d.  
— 19. Petitions sent to Parliament, praying relief from the  
the leather tax.  
— 22. Sixth anniversary of the Bible society.  
— 27. Patent granted to Mr. John Sorby, jun., for making  
improved augers for shipwrights, carpenters, &c.
- May* 1. Opening of the new Catholic chapel, in Norfolk-street;  
sermon by the Rev. Peter Baines, from Ample-  
forth; priest, the Rev. Richard Rimmer.  
— 4. Decease of Mr. George Badger, of Pond-street, sur-  
veyor.  
— 13. Commercial travellers' society; committee appointed  
for the formation of a branch society in the town.  
— 21. Decease of Mr. Thomas Cradock, "one of the oldest  
local preachers in the Methodist connexion in the  
town."—*Sheffield Mercury*.  
— 28. Anniversary of the Pitt club at the Tontine; presi-  
dent, Peter Brownell, Esq.
- June* First stone of the canal basin laid by Hugh Parker,  
19. Esq.  
— Charles Booth, driver of the Sheffield and Leeds  
Alexander coach, committed to York, in conse-



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quence of the death of Mr. Samuel Ward, occasioned by his overturning the coach at Bridgehouses.

- July* Female benefit society; possess property in cash, goods, and stock, value £1433. 9s. 9d.
- 8. J. Winterbotham and Bancroft's match at nur and spell; Bancroft, 20 rises, 194 score; Winterbotham, 20 rises; 179 score.
- 20. Consumption of animal food; slaughtered in Sheffield during the past year, 4686 beasts; 22,910 sheep; 5198 lambs; 4387 calves.
- 29. The Angel Inn, partly rebuilt and newly furnished, opened by Mr. David Hawkins.
- Sept.* Theatre opened by Messrs. Robertson and Manley; (four nights,) for the performance of Miss. S. Booth.
- 4. Anniversary of the Cutlers' feast; Master, Mr. Thomas Asline Ward.
- 7. Mr. Joseph Hunter first published his prospectus for the publication of the "History of Hallamshire."
- Oct.* 7. Theatre opened by Messrs. Robertson and Manley; principal performers, Messrs. Frederick Brown, the Ormskirk Roscius, (three nights;) Browne, Morland, Earl; Miss Sidney, and Mrs. Manley.
- 9. Public meeting in Paradise-square, to consider means to be adopted for the relief of the country; Thomas Rawson, Esq. president; resolved to present a petition to the Prince Regent, praying him to direct his Ministers to reduce the burden of taxation, and to restore a free representation to the country.
- 28. Cricket match, for 50 guineas, eleven of Sheffield & 29. club against eleven of Mansfield club, won by the former in one innings.
- 30. Decease of the Rev. Alexander Mackenzie, 28 years minister of St. Paul's, aged 61. "He was a man of a highly cultivated understanding, universally respected, and will live long in the remembrance of his family and acquaintances."—*Sheffield Mercury*.
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- Succeeded by the Rev. Thomas Cotteril, M. A.
- Nov.* Interment of the Rev. A. Mackenzie, in St. Paul's church-yard, "amidst every testimonial of reverence and affection that his character excited in life, and of regret and sorrow that his death occasioned."—*Sheffield Mercury*.

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- Nov.* Decease of the Rev. Thomas Radford, M. A., first  
 10. minister of St. James's church, aged 69, "having exercised his ministerial office in the town of his birth forty-one years, loved and respected."—*Sheffield Iris*. "Through life he was revered and beloved, for the warmth and benevolence of his heart, and the faithful exercise of his ministerial, social, and relative duties."—*Sheffield Mercury*.
- 22. The wife of Mr. Clarke, of the theatre, unfortunately burnt to death, in endeavouring to prevent injury to her child, who had overthrown a lighted candle.
- 28. Winter fair held in the Wicker; new cheese, 50s. to 70s.; old, 72s. to 80s. per cwt.
- Dec.* 3. Assemblage of a number of persons near the Wicker, for the purpose of representing their political grievances; a number of them afterwards paraded the town with symbols, and committed many acts of disorder. John Blackwell apprehended as a leader.
- 6. Popular meeting attempted on the new burial ground, dispersed by the soldiers.
- 26. Public vestry meeting; resolved "that it is inexpedient to raise money by way of loan for the relief of the poor, and that the town be divided into 26 districts, three persons to be appointed to each, as assistants to the overseers in collecting the rates, and in assisting investigations of claims."
- Theatre opened for a season by Messrs. Adams, with an equestrian and pantomimic company.
- 31. Expended by the Church Burgesses, during the past year, out of their funds; to the clergy, £560; to repairs, &c. of church, £152. 2s. 8d.; to the poor, £15.; to general and incidental expenses, £202. 2s. 9d.—*P. Rep.*
1817. *Jan.* Town library; president, Mr. Thos. Smith.
- St. James's church; Rev. Thomas Best, M.A. presented to the curacy.
- 8. Public meeting to take into consideration a public subscription for the relief of the labouring and distressed poor in the neighbourhood; resolved that a collecting committee be appointed and the subscription commenced; subscribed at the meeting, six sums of £105; four of 50 guineas; seven of 30 guineas; two of £21; two of 15 guineas;

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nine of 10 guineas; 10 of five guineas; 9 of three and two guineas each; total subscribed, £2857.

*Mar.* During the seven days last past, the overseers of the  
11. poor have relieved the individuals of 1504 families, in which they expended the sum of £509.—  
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— 20. Public meeting in Paradise-square, to consider the propriety of petitioning for a reform in the representation of the people;—adopted resolutions and petition to the Commons for reform.

— 30. Government exchange at the Town-Hall of the old silver coin for the new silver.

*Feb.* 2. Petition from the town, praying for a reform in Parliament, signed by 21,500 persons, presented to the Commons by Sir Francis Burdett.

— 22. A loyal and dutiful address from the Wardens and (part of) Company of Cutlers, clergy, gentry, and others of the town and neighbourhood, presented to the Prince Regent.

*Mar.* First anniversary of the Sheffield Auxiliary Church  
17. Missionary Society.

— 19. John Blackwell tried at York for being concerned in the riot which took place in the town on the 3rd of last December; two years' imprisonment.

*April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Malin Shepherd, Charles Picksley, T. A. Ward, Verdun Brittain; amount of rates collected, £24,242. 8s. 1d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £23,662. 7s. 7d.; county rate, £533. 1s. 10d.

— 7. Decease of the Rev. George Smith, M.A., assistant minister of the parish church, aged 53.

“ Not holy office, nor the sacred vest,  
Nor prayers of wife nor children's tears could keep  
The wearied body from this house of rest—  
The pastor and his flock together sleep.”

*Inscription in Ecclesall Chapel.*

— 9. Acting constables for the town, Thomas Smith, Wm. Smith, Thomas Flather, (first appointment;) assistants, John Waterfall, John Hague, and Thomas Fox.

— 16. Public meeting; resolved to petition Parliament to adopt measures for the prevention of masters tak-

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ing apprentices to the occupation of chimney sweeping.

- April* The town trust; decree in Chancery "that the  
26. right of electing Trustees was vested in the inhabitants of the town of Sheffield being freeholders."
- May* Rev. W. H. Vale, M.A., appointed by the Church  
15. Burgesses one of the three assistant ministers of the parish church; *vice* Rev. G. Smith, deceased.
- 24. General infirmary; donation of £51 from Mr. Patten, of Birmingham.
- 26. Fifth anniversary of the Sunday School Union; report 35 schools in the Union, supported by 1400 teachers, and containing 9000 scholars.
- 28. Anniversary of the Pitt club; president, Dr. Corbett.
- William and Thomas Wolstenholme, Rowland Hartley, James Rowin, George Robinson, and Wm. Bradwell, workmen of the town, apprehended on warrants charging them with high treason.
- June* Mail coaches; fares to London £3. 5s. and £1. 18s.
- 4. William King, edgetool-maker, living in the neighbourhood of Arundel-street, killed his wife with a poker; committed to York on the coroner's warrant.
- 9. William and Thomas Wolstenholme, and four others charged with treason, removed from the Town-Hall to Newgate (London.)
- 10. "Seven persons arrested here (Sheffield) for high treason, three weeks ago, and sent off this morning in the True Briton coach, under a strong escort of dragoons, to be delivered into the custody of the Constable of the Tower."—*Northern Star*.
- The special constables augmented from the number of 200 to 1000.
- Decease of Mr. Carnall, (Sheffield) aged 99.
- 14. General infirmary; executors of the late Mr. Goddard, of Norton Lees, pay his legacy of £100.
- Banner-cross; the ancient Esquire's seat of Banner-cross, in Ecclesall, taken down:—

A gloomy mansion, where, in empty state,  
And cobwebb'd ruin, hangs a goodly list  
Of pictured lords, and many a beauteous dame  
Of Athol's princely race—————  
————— the mouldering mansion wears

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In every view the signal of decay :  
 Slow whispering winds creep through the chilling rooms,  
 The tattered hangings shake with every breeze :  
 Through the long passages and cold dark halls,  
 (So fame reports) the flimsy spirits glide  
 In robes of white, or sweep the narrow stairs  
 In all the shapes of fear-form'd misery."

*Mrs. Hofland.*

*June* The new seat of Banner-cross, commenced by General Murray, according to the plan of Mr. Wyatt, architect.

25. Decease of Mr. Daniel Leader, (of the firm of Thos. and Daniel Leader, silver-platers,) aged 73.

*July* 1. Decease of the Rev. Edward Goodwin, assistant minister in the parish church, and curate of Attercliffe, in the 86th year of his age, and the 62d of his ministry. "One of the assistant ministers at the parish church for forty-three years; after a long life, uniformly devoted to the service of God and the good of man, he was removed to eternal rest, in the 86th year of his age."—*Inscription in Attercliffe Church.*

— Northern Star; the first number of the Northern Star, or Yorkshire Monthly Magazine, published by Christopher Bentham, Fargate.

— 15. Decease of Mr. Thomas Badger, aged 73, architect and builder, in Orchard-place.

— 16. Edward Venables Vernon, Archbishop of York, confirmed 1913 individuals at St. Peter's church, consecrated the new burial ground, and visited the National School in Carver-street.

— 19. Consumption of animal food; slaughtered in the town since July 20, 1816; beasts, 5017; sheep, 25,448; lambs, 5656; calves, 5092.

— 28. Seventy-fourth annual Methodist Conference held in the town, attended by nearly 300 preachers; president, Rev. John Gaulter.

— 31. William King hanged at York castle for the murder of his wife (June 4th.)

*Aug.* 6. Henry Walker, Esq. (Blythe) qualified as a magistrate of the West-Riding.

— 14. Decease of Mr. Thomas Wilson, (son of the late John Wilson, Esq. of Broomhead,) at Shirley Hall, aged 66.

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- Sept.* 4. Anniversary of the Cutlers' Company; Master, Mr. George Tillotson.
- 5. Persons carrying on the business of pawnbrokers, Bowman, Hammond, Binge, Wood, Batt, King, Davies, Fox, and Morton.
- 8. Total amount of the public subscription begun Jan. 8, and placed at the disposal of the society for bettering the condition of the poor, £3357. 4s.
- Oct.* 1. General infirmary; twentieth anniversary; president, Jonathan Walker, Esq.
- 22. Rev. William Alderson, (Aston) qualified as a magistrate within the West-Riding.
- 27. Theatre opened under the management of Mr. Fitzgerald; principal performers, Messrs. Carter, Mansel, Foster, Crisp, Wilkinson, Kilner, Larkin, Stanley, Mrs. Humby, Mrs. Stanley.
- Nov.* 7. The death of the Princess Charlotte announced at the theatre by Mr. Fitzgerald; house dispersed, and the doors closed.
- 19. The interment of the Princess Charlotte observed by the closing of all business, service at churches and chapels, general mourning, &c.
- 23. Winter fair held in the Wicker; thin cheese 55s. to 60s.; thick 60s. to 70s. per cent.
- Dec.* 5. Three Trustees elected to fill up the vacancies in the body (13) of the Town Trustees.
- 18. Meeting of merchants and manufacturers; resolved to petition Parliament to pass a law compelling the manufacturers of cast metal cutlery to put a distinguishing mark upon their goods; signed by upwards of 10,000 merchants and manufacturers.
- 26. Meeting of the Magistrates, Town Trustees, principal officers, &c.; resolved that it is expedient to obtain an act of Parliament for the better lighting, watching, and cleansing the town.
- 31. Expended by the Church Burgesses during the past year, out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £636. 5s. 0d.; to repairs, &c. of church, £206. 17s. 1d.; to the poor, £15; to general and incidental expenses, £399. 6s. 2d.—*P. Rep.*
1818. *Jan.* Town library removed from Surrey-street to George-street; admission or share money, three guineas;

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annual subscription, 21s.; president, Mr. Thomas Smith; librarian, Mr. Isaac Hatfield.

*Jan.* Female benefit society; funds amounted to £1500; benefited members, 574; honorary members, 145.

— Decease of Joseph Atkinson, Esq. suddenly, at the meeting-house of the society of friends, at Manchester.

“ Kindness all his looks express'd,  
Charity was every word;  
Him the eye beheld and bless'd;  
And the ear rejoiced that heard.

“ Like a patriarchal sage,  
Holy, humble, courteous, mild,  
He could blend the awe of age  
With the sweetness of a child.”—*Montgomery.*

— 10. Decease of Esther Caterer, librarian of Surrey-street book rooms.

“ Ye book-worms a' wi' sorrow meet,  
Nor wi' few tears your een be weat;  
For ance, spite o' the world's deceit,  
By pity led,  
Be yours the wail o' Surrey-street,  
Auld Esther's dead.”

*John Holland.*

— 23. Decease of Mr. John Shaw, (Shaw, Cutler, & Co., Wicker;) “his death was occasioned by endeavouring to save a person from drowning; in the act he broke a thumb, which occasioned a locked jaw.”

— 30. Adjourned meeting of the Magistrates, Town Trustees, parish officers, &c.; resolved that the draft (produced) of a police bill be adopted, and that its clauses be publicly considered on the 6th February next.

*Feb.* Public meeting; resolved that the draft of a police bill submitted to the Magistrates and others on the 30th ult., be adopted, and that application be made forthwith to pass the same into a law.

— 7. New public library; public meeting, to receive report of committee relative to a proper site for the new public library; resolved that the money necessary for raising the building, &c. be subscribed in shares of £25 each, bearing 5 per cent.

— 12. Decease of Mr. Philip Smilter, aged 93, of Goddard Hall.

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- Mar.* Gas lights; public meeting; resolved that the sum of £40,000, in shares of £25, be raised for the formation of the Sheffield gas company.
- 13. Decease of Mr. Joseph Wilson, head-master of the free grammar school.
- Decease of Mr. William Hill, of the Wicker, aged 80. "He was the father of the society of church singers in Sheffield, and the last (but one) male descendant of one of the oldest families in the neighbourhood of Sheffield."
- 27. Adjourned meeting of the subscribers and friends to the proposed gas company; original committee appointed, Messrs. T. Newbould, G. Young, J. Montgomery, E. Nanson, T. A. Ward, J. Frith, J. Eadon, B. Withers, jun., C. Picksley, G. Hawksworth, Hall Overend, Wm. Staniforth, R. Fisher, T. Cooper, S. Mitchell, Wm. Marsden, F. W. Everet, J. Blackwell, S. Owen, J. Hodgson.
- April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Richd. Walton, Henry Elgie, Robert Fisher, David Haslehurst; amount collected in rates, £31,244. 19s. 2d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £30,102. 2s. 8d.; county rate, £1087. 13s. 7d.
- May* Publication of the first part of the "Peak Scenery,"
1. by Mr. Ebenezer Rhodes.
- 16. The police act, for the better watching, lighting, and cleansing the town, received the Royal assent.
- 25. Commissioners under the new police act held their first meeting; Mr. J. Staniforth appointed clerk.
- 28. Anniversary of the Pitt club; president, Samuel Walker, Esq.
- 29. The premises of Mr. Harrison, knife manufacturer, and of Mr. Hague, button manufacturer, at Sheaf bridge, destroyed by fire.
- June* First anniversary of the Church Missionary Society;
4. amount collected during the past year, £317.
- 6. Jacob Gherwin, Esq. presented £100 to the trustees of the national schools, and £50 each to the treasurers of the boys' and girls' charity schools.
- 17. J. A. S. Wortley, Esq. addressed the freeholders assembled at the Tontine, and declared himself a candidate for the representation of the county.



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- June* Tenth Yorkshire amateur music meeting held at the  
18. assembly rooms.
- 30. Quantity of wrought plate manufactured in the town,  
and assayed at the public office, during the past  
year, 6214 lbs. 8 oz. 11 dwt.
- July* 8. Female benefit society; annual report, funds, £1530;  
honorary members, 145; benefited, 574.
- 11. J. A. S. Wortley, Esq. presented to the infirmary  
£100.
- 18. Mr. Francis Fenton appointed surveyor to the com-  
missioners under the new police act.
- Aug.* The old gaol and buildings adjacent to King-street,  
removed.
- 4. Public dinner given to J. A. S. Wortley, Esq., in  
honour of his election as member of Parliament.
- 22. The gaol for debtors in King-street; the prisoners re-  
moved to a building in Scotland-street, fitted up as  
a gaol.
- The old gaol in King-street taken down.
- 29. Decease of Lieut.-General Murray, aged 62, at Ban-  
ner-cross.
- Sept.* 3 Anniversary of the Cutlers' Feast; Master, Mr. John  
Fox; guests present, the Duke of Norfolk, Earl  
of Surrey, and Sir Arther Pigott.
- 7. First stone laid of the new Gas Light Works, near  
Sheaf Bridge.
- Oct.* 7. General infirmary; anniversary at the Angel Inn;  
president, Thomas Walker Esq.
- 20. Decease of Mrs. David Cadman, of Porter-street, aged  
75, "of an active, cheerful, and benevolent dispo-  
sition, she sought out, enlivened, and relieved the  
widows in their affliction, in times when the afflict-  
ed widows of the town had not so many friends to  
care for and to comfort them as they now have."—  
*Sheffield Mercury.*
- 26. Theatre opened under the management of Mr. Man-  
sel, as deputy of Mrs. and Miss Fitzgerald; princi-  
pal performers, Messrs. Neville, Robertson, Chap-  
man, Inledon, (four nights,) Foster, Carter, Miss  
Green, Miss Diddear, Mrs. Stanley, Miss Blan-  
chard.
- Nov.* 8. The monument to the memory of the Rev. Alexander  
Mackenzie, executed by F. Chantrey, R. A. put  
up in St. Paul's church.

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- Nov.* The Rev. W. White, A.M., appointed head master  
 — 14. of the grammar school.  
 — 27. Public meeting; resolved, that forthwith be established the Sheffield and Hallamshire Savings' Bank; subscription entered into to defray incidental expenses.
- Dec.* 2. Funeral of her late Majesty, Queen Charlotte, observed by the closing of shops, services at the churches and chapels, &c.  
 —. The ordination of the Rev. Thomas Smith, at the nether chapel in Norfolk-street.  
 — 11. Decease of Mrs. Anne Brailsford, aged 61.  
 —. ———— Bequests; boys' charity school, £100; girls' do. £100; infirmary, £50; and the national schools, £50.  
 — 26. Decease of Mrs. Anne Andrews, aged 100 years.  
 — 28. Mr. Kean first appeared at the theatre, and commenced four nights' performance, Richard, Shylock, Overreach, and Hamlet; received at the doors, £500.  
 — 31. Expended by the Church Burgesses during the past year out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £727. 10s.; repairs, &c. of the church, £150. 8s. 1d.; to the poor, £65; general and incidental expenses, £205. 17s.—*P. Rep.*
1819. *Jan.* Town library; president, Mr. T. A. Ward.  
*Feb.* 5. Association for the prosecution of felons report a fund in hand of £1119. 10s.  
 — 10. Decease of Mr. John Rawson, partner in the brewery, Pond-street.  
 — 17. The Yorkshire choral concert; performance in the upper chapel, the use of St. Paul's church having been refused by the perpetual curate, Rev. Thomas Cotterill.  
 — 22. The opening of the Sheffield canal; the first barge, the Industry, (Pearson's) entered the basin of the canal; public dinners at the Tontine, Angel, &c.

"A navigable stream, along whose banks,  
 Sheffield of late pour'd forth her various ranks;  
 What time the INDUSTRY her pennons spread,  
 And the hope-laden gay flotilla led  
 To their baptismal font, around whose flood,  
 Parents and guardians nobly answering stood."

*Holland's Sheffield Park.*

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- Feb.* Petitions to Parliament presented, praying the adoption of the insolvent debtors' act.
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- Mar.* Sheffield and Hallamshire Savings' Bank first opened
1. for receiving deposits.
- 10. Public meeting; petitions to Parliament adopted, praying the rejection of the proposed tax on inland pit coal.
- Public meeting; petitions to Parliament adopted, praying the abolition of state lotteries as opposed to morality and religion, and injurious to the people.
- 15. Norfolk sick club first formed.
- April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Aaron Hadfield, John Broadhead, W. Lockwood, James Yeomans; amount collected in rates, £22,651. 9s. 0d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £20,206. 11s. 11d.; county rate, £1486. 4s. 9d.
- 14. Dr. Brown appointed one of the physicians to the general infirmary.
- 24. Greenland, &c., poems, first published by Mr. James Montgomery.
- 25. Decease of Mrs. Hannah Benton, Brown-street, aged 93 years.
- Decease of Mrs. Mary Fowler, Ladies'-walk, aged 91.
- 30. Public meeting; petitions to Parliament adopted against a proposed "bill to amend the laws respecting the settlement of the poor."
- May* 1. Mr. Robert Rogers appointed organist of St. James's church.
- 6. Public meeting; Churchwardens' accounts reported to be £1200 in arrears, of which £700 had been expended on the new burial ground, and the remainder in the services of the church; resolved that the collection of a church rate having been opposed for the last three years, that a public subscription be entered into to pay the debt incurred.—*Sheffield Mercury.*
- 10. Ninth anniversary of the Female Friendly Society; reported "325 widowed single women, from 65 to 108 years of age, relieved from the small funds of the society during the past year.—*Sheffield Mercury.*
- 17. Mr. John Favell elected surgeon to the general infirmary, *vice* Mr. Staniforth, resigned.

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- May* Anniversary of the Pitt club; president, Sir W. C. Bagshawe.
- 28. C. Bagshawe.
- 29. Decease of Benjamin Wainwright, M. D. "The death of Dr. Wainwright cannot be recorded without giving a tribute of respect to his talents as a physician and his character as a man. The general confidence which the former acquired during a practice of thirty years in Sheffield, proves the estimation in which they were held."—*Sheffield Mercury*.
- June* 5. Jacob Gherwin, Esq. presented a donation of £100 to the general infirmary.
- 15. Bequests from one unknown, by the hands of Messrs. W. and G. Younge; to the national schools, £50; humane society, £10; society for bettering the condition of the poor, £20.
- 18. Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo celebrated at the Hotel; president, James Rimington, Esq.
- 30. Quantity of wrought plate manufactured in the town and assayed at the public office during the last year, 6128 lbs. 10 oz. 16 dwt.
- July* 8. Second anniversary of the Church Missionary Society; amount of donations and subscriptions for the past year, £467. 6s. 8d.
- 19. First account published of the receipts and disbursements of the Commissioners under the new Police Act; amount of rates, £3473. 10s. 2d.; paid for cleansing streets, £207. 11s. 0d.; for lighting ditto, £660. 11s. 10d.; for watching ditto, £1000. 11s. 3d.; salaries, £251. 3s.; Miscellanies, £150. 14s. 7d.
- Great alarm in the town, on account of several deaths having occurred, occasioned by the bites of mad dogs; public meetings, and orders of the magistrates for the destruction of all dogs found in the streets, and £700 subscribed for expenses and defence of actions brought by owners of dogs.
- 27. Anniversary of the Auxiliary Missionary Society.
- Aug.* Ninth anniversary of the Sheffield Auxiliary Bible Society; president, Earl Fitzwilliam.
- Sept.* 2. Anniversary of the Cutlers' Feast; Master, John Hounsfeld, Esq.; guests present, Lord Milton,

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J. A. S. Wortley, Esq. M.P., and magistrates of the district.

- Sep.* 3. Vestry meeting at the parish church; proposition made, "that a church rate of 2d. in the pound be levied;" amendment carried, "that the expenses of providing necessaries for the performance of divine service ought to be defrayed by the pew owners, who have excluded the rest of the parishioners from the use of the church, and claim an absolute right to their pews."
- 6. Mr. Matthews delivered his "Trip to Paris," and other amusements, at the theatre.
- Oct.* 6. Leopold, Prince of Saxe Cobourg, in company with Earl Fitzwilliam and Lord Milton, visited the manufactories of the town.
- Gas lights first used in the streets.
- 7. Anniversary of the general infirmary; president, Lord Milton.
- 11. Sheffield cricket club play the Leeds club on Wakefield Heath; won by the former at one innings, and 64 runs over.
- 16. Decease of John Houseman, Esq. Land Steward to his Grace the Duke of Norfolk.
- 25. Theatre opened under the management of Mr. Mansel; principal performers, Messrs. Clarke, Williams, Neville, Larkin, W. Chapman, Miss Hargreave, Mrs. Gannon, Mrs. Poole.
- Public meeting; resolved that the meeting gives its full concurrence to the proceedings of the meeting at York, and the address then adopted, praying that justice be done on those who took part in the recent afflicting and apparently atrocious proceedings at Manchester.
- Loyal declaration, signed by many freeholders and inhabitants, presented to the Prince Regent.
- Nov.* First anniversary of the Shakspeare club at the Tontine; president, James Rimington, Esq.
- " Graceful he mov'd and scann'd the waste of air,  
As his strong arm th' avenging bolt could wield,  
Or catch the tempest by the rugged hair,  
Or did an earthquake 'whelm the blasted field."
- 12. Vestry meeting at the parish church; proposed to levy a church rate of 1d. in the pound; amend-

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ment carried, "that the meeting be adjourned to the first Friday in May following."

*No.*18. Dr. Camidge appointed organist at the parish church.

*Dec.*4. Mr. Joseph Hunter's "History and Topography of Hallamshire" first published.

— 11. The Sheffield Independent newspaper; the first number printed and published by Mr. Henry Andrew Bacon, at 9, Snig-hill.

— 25. The spring knife trade; the master manufacturers and workmen in the spring knife trade publish an address to the rate payers, in which they set forth the injury done to the Sheffield trade by the manufacture of low priced inferior articles; agree to give the workmen the prices of 1810, and solicit a public subscription to support those who may, in consequence of other resolutions, suffer temporary distress.

— 27. Devonshire thoughtful sick society; first anniversary.

— 31. Expended by the Church Burgesses during the past year, out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £750.; to repairs, &c. of church, £182. 19s. 5d.; to the poor, £83; general and incidental expenses, £241. 13s. 2d.—*P. Rep.*

1820. Town Trustees expend £500 in the purchase of houses  
*Jan.* to widen Barker's-pool.

— Town library; president, Mr. T. A. Ward.

— 27. Public meeting at the Town-Hall, to consider the propriety of devising salutary measures for the relief of the poor; resolved "That the burdens of the poor's rates has become so oppressive, that unless means be resorted to for the reduction of the parochial expenditure, it will be impossible to collect the amount of the assessments, and that a committee be appointed to assist the overseers in the discharge of their duties." Meeting adjourned until March 15.

*Feb.*1. Spring knife cutlers' union dissolved by a meeting of the members, at the Cutlers'-Hall.

— 2. Earl Fitzwilliam; presentation to him at Wentworth House, of the address "to testify the gratitude of the West-Riding for his Lordship's services, during his continuance in the office of Lord-Lieutenant, a period of more than twenty years."

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*Feb.* 8. Public proclamations in the town, of the accession of his Majesty, George IV.

- 15. Mr. Gleadhill elected organist to the parish church.
- 16. Interment of George III. observed by the general closing of shops, and the performance of Divine service at the various churches and chapels.

*Mar.* Lord Milton, on the occasion of offering himself a

7. fourth time as one of the representatives of the county, addressed the freeholders of the town assembled at the Tontine.

- 15. Adjourned public meeting of the rate payers, to consider the state of trade and the poor rates; association formed, and subscriptions entered into, to support workmen not able to obtain employment at certain prices.

- 28. The new churches; first meeting held in the vestry of St. Peter's, to consider the proposal of building three new churches.

*April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Thos. Cooper, Edward Kay, John Rodgers, Jas. Drabble; amount collected in rates, £37,508. 16s. 11d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £35,166. 0s. 9d.; county rate, £2301. 6s. 11d.

- 4. Address to George IV.; Master and Company of Cutlers, Burgesses, Magistrates, Clergy, and commonalty of Sheffield, present a loyal and dutiful address to his Majesty.

- 11. John Blacker, ("King of the gallery,") committed to York, for collecting mobs and endeavouring to excite the unemployed workmen of the town to commence rioting.

*May* Sunday-school anniversary; eight thousand children,

22. taught in forty-five schools belonging to the Union, and three thousand children, taught at the church Sunday schools, assembled, and afterwards attended service in the various churches and chapels.

*June* Surgeon to the infirmary; Mr. Waterhouse elected,

14. vice Mr. C. H. Webb, deceased.

- 30. Quantity of wrought plate manufactured in the town, and assayed at the public office during the past year, 5236 lbs. 0 oz, 6 dwts.

*July* General infirmary; executors of Mr. William Mab-

25. son, deceased, pay the treasurer his bequest of £200.

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- Aug.* Public meeting, at which it was resolved that a dutiful and loyal address be presented to her Majesty, (Queen Caroline,) congratulating her on her return to England.
9. — 11. Earl Fitzwilliam; a silver gilt cup, manufactured by Watson, Pass, and Co., value eighty guineas, (purchased by a subscription of one penny a-piece from the journeymen and mechanics of Sheffield,) presented to the Earl, at Wentworth House, as a tribute of respect.
- Sep.* 1. State of the town; three hundred and twenty-seven summonses issued in one day, for the non-payments of poor rates.
- 7. Annual feast of the Cutlers' Company; Mr. J. D. Skelton, Master; guests present, J. A. S. Wortley, Esq. M.P., and Hugh Parker, Esq.
- 15. Address, signed by 10,600 females of Sheffield, presented to the Queen (Caroline.)
- 22. Surveyors of highways; appointed, Messrs. William Thorpe, George Hawksworth, Jonathan Beet, and Wm. Battie.
- Oct.* The remaining habitable portion of the manor castle used as a public house, and for the lodgings of working people.

“ Lone wreck of antient splendour! where are they  
Whose perish'd forms outstripp'd thy slow decay?  
No longer heard in this once princely haunt,  
The festal merriment nor bridal chaunt;  
Through roofless chambers and slow crumbling halls,  
Viol and song unheard, and midnight balls;—  
Now the patch'd cottage in the pile is seen,  
And poverty resides where wealth has been.  
So with Palmyra's prostrate marble wrecks,  
The wretched Arab his mean mansion decks;  
Rich polish'd stones construct the vile abodes,  
Where caitiffs haunt the residence of gods.”

*Holland's Sheffield Park.*

- Nov.* General infirmary; executors to the estate of Thomas
2. Wilson, of Sharrow mills, Esquire, deceased, pay to the treasurer his legacy of £200.
- 23. Illuminations in many parts of the town, in honour of the acquittal of Queen Caroline, by the abandonment of the bill of pains and penalties.



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- Dec.* Mr. George Bennet, of Sheffield, departed to join the London Missionary Society's deputation to the South Seas.
- 28. Public meeting at the Town-Hall; resolved to present an address to his Majesty, praying him to dismiss his Ministers.
- . Shakspeare club; second anniversary held at the Tontine; Dr. Younge in the chair.
- 31. Expended by the Church Burgesses during the past year out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £750; repairs, &c. of the church, £325. 8s. 2d.; to the poor, £68; general and incidental expenses, £358. 5s. 9d.—*P. Rep.*
1821. Town Trustees expend £200 towards the expense of widening Sheaf bridge.
- Jan.* Town library, (George-street;) president, Mr. T. A. Ward; librarian, Miss Hatfield, salary, £45.
- . Number of houses in the township of Sheffield, 10,036.—*Ridge's Picture of Sheffield.*
- . ————— Houses unoccupied in the town, 1664.
- 27. Removal of the workhouse; first meeting of the rate-payers, to consider the propriety of purchasing the cotton-mill lately occupied by Messrs. Heathfield, and converting the same into a poorhouse.
- 31. Decease of John Rimington, Esq., at Hillsbro' house, aged 60.
- Feb.* Law Clerk to the Cutlers' Company; Mr. J. Wilson,
23. solicitor, elected to fill the office vacated by the decease of J. Rimington, Esq.
- Mar.* Sheffield and Hallamshire Savings' Bank; second annual meeting of trustees and others; funds declared to amount to £6546. 7s. 5d., the property of 323 depositors.
- April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Lewis Thomas, George Ingall, Thomas Champion, John Sykes; amount of rates collected, £36,246. 2s. 7d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £32,301. 17s. 7d.; county rate, £1461. 14s. 10d.
- 19. Protection of trade; resolved, at a public meeting held at the Town-Hall, that an association should be formed, and subscriptions entered into, for the prosecution of persons "illegally exposing goods

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for sale in the town," to the injury of the resident shopkeepers.

*April.* New Independent Methodist chapel, top of Church-  
22. street, first opened for service.

— 23. The theatre opened under the management of Mr. Bickerton.

*May* Baptist chapel; Rev. C. Larom, successor to the  
16. Rev. Mr. Jones, appointed minister.

— 31. The past month distinguished by the coldness of the weather which prevailed.

*June* 4. The theatre; Miss Clara Fisher's first appearance.

— . Pitt club; anniversary held at the Tontine; J. D. Skelton, Esq., Master Cutler, in the chair.

— 24. State of Sheffield; number of inhabited houses, 8726; houses uninhabited, 1310; houses building, 29. Ecclesall Bierlow; houses inhabited, 1814; uninhabited, 135; building, 22. Brightside Bierlow, inhabited, 1344; uninhabited, 91; building, 18. Attercliffe with Darnall, inhabited, 680; uninhabited, 69; building, 1. Nether Hallam, inhabited, 628; uninhabited, 49; building, 9. Upper Hallam, inhabited, 189; uninhabited, 10; building, 1.--- Total population, 65,275, comprising 14,100 families; of which, 916 are chiefly employed in agriculture; 11,196 chiefly in trade or manufactures; and 1683 not comprised in either of the preceding classes.

— 29. Hanbey's charity distributed to sixty-six poor men and women.

— 30. Quantity of wrought plate manufactured in the town, and assayed at the public office during the past year, 5310 lbs. 4 oz. 3 dwt.

*July* Consumption of meat for the past year; slaughtered  
13. in Sheffield, sheep, 24,260; lambs, 4739; calves, 3333; beasts, 3923.

— 19. Celebration of the coronation of his Majesty, George IV.; public dinners at the Tontine and assembly rooms; sixty aged men clothed by the Cutlers' Company, Town Trustees, and Church Burgesses; grand ball; illumination, fireworks by Petro, &c.; one hundred poor people entertained by Mr. Rimmer, Catholic clergyman.

— . St. George's new church; the first stone laid by the Rev. Thomas Sutton, vicar.

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- Aug.* New road to Glossop viewed by the magistrates, and  
23. opened for carriages.
- 27. Filesmiths' society; the members assemble at the Acorn tavern, Shales-moor, and celebrate their 100th anniversary.
- Sept.* New water company; public meeting at the Town-Hall, to take into consideration the expediency of forming a new water company.
- 10. Savings' Bank; deposits, £9608. 6s. 6d.; depositors, 432.
- 26. New water company; adjourned meeting at the Town-Hall; address moved to the Duke of Norfolk, soliciting his support in the formation of a new company.
- 27. Public dinner at the Tontine, given to his Grace the Duke of Norfolk; chairman, Dr. Younge; present, the Earl of Surrey, Hon. E. Petre, H. Parker, Esq., officers of the corporation, Burgesses, and principal manufacturers.
- Oct.* 6. Mr. Henry Walker, of Blythe, presented a donation of £50 to the infirmary.
- 7. Upper chapel, Norfolk-street; new organ opened by Mr. Mather.
- 22. Theatre opened by Mr. De Camp; principal performers, Messrs. Butler, Pearman, Carter, Neville, Mitchell, Holland; Mrs. Pope, and Miss Halford.
- Sheffield canal; first sloop built on the canal wharf launched into the basin.
- Nov.* Sheffield library; Miss Hatfield appointed librarian,  
1. *vice* her father, deceased.
- 6. Theatre; first appearance (Hamlet) of Mr. Mude.
- 17. The Shakspeare club; third anniversary, at the Angel; Peter Brownell, Esq. president; Benj. Sayle, and B. J. Wake, Esqrs., vice-presidents.
- 28. Winter fair held in the Wicker; price of cheese 4d. to 5½d. per lb.
- Weekly payments to the casual poor, less than £100 per week.
- Dec.* 1. Theatre; value of an original £100 share, (public sale,) 145 guineas and auction duty.
- 11. The warehouse and stock belonging to the assignees

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of Messrs. Green, in Union-street, destroyed by fire; loss of stock estimated at £800.

- Dec.* Expended by the Church Burgesses, during the past year, out of their funds; to the clergy, £750; to repairs, &c. of church, £330. 11s. 6d.; to the poor, £162. 10s.; to general and incidental expenses, £409. 14s. 5d.—*P. Rep.*
1822. Bust of Mr. J. Rimington, deceased, (executed by *Jan. 1* Mr. Law) placed in the hall of the Cutlers' Company.
- . Town library; president, Mr. T. A. Ward.
- . Gas company; £25 shares produce a premium of £10.
- 23. Decease of Mr. John Feather, of Pond-street. "Many of the best essays which have appeared in the Sheffield papers, were from the pen of this worthy individual."—*Sheffield Independent.*
- 29. Robert Burns; third anniversary of his birth-day, held at the Angel, principally by North Britons residing in the town.
- 31. Mr. Braham first appeared in Sheffield at the choral concerts.
- Feb.* The grammar school; Mr. Wm. Wright appointed 16. second master, *vice* Rev. G. Harrison.
- Mar.* Sheffield humane society distributed twelve rewards 7. to persons who had been instrumental in preserving life in case of accident.
- 26. Decease of Robert Turner, Esq. aged 67. "In public life he was truly patriotic, and always evinced an ardent desire for the welfare of the town and parish of Sheffield."—*Sheffield Independent.*
- . ——— bequeathed by will £1000 to the infirmary, and £500 to the boys' and girls' charity schools.
- 28. Madame Catalani first appeared at the choral concerts at the theatre.
- April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Jno. Fox, W. Rowley, Jno. Feather, Thomas Willey; amount of rates collected, £20,195. 4s. 10d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £18,832. 12s. 6d.; county rate, £1250. 2s. 2d.
- 5. Town Collector; Trustees elected Peter Brownell, Esq., *vice* Mr. Robert Turner, deceased.
- 6. James Mosley executed at York, for stabbing John Mackay, in Sheffield Park, the 3d of August pre-

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ceding. "The man had been tried March 16, on the charge of wilful murder and acquitted, he was detained to be tried on a bill founded on the cutting and maiming, convicted and executed."—*Sheff. Independent.*

*April* Unitarians of Sheffield petition Parliament, and with  
— 10. others, obtain leave to bring in a bill to amend the marriage act, (26. Geo. II.) touching the marriage of Unitarian Dissenters with the members of the Church of England.

— 18. Public meeting; resolved to petition Parliament to repeal or amend the laws relative to insolvent debtors.

*May* 4. Police of the town; £3252. 13s. 4d. raised during the past year by police rates, and expended for the purposes directed in the police act.

— 17. Public meeting at the Cutlers'-Hall; committee formed to collect subscriptions for the relief of the distressed peasantry in Ireland; amount collected, about £1600.

— 23. Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society; eighth anniversary; amount collected, £220.

— Shares in the River Dun Company; value (public auction) of 7½ shares, £12,950, exclusive of one quarter's dividend due, about £1726.

— 24. Public meeting at the Town-Hall; petition adopted, praying the Parliament to reject Mr. Scarlett's proposed "non-removal of the poor" bill.

— 28. The Pitt club; anniversary at the Tontine.

*June.* Dry grinding; the Society of Arts present Mr. J. H. Abraham, of Sheffield-moor, with a large gold medal, in testimony of their approbation of his magnetic apparatus for the protection of persons employed in dry grinding.

— 23. Buildings in the Black Lion yard, Snig-hill, destroyed by fire, damage £240.

— 30. Quantity of wrought plate manufactured in the town and assayed at the public office during the past year, 4617 lbs. 3 oz. 8 dwt.

*July* 1. Explosion of fire damp at the Intake colliery; Mr. Benjamin Clayton, the under ground steward, and Mr. Thomas Clayton, his son, with five other persons, killed.

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- July* Consumption of meat for the past year; slaughtered  
 — 13. in Sheffield, sheep, 29,457; lambs, 6863; calves, 3657; beasts, 289.
- 17. John Eaton, workman, of Hawley-croft, murdered. "He was awakened in the night by two men endeavouring to break into his house, and upon raising an alarm, was struck on the head by a stone thrown by one of the thieves, which caused a fracture and death."—*Sheff. Independent.*
- Aug.* The old cricket ground at Darnall opened by Mr. Steer.
- The poor; weekly expenditure for their support under £50.
- 26. First cricket match between 15 players of Sheffield and 11 of Nottingham, won by the latter.
- a large booth erected on the play ground, containing nearly 2000 persons, suddenly fell without occasioning the loss of life.
- Sep.* 5. Annual feast of the Cutlers' Company; Master, Mr. Thomas Champion; guests present, J. A. S. Wortley, Esq., magistrates of the district, &c.
- 9. Savings' Bank; funds, £20,407. 14s. 9d.; depositors, 752.
- 13. Decease of William Shore, Esq., of Tapton; "he for many years bore an active part in the banking establishment of Messrs. Parker, Shores, and Blake-lock."
- bequeathed to the infirmary, £200; boys and girls' charity schools, £200; Lancasterian schools, £200.
- 18. Town Trustees; meeting of freeholders, and election of Mr. William Battie, Mr. William Fisher, and Mr. Thomas Pearson, as Trustees; *vice* Messrs. Rawson, Staniforth, and Turner, deceased.
- 26. St. Philip's new church; first stone laid by Philip Gell, Esq., of Hopton.
- Oct.* 2. Infirmary; twenty-fifth anniversary meeting of subscribers and benefactors, at the Tontine; the Duke of Norfolk in the chair.
- 4. Decease of John Foster, Esq. of High Green, coroner of the district, aged 72, at the Bull and Mouth, Waingate, at which place he had been taken ill a week before, whilst presiding on an inquest.

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- Oct.* New Music-Hall; meeting held, at which Dr. Younge
14. presided, for the purpose of electing a committee of management for the erection of a new Music-Hall.
- 21. Ebenezer chapel, at Shales-moor; first stone laid by Thomas Holy, Esq.; inscription, "erected by the Wesleyan Methodists in Sheffield, aided by a donation of £500 from Thomas Holy, Esq., in the 83d year from the commencement of an extensive and increasing revival of primitive Christianity in this land, begun by the Rev. John Wesley."
- 28. The theatre opened by Mr. De Camp, manager; principal performers, Messrs. Mude, Neville, Carter, Holland, Hamblin; Mrs. Hamblin, Mrs. W. Clifford.
- 30. Andrew Allen Hardy, Esq. elected coroner of the upper division of Strafforth and Tickhill.
- New church at Attercliffe; the first stone of Christ church laid by the Duke of Norfolk.
- Confirmation at the parish church, of 1120 individuals, by his Grace the Archbishop of York.
- Nov.* Literary and Philosophical Society; first meeting for
6. the formation, held at the Cutlers'-Hall, and the following committee appointed for the furtherance of the object:—Mr. T. A. Ward, chairman; Mr. Offley Shore, Mr. James Montgomery, Dr. Knight, Mr. S. Bailey, Mr. T. Waterhouse, Mr. L. Palfreyman, jun., Rev. P. Wright, Mr. Wm. Jackson, and Mr. H. Overend.
- 7. The Shakspeare club; fourth anniversary, at the Tontine; president, Benj. Sayle, Esq.
- 28. Winter fair held in the Wicker; price of cheese, 40s. to 50s. per cwt.
- Dec.* Literary and Philosophical Society; public meeting
12. held, for the formation of the society; resolved that the plan recommended by the committee be adopted, and that an association be formed for the promotion of polite literature and science, under the title of "The Sheffield Literary and Philosophical Society."
- 15. St. Peter's church first lighted with gas.
- 31. Mr. J. H. Abraham; a vase and several articles of plate, manufactured by Messrs. Smith, Tate, Hoult,

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and Co., "presented to him by his townspeople and others, in token of respect for his talents, and in acknowledgment of his services to an afflicted class of workmen, by his ingenious invention of the magnetic guards and dust apparatus, for the relief of dry grinders."

- Dec.* Expended by the Church Burgesses during the past
31. year, out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £750.; to repairs, &c. of church, £241. 11s. 8½d.; to the poor, £65; general and incidental expenses, £328. 17s. 11d.—*P. Rep.*
1823. *Jan.* Town library; president, Mr. T. A. Ward.
- 10. Literary and Philosophical Society; first officers appointed; president, Dr. Knight; vice-presidents, Rev. Thomas Cotterill, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. T. A. Ward, and Mr. Samuel Bailey; treasurer, Mr. Offley Shore; secretaries, Mr. L. Palfreyman and Mr. Thomas Waterhouse; curator, Mr. W. Jackson; committee, Messrs. J. H. Abraham, Edward Barker, M. Ellison, Wm. Jeffcock, Wm. Lucas, James Ray, N. Phillips, H. H. Piper, P. Wright, J. Todd, H. Overend, and B. J. Wake.
- 11. Meeting at the Cutlers'-Hall, to consider Mr. Samuel Roberts's plan for the establishment of a safety coach to and from London.
- 18. Messrs. Holy, Wilson, Dunn, and Co. opened a new coal-pit near the canal basin, and sent a present of coals, drawn by fifty colliers, for the use of the infirmary.
- 21. Kelham wheel (Mr. Dunn's) partly destroyed by fire; damage, £400.
- Feb.* 3. Meeting of freeholders, at the Town-Hall, to support the petition for a reform in Parliament, adopted at the county meeting held at York; Hugh Parker, Esq. chairman.
- 14. Free grammar school; the governors propose to build a new and commodious grammar school, near St. George's church, and solicit contributions; first subscribers, Duke of Norfolk, £105; Earl Fitzwilliam, £100; Rev. T. Sutton, £31. 10s.; Gamaliel Milner, Esq., Mr. W. Wilson, Mr. T. Watson, Mr. S. Younge, Mr. C. Younge, Dr. Younge, Godfrey Sykes, Esq., Messrs. Parker



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and Brown, Messrs. James and John Wheat, and Mr. William Patten, twenty guineas each.

*Feb.* Literary and Philosophical Society; the introductory  
21. lecture delivered at the Tontine, by Mr. James Montgomery.

*Mar.* Town Trustees expend £400 in the purchase of houses to extend Queen-street.

— 10. Savings' Bank; deposits, £28,335. 2s. 11d.; number of depositors, 1000.

— 20. Gas company; shares (£25) at a premium of £11. 10s.

— 31. Music-Hall; first stone laid by Dr. Younge.

*April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Wm. Fisher, Peter Frith, Thomas Porter, Jos. Waterhouse; amount collected in rates, £15,728. 16s. 2d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £14,719. 11s. 10d.; county rate, £944. 1s. 1d.

— 2. Musical festival, at the parish church, for the benefit of the boys' and girls' charity schools.

— 10. Police rates; Mr. William Wilson appointed collector, *vice* Mr. Cantrell resigned.

— 16. Public meeting; resolved that the Master Cutler, (Thomas Champion, Esq.) Mr. Thomas Lindley, and Mr. James, be appointed deputies, "to concert, in London, with deputies from other towns, the means of promoting the repeal or amendment of the insolvent debtors' act."

— 30. Public meeting at the Town-Hall; resolved that a petition be presented to both Houses of Parliament, praying for the gradual and total abolition of Negro Slavery in the British Colonies.

*May* 9. Church rate; at a meeting in the vestry of the parish church, Thomas Rawson, Esq. chairman, it was resolved "that in consequence of the absence of the churchwardens, it is presumed that the Burgesses have agreed to pay the necessary expenses for which such rate is legally applicable, as requested by a former meeting, and that the present meeting be adjourned."

— 19. Whit-Monday; eleventh anniversary of the Sunday-school Union; number of schools, 47; scholars, 10,000; teachers, 2000.

" As flowers which from the sun receive  
Their fragrant scent, and lovely hues,

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When night comes on are seen to grieve,  
 And steep their heads in gloom and dews ;  
 But with returning beams unfold,  
 In grateful sign, their leaves of gold,—

“ So we our gratitude would prove  
 To thee whose goodness crowns our days,  
 In whom we live, in whom we move,  
 By keeping wisdom's peaceful ways,  
 And thus a sweeter fragrance yield,  
 Than aught that decks the smiling field.”

*Pt. of Hymn sung by the Chil. in Unit. School.*

- May* Town Trustees vote £50 towards furnishing St. George's church with a peal of bells.
- June*
1. Grinders' preservative of health ; society for the encouragement of arts and manufactures vote the inventor, Mr. John Elliott, a gold medal.
  - 4. Anniversary of the Pitt Club held at the Angel.
  - 9. Town Trustees vote fifty guineas towards the erection of the new grammar school ; amount of other subscriptions advertised, £1116.
  - 30. Quantity of wrought plate manufactured in the town and assayed at the public office during the past year, 4422 lbs. 9 oz. 0 dwt.
- July*
1. Infirmary ; bequest to the infirmary, by the Rev. Francis Gisborne, of Staveley, Derbyshire, of the sum of £6726, 3 per cents.
  - 10. Removal of the Shrewsbury Park hospital ; “ act for the removal of the hospital, and for the better regulation of the affairs of the charity,” received the Royal assent.
  - 12. Consumption of meat ; slaughtered at Sheffield during the past year, 29,843 sheep ; 6540 lambs ; 3805 calves ; and 4927 beasts.
  - 17. Volunteer society ; anniversary held at Mrs. Lawton's, the George. “ This institution was originally formed of members from the Sheffield regiment of Volunteers, who, from the exercise of a narrow policy, were precluded from participating in the benefits of the existing clubs.”---*Shef. Ind.*
  - 21. Sheffield Flower Society ; first exhibition at the Cutlers'-Hall.
  - 27. Ebenezer chapel, Shales-moor, first opened by the Rev. Adam Clarke, L.L.D. ; it contains sittings for 1579 persons, and cost £3000. During the ser-

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vice, an alarm raised that the building was falling ; the congregation escaped in confusion, breaking 700 panes of glass.

- July* Wesleyan Methodists; eightieth annual conference held in Sheffield, attended by 350 preachers; ministers appointed for the year, Revs. Charles Atmore, William Leech, Daniel Isaac, Partes Haswell, and Joseph Agar.
- Aug.* The chapel in Coalpit-lane occupied by the sect of Johannaites.
- Sept.* Annual feast of the Cutlers' Company; Master, Thomas Dewsnap, Esq.; guest present, S. B. Brookes, Esq., American Consul.
- The surveyors of Sheffield highways collected in rates, and expended the same in repairs, during the past year, £4494. 19s. 1d.
- 18. Mr. Sadler made the first ascent of a balloon from Sheffield.
- British Bible Society; contributions received during the past year, by the Sheffield Auxiliary Society, £7714.
- The turret of St. Paul's church repaired.
- Oct.* 1. New grammar school; the Church Burgesses, by deed dated this day, granted to the governors of the grammar school, in lieu of their lease for 800 years of the old site, (Townhead-street,) which they surrendered, a lease of a piece of ground of equal value, containing 2400 square yards, near Broad-lane, for 595 years, at the yearly rent of one shilling.---*Com. Rep.*
- Infirmary; twenty-sixth anniversary meeting of subscribers and benefactors, held at the Angel; Henry Walker, Esq., of Blythe, president.
- 2. Nether chapel; tenth quarterly meeting of the congregation under the care of the Rev. T. Smith, A.M.; reported that £801. 2s. 4d. had been collected in 129 weeks, towards erecting a new chapel.
- 11. Donations from the Misses Harrison; Sheffield infirmary, £300; boys' charity school, girls' charity school, and national schools, £200 each.
- 13. Savings' Bank; amount of stock, £37,540; number of depositors, 1170.

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- Oct.* Sheffield "new building company" established; solicitor, Mr. Branson.
- 14. The poor rates; amount paid at the workhouse for the relief of the casual poor, during the past week, £15. 9s. 9d.; "the smallest sum paid in one week to that description of individuals, within the recollection of the oldest rate payer."---*Shef. Ind.*
- 27. Theatre opened by Mrs. De Camp; principal performers, Messrs. Mude, Carter, Holland, Neville, Crisp; Miss Fisher, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Weston, and Miss Melvin.
- Sheffield infirmary; £1800, a fourth part of the profits of the Yorkshire musical festival, paid to the treasurer.
- 30. Public dinner given to Earl Fitzwilliam, at the assembly rooms; Hugh Parker, Esq., president; present, Lord Milton, Mr. Ramsden, M. P., Hon. F. Ponsonby, and 180 of the principal persons of the town.
- Dinners in honour of Earl Fitzwilliam's visit, held at Mr. Wright's, Change-alley; Mrs. Healey's, Haymarket; Mr. Fordham's, Castle-street; Mr. Stevens's, Campo-lane; Mr. Stafford's, Coulston-street; and at Mr. Bramley's, Silver-street head.
- Nov.* Literary and Philosophical Society; Mr. Webster
7. concluded a course of twelve lectures on steam and steam engines, and other scientific subjects.
- 19. Fifth anniversary of the Shakspeare club, at the Tontine; president, B. J. Wake, Esq.
- 28. The winter fair held in the Wicker; price of cheese, 60s. to 70s. per cwt.
- Dec.* 4. Violent storm of wind; "the streets of this place were plentifully spread with slates, chimney pipes, &c. which had been displaced by the violent winds." *Newspaper.*
- 8. Public meeting at the Town-Hall, of the journeymen mechanics, and other tradesmen and artisans of the town; resolved to petition Parliament for the repeal of the combination laws.
- 27. Public meeting at the Town-Hall; resolutions entered into, and committee appointed, for the establishment of a mechanics' library.
- 29. Decease of the Rev. Thomas Cotterill, A. M., minister of St. Paul's church, aged 44.

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- Dec.* Expended by the Church Burgesses during the past
31. year, out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £750; repairs, &c. of the church, £575. 3s. 7d.; to the poor, £65; general and incidental expenses, £139. 18s. 8d.—*P. Rep.*
1824. *Jan.* Town library; president, Mr. T. A. Ward.
- 2. Literary and Philosophical Society; election of officers; president, Mr. James Montgomery, vice-presidents, Dr. Knight, Mr. S. Bailey, Dr. Phillips, and Mr. T. A. Ward; secretaries, Mr. L. Palfreyman and Mr. T. Waterhouse; curator, Mr. Wm. Jackson.
- 17. Yorkshire and Derbyshire magazine; first number published by Mr. John Blackwell, High-street.
- 26. Mechanics' and Apprentices' library; first general meeting of proprietors and honorary members; number of members enrolled, 150.
- Feb.* Church Missionary Society; contribution to this
28. society from Sheffield, made during the past year only, reported at £2300.
- 30. Sheffield gas company; current price of shares (£25) £32. 10s.
- Mar.* Public meeting; resolved that a committee be appointed to prepare a petition praying the House of Commons "not to adopt the propositions of Mr. Hume, permitting the exportation of British tools and machinery, and the emigration of artisans."
- 6. "The Parlour Fireside," weekly publication; first number issued by Mr. Ridge, King-street.
- 16. Decease of Joseph Bailey, of Burngreave, Esq., aged 73. "Early in life, he commenced business as a manufacturer; subsequently, he embarked in an extensive mercantile concern, and became one of the first American merchants in the town; we shall rarely, if ever, have to record the death of a better man."—*Parl. Fireside.*
- 19. Public meeting; petition to Parliament adopted, praying the repeal of the inhabited house-tax and window duty.
- 20. The casual poor who applied to the overseers for parochial relief during the past week, all relieved for the sum of £14.

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*April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Robert Sorby, Jno. Hutchinson, W. Marsden, W. Andrews; amount of rates collected, £16,923. 8s. 2d.; amount paid for relief of the poor, £15,764. 4s.; county rate, £1022. 16s. 4d.

— 6. Literary and Philosophical Society; Dr. Williamson, of Leeds, delivered at the Tontine, a lecture “on the influence of Lord Bacon’s philosophical speculation in promoting the advancement of experimental science.”

— 7. Public meeting of the merchants and manufacturers; resolved that a petition be presented to Parliament, praying a bill to prevent the retailers or others (not the manufacturers of cutlery) stamping or marking the same.

— 22. Public meeting; resolved that a petition be presented to Parliament, praying for an act “to render more efficient the laws relating to landlords and tenants.”

— 23. Miss Paton first appeared at the Sheffield Subscription Concerts.

*May 1.* Spring knife cutlers publish a statement complaining of their distress, and that the master manufacturers take off from 25 to 50 per cent. from the last prices of 1810, leaving their earnings 9s. to 11s. per week.

— Return of the number of persons employed in different branches of the Sheffield cutlery business. “The returns were made by persons engaged in the respective branches, with great care, for official reference.”—*T. C.*

Table knives; Forgers & strikers, occupying 200 hearths	400
Hafters, men and boys	1000
Grinders .....	540
Haft & scale cutters..	160
Pressers.....	140
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	2240
Spring knives; Blade forgers.....	240
Scale and spring ditto	120
Hafters, men and boys	1470
Grinders .....	360
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	2190
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Carried forward, ....	4430

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	Brought forward . . . .		4430
Razors; . . . .	Forgers & strikers, (40 hearths) . . . . .	80	
	Hafters, men and boys	120	
	Pressers . . . . .	28	
	Grinders . . . . .	250	
			478
Scissors, in- cluding lined blades; ..	Forgers . . . . .	147	
	Filers . . . . .	196	
	Dressers . . . . .	110	
	Grinders . . . . .	238	
	Finishers . . . . .	115	
			806
Files; . . . . .	Forgers and strikers ( $\frac{1}{4}$ double hearths) ..	238	
	Grinders . . . . .	133	
	Cutters . . . . .	795	
	Hardeners . . . . .	118	
			1284
Saws; . . . . .	Makers and grinders		400
Edge tools; ..	Forgers and strikers ..	401	
	Grinders . . . . .	140	
			541
Forks; . . . . .	Forgers . . . . .	280	
	Grinders . . . . .	200	
			480
	Additional for the country ..		130
			8549

- May 20. Savings' Bank ; secretary appointed, Mr. B. Schofield.  
 — 22. King's Head, Change-alley; kept by Mr. William Woodhead, on the resignation of Mr. W. Wright.  
 —. Angel Inn, Angel-street; kept by William Hemmings, *vice* Mr. T. Walker.  
 —. Petition signed by 327 persons of Sheffield, presented to the House of Commons by Lord Milton, deprecating all prosecutions for the publication of certain theological opinions, and "seriously entreating the Honourable House to adopt such measures for the security and protection of all parties and opinions, as the spirit and temper of this more liberal age imperiously require and demand."

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- May* William Ladsle *alais* Runcorn, a bearward, destroyed  
 27. by his own bear, which he was leading unmuzzled  
 in the Park.
- 29. Spring knife cutlers; 1600 out of employment, in  
 consequence of disagreement with the masters.
- June* 1. St. Paul's Church; Rev. James Knight, M.A. ap-  
 pointed to the perpetual curacy.
- Mr. George Crosland appointed vestry clerk for  
 Brightside Bierlow, *vice* Mr. Wm. Willey, deceased.
- Commissioners of Police publish an account of their  
 receipts and disbursements for the past year; ex-  
 pended for cleansing streets, £403. 3s. 6½d.; light-  
 ing streets, £1238. 2s. 10d.; watching streets,  
 £1670. 7s. 1d.; salaries, £304. 7s.; miscellanies,  
 £280. 9s. 5d; total, £4464. 6s. 2d.
- 4. General infirmary; since the opening of the same,  
 (4th October, 1797) there have been admitted  
 35,877 patients, out of which number, 3102 were  
 persons injured by sudden accidents requiring im-  
 mediate assistance.—*Dr. Ernest.*
- Jennerian institution, since the  
 establishment of the same 25,195 persons have been  
 vaccinated by Robt. Ernest, M.D., without the loss  
 of a single individual in consequence of the disease.
- 15. Bill in the Commons, to regulate the marking of  
 cutlery, and for the protection of the Sheffield ma-  
 nufacturers, opposed by the London cutlers, and  
 withdrawn in the committee.
- 20. The combination laws; deputation of mechanics  
 from Sheffield wait on Lord Milton, then attending  
 Parliament, and solicit his exertions towards their  
 repeal, and afterwards give evidence before a select  
 committee appointed by the House.
- 29. The Hanbey charity (20s., a coat and hat to each)  
 distributed to sixty poor men and women.
- July* 7. Garden-street chapel re-opened.
- 15. Journeymen spring knife cutlers; committee publish  
 a statement, shewing that their number amounts to  
 1806, of which 800 are in work, contributing to the  
 support of the others, and that the sums collected  
 for their general relief since May 11, amount to  
 £2684. 19s. 11d.
- 20. Amateur (Yorkshire) music meeting held at the



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New Music-Hall; professors present, Mr. Camidge, Dr. Camidge, Mr. Knapton, Mr. Cudmore, and Miss Travis.

- July* Friends and subscribers (90) to the amateur music meeting dine together; president, Rev. T. Lowe, of Wentworth.
- 28. Public meeting; resolved, that thanks be presented to his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, for his liberal offer of land for the site of the third church proposed to be erected in Sheffield.
- Aug.* 1. The new cricket ground at Darnall opened by Mr. Steer.
- 6. Public meeting; resolutions passed, and subscriptions entered into, for the protection of the public against canine madness.
- 10. Mr. Charles Brown ascended from Sycamore-street in a new balloon of his own construction.
- . Cricket match; Darnall club against Bingham, won by the former.
- 19. Public meeting to promote the union of the Sheffield Canal with the Peak Forest, Chesterfield, and Cromford Canals.
- 20. Public meeting for the establishment of the Sheffield Auxiliary Anti-Slavery Society, in co-operation with the London Parent Society.
- 21. Sheffield gas company; price of shares (£25) at public sale, £32. 12s. exclusive of auction duty and expense of transfer.
- 23. Theatre opened by Mr. Calvert (Hamlet) for one night.
- 26. Theatre opened by Miss S. Booth for three nights.
- Sept.* 1. Mr. James Montgomery; his portrait painted by Mr. Barber, of Derby, for the members of the Literary and Philosophical Society, placed in their hall.
- 2. Anniversary of the Cutlers' Feast; Master, Mr. Peter Spurr; guests present, J. A. S. Wortley, Esq. M.P., the magistrates of the district, &c.
- 10. Savings' Bank; total fund, £52,514 7s. 2d.; depositors, 1367.
- . Cricket match; Darnall club against Leicester, won by the latter by one notch.
- Oct.* 6. General infirmary; twenty-seventh anniversary meet-

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ing of the subscribers and benefactors; president, Dr. Knight.

*Oct.* 14. Public (adjourned) meeting, to promote the junction of the Sheffield Canal with Manchester; subscriptions entered into, and engineers report of the practicability thereof ordered.

— Anniversary of the Pitt club held at the Tontine; chairman, J. A. S. Wortley, Esq. M.P.

— 25. The Theatre opened by De Camp; Hamlet by Mr. W. Macready; principal performers, Messrs. Mude, Carter, King, Bennett, Pope, Mrs. Brudenall, and Mrs. Macnamara.

— Anniversary of the Jubilee Society; stock, £1902; members, 167.

*Nov.* Sixth anniversary of the Shakspeare club; president, James Rimington, Esq.

— 30. Winter fair held in the Wicker; price of cheese, Derby, 58s. to 67s. per cwt; Cheshire, 70s. to 76s. per cwt.

*Dec.* Expended by the Church Burgesses, during the past  
31. year, out of their funds; to the clergy, £750; to repairs, &c. of church, £398. 6s. 1d.; to the poor, £65.; to general and incidental expenses, £231. 5s. 3d.—*P. Rep.*

1825. Town library removed from George-street to the  
*Jan.* new Music-Hall; president, Mr. Thomas Asline Ward.

— 3. The Commercial News Room at the Music-Hall first opened.

— 6. Tradesman's annual ball held at the Angel.

— 7. Literary and Philosophical Society; officers elected for the ensuing year; president, Rev. N. Phillips, D. D., vice-presidents, Dr. Knight, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. S. Bailey, Mr. T. A. Ward.

— 8. Price of shares by public auction, subject to duty and exclusive of dividends due; gas company (£25 shares) £35; Sheffield fire office £25. 4s. per share.

— 12. Public meeting to form a plan of co-operation with the grand junction rail-road company.

— Mortality of the past year; 1131 burials at the parish church; out of which number 91 attained the age of 70 and upwards.

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- Feb.* 7. Boys' charity school; determined, at a meeting of the trustees and subscribers, to erect a new school.
- 23. Public meeting; resolved that a petition be presented to Parliament, in favour of the "county court, or small debts' bill."
- Sheffield Fitzwilliam Society; deputation of the society entertained at Wentworth house, and presented with a splendid emblazoned flag.
- Mar.* 1. Boys' charity school; scholars removed to the Cutlers' Hall, and removal of the old building commenced.
- 10. Public meeting at the Town-Hall; resolved that petitions be presented to the Commons, praying for the repeal of the duties on imported iron, and other materials used in the Sheffield trade; for a revision of the corn laws; and for the total abolition of the remaining house and window tax.
- 28. Marking of cutlery; resolved at a public meeting, that subscriptions be entered into, and a petition prepared, to oppose a bill presented to Parliament permitting the London cutlers to put fictitious marks on goods.
- April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, George Wragg, George Walker, T. Aldham, Jno. Hazlehurst; amount of rates collected, £16,818. 11s. 3d.; amount paid for relief of the poor, £12,944. 14s.; county rate, £1185. 16s. 1d.
- 4. The theatre opened with a representation of the battle of Waterloo.
- 6. Boys' charity school; first stone of the new building laid by six of the eldest scholars.
- 11. Cooke's olympic circus in Sycamore-street built and opened.
- 13. Combination laws; mechanics of Sheffield appointed a committee to collect evidence shewing the good effects produced by the repeal of the combination laws.
- May* 4. Public meeting of masters and workmen; resolved to petition Parliament not to make any alteration in 5 Geo. IV., c. 49, repealing the laws on combinations.
- 23. Cricket match; twenty-two of Darnall (including Sparks) against eleven of all England, won by 28 runs.

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- May* Mr. Francis Cluley receives from the London Society  
 30. of Arts, the gold vulcan medal for his improved lithotomy forceps.
- 31. Summer fair held in the Wicker; price of cheese, Derbyshire, 65s. to 70. per cwt; Cheshire, 68s. to 80s. per cwt.
- June* Rev. C. H. R. Rodes, of Balbro', presented 100  
 1. guineas to the Sheffield infirmary.
- 3. Decease of Mr. Samuel Woodcock, of Change-alley, aged 75.
- Decease of Mr. Robert Wiley, of the Market-place.
- 11. Mr. Taylor, jun. elected organist of the upper chapel, *vice* Mr. Ramsay resigned.
- 13. Savings' Bank; general fund, £67,388. 16s. 4d; number of accounts, 1629.
- Police commissioners' receipts and disbursements for the benefit of the town during the past year; collected and received, £4,001. 14s. 5d.; expended in cleansing streets, £502. 15. 5d.; in lighting streets, £1,147. 13s. 10d.; watching streets, £1,569. 11s. 5d.; salaries, £304. 7s.; miscellaneous, £88. 5s. 6d.
- 29. St. George's new church consecrated by the Archbishop of York.
- The Hanbey's charity distributed to 60 aged and poor men and women.
- July* 3. St. George's new church opened, and the first sermon preached by the Rev. S. Langston, A. M. the minister. The cost of building the church, £14,819, defrayed out of the Parliamentary grant; the length of the church is 122 feet, and the breadth 67, containing 2000 sittings, of which about 800 are free.
- The new hospital and chapel of Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury, commenced on the high ground on the Park.
- Aug.* 4. The new grammar school, near the new St. George's church, (W. White, M. A., head master) first opened for the reception of scholars; the inaugural address pronounced by Dr. Younge.
- 13. Isaac Charlesworth executed at York, for a highway robbery committed in Sheffield.
- 19. Protection of grinders; the committee for awarding certain premiums granted by the London society for bettering the condition of the poor, pay to

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William Calton the sum of 10 guineas, as a reward for his application of the fan to the apparatus lately invented for carrying off the dust from grinders when at work; and to Peter Redfern, a reward of eight sovereigns, for improvements adapted to the same purpose, offering likewise other encouragements to workmen disposed to adopt the newly invented means of protection.

- Aug.* Rev. Mr. Harris commenced a series of four lectures  
 25. on elocution at the Music-Hall.
- 29. Cricket match (return); Darnall club against Leicester; won by the latter, with ten wickets to go down.
- Sept.* 1. Anniversary of the Cutlers' Feast; Master, Mr. H. Moorhouse; guests present, J. A. S. Wortley, Esq. M. P., Mr. J. Wortley, and local magistrates.
- 15. Decease of Mr. William Grant, of the High-street, while reading in the Sheffield news room.
- 17. General infirmary; Mr. Joseph Harrison, of London, bequeathed £500 for its benefit.
- Town trustees expend £400 in the purchase of houses to widen Piinstone-lane.
- Oct.* 4. Sheffield Iris newspaper published in an enlarged form, by Mr. John Blackwell, successor to Mr. Montgomery.
- 5. General infirmary; twenty-eighth anniversary at the Tontine; chairman, Sir G. Sitwell, Bart.
- 18. Committee of the "Ladies' Hibernian Female School Society," hold a Bazaar at the Cutlers'-Hall, for the benefit of the charity.
- 24. Jane Brickhill sentenced at the Sheffield sessions to transportation for seven years, for forcibly stealing money from John Mooney, in the Hartshead.
- 31. Theatre opened by Mr. De Camp; principal performers, Mr. W. Macready, (seven nights only) Messrs. Salter, Neville, Chapman, King, and Holland; Miss Ogilvie, Miss Fisher, Miss Morton, and Miss Rock.
- Nov.* Public dinner at the Tontine, given to Mr. James  
 4. Montgomery, "out of respect to his virtues and talents;" chairman, Lord Milton; stewards, Drs. Younge, Knight, and Brown, and Messrs. Sayles, Ellison, J. Read, H. Wheat, E. Rhodes, Rimatington, and T. A. Ward; present, 116 persons. "It

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is fashionable amongst us to pay homage to moral worth, and reward with public praise, a career of benevolent usefulness. Nor is the acknowledgment of excellence amongst us tardy or posthumous—we do not praise the flowers when the colours are gone, and their sweet savour alone remains; we admire them in life, and value them while they are yet on the living earth.”—*Sheffield Independent*.

- Nov.* Public meeting, J. A. Stuart Wortley, Esq., M. P.,  
 17. in the chair; resolved that the committee appointed approve of Mr. Telford's report of the practicability of a canal communication between Sheffield and Manchester, and that the scheme be promoted in every possible way.
- 28. Winter fair; price of cheese, thin, 63s. to 74s. per cwt.; Cheshire, 66s. to 80s. per cwt.
- 30. Seventh anniversary of the Shakspeare club; Mr. E. Rhodes, president.
- Dec.* Public meeting of the merchants, manufacturers, and others, at the Town-Hall, to express their unshaken confidence in the stability of the Sheffield banking establishments.
- 26. The theatre; Mr. S. Butler first appeared (Coriolanus.)
- 31. The theatre; Mr. Booth first appeared (King Lear.)
- Expended by the Church Burgesses, during the past year, out of their funds; to the clergy, £750; to repairs, &c. of church, £266. 2s. 3d.; to the poor, £75. 2s. 3d.; to general and incidental expenses, £394. 18s. 8d.—*P. Rep.*
1826. *Jan.* Town library; president, Mr. T. A. Ward.
- 2. Theatre; Miss Foote's first appearance, (Letitia Hardy.)
- 3. Mechanics' Library; second annual meeting and report; number of volumes, 1600; members, 460; receipts of the last year, £180.
- 6. Literary and Philosophical Society; election of officers, president, Mr. Samuel Bailey; vice-presidents, Dr. Knight, Mr. Montgomery, Rev. Dr. Phillips, and Rev. H. H. Piper.
- 16. Gas Company; Mr. Thomas Wilcockson elected secretary, *vice* Mr. Pearse.
- Public meeting; petition adopted, praying Parliament

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“for the immediate mitigation and future abolition of Negro Slavery.”

*Mar.* Decease of Thomas Rawson, Esq. of Wardsend, aged 24. 78, “a gentleman eminent for talent, honesty, and independence; a friend to the poor and to his country; a strenuous advocate for the ancient and fundamental laws of the nation; a man of true patriotism; never flinching nor refusing his aid when he thought truth and justice required it, though it was to vindicate the poor and weak against the rich and powerful.”---*Sheff. Ind.*

charitable donations; infirmary, £1000; Lancasterian schools, £200; national, boys', and girls' charity schools, £100 each.

*Feb.* 4. Theatre; Mr. Young's first appearance, (Hamlet.)

— 18. Public meeting at the Town-Hall, “to express the public confidence which exists in the stability of the Sheffield and Rotherham banks.”

— 21. River Dun Company; price of an original £100 share, by public auction, £2160.

*Mar.* Rattening; attempt to blow up with gunpowder Messrs.

2. Chadburn and Wright's steam-engine wheel, in the Nursery.

— 9. Public meeting; resolved to oppose an application made to Parliament by the River Dun Company, for “a bill to alter the navigation, and increase the dues.”

— 10. General infirmary and boys' charity school; trustees receive £200 and £100 from the executors of Samuel Staniforth, Esq. deceased.

— 27. Hyde (High) Park new cricket ground, formed by Messrs. Wright and Hazlehurst, in the Park, opened.

*April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Jno. Johnson, Jos. Wigfull, Samuel Owen, John P. Cutts; amount of rates collected, £15,911. 3s. 6d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £11,497. 10s. 6d.; county rate, £2943. 19s. 10d.

— 1. Fire on the premises occupied by Mr. Stones, in Watson's-walk; loss in stock, &c. £450.

— 2. Average number (per week) of paupers in the work-house during the past year, 219.---*Work. Acct.*

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- Apr.* 3. James Rimington, Esq., (Broomhead Hall,) qualified as a magistrate of the West-Riding.
- . Montgomery sick society instituted.
- 7. Lancasterian schools; Mr. Thomas Oates re-elected master, *vice* Mr. G. Tueker retired.
- . Town Trustees expend sixty guineas in putting down public pumps in Fargate and New-street.
- May* 1. Cricket match, Darnall club against twenty-two of the town; won by the latter, with 80 notches.
- 4. Presentation to the Duke of York, by Henry Moorhouse, Master Cutler, John Sansom, Warden, and Hugh Parker, Esq., of Woodthorpe, of a number of specimens of fine Sheffield cutlery, manufactured by Messrs. Rodgers and Sons, Messrs. Sansom, Messrs. Champion, Mr. Crawshaw, and Messrs. Thompson and Barber. "The specimens are certain proofs that the manufacturers of Sheffield have no occasion to be under any alarm that the London cutlers will long deprive them of their fair share of business, and that the quackery of marking "London" on their knives, will be of no avail when they are fairly brought into competition."---*British Press, London Paper.*
- 15. The old pavement in Waingate and the front of the Town-Hall taken up, and the road laid down on M'Adam's plan.
- 23. Summer fair; price of cheese, Derbyshire, 50s. to 60s. per cwt.; Cheshire, 60s. to 70s.
- 24. General infirmary; resolved at a special general board of governors, to join the York, Leeds, and Hull infirmaries, and advance £1000 towards the cost of the new concert rooms at York, the same being assigned to trustees for the benefit of the four charities.
- 26. Fire at Messrs. Creswick's premises, in Paternoster-row; loss, £200.
- 27. The Angel Inn opened by Mr. Edward Hancock.
- 30. Cricket match, (second,) eleven of Darnall club against twenty-two of the town and neighbourhood; won by the former, with 66 notches.
- 31. St. Paul's church; Mr. Thomas Frith, jun. elected organist, *vice* Mr. Wigfield, deceased.



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- June* Public meeting, to take into consideration the state of the distressed poor; subscription opened, and committee appointed "to appropriate the subscriptions to individuals or families in distress for want of employment;" chief subscriptions, Londinensis, (unknown,) two sums, £500 each; three banks, £50 each; Church Burgesses, £52; London general fund, £500; Rev. W. Bagshawe, £30; Rev. T. Sutton, £31. 10s.; Earl Fitzwilliam, £200; Cutlers' Company, £100; John Marshall, Esq. M.P., £30; Duke of Norfolk, £200; Rev. M. Preston, £30; Samuel Shore, Esq. £50; Town Trustees, £52. 10s.; and Rev. J. Blackburne, Robert Brightmore, Green, Pickslay, and Appleby, Joseph Rodgers and Sons, T. and C. Rawson, Samuel Shore, jun., Thomas Watson, Thomas Weldon, Samuel Younge, and Charles Younge, £20 each; total, £3593. 2s. 6d.
- 7. Richard Rethell, Esq., William Duncombe, Esq., and Richard Fountayne Wilson, Esq. address in person the freeholders of Sheffield, and solicit their votes at the ensuing election of Members of Parliament.
- 8. Lord Milton and Mr. Marshall address the freeholders assembled in Paradise-square, and solicit their votes at the ensuing election; afterwards attend a public dinner at the Tontine.
- July* 4. Patent granted to John Poole, of Sheffield, for certain improvements in steam-engine boilers or generators.
- 6. Female benefit society; stock, £1489. 2s. 9d.; honorary members, 76; benefit do., 372.
- 10. Public meeting; resolutions adopted to take measures for the prevention of hydrophobia.
- 16. Unitarian chapel; Mr. Edward Jones elected organist, *vice* Mr. Taylor deceased.
- 24. Cricket match, eleven of Darnall and Leicester against eleven of Nottingham; won by the former with 204 runs. Marsden scored in the match at one innings (two days) 227.
- Aug.* 2. Music-Hall shares; dividend of 4 per cent. declared.
- 17. Decease of Jacob Gherwin, Esq., aged 84, "a great benefactor to our public charities, having given in

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his life time considerable donations to most of them."---*Sheff. Ind.*

*Aug.* Decease of Mr. John Bardwell, (formerly auctioneer,) 21. aged 81.

— 28. Cricket match, twenty-two of Darnall and Leicester, against eleven of All England; won by the former with twelve runs.

— 30. Decease of Mr. Edward Oakes, merchant, aged 75. "One of his late departed associates had not inaptly called him the 'laughing philosopher,' as his risible faculties might be truly said to be almost in perpetual motion amongst a large circle of his acquaintance."

*Sept.* Cricket match, (return,) twenty-two of Darnall and 3. Leicester, against eleven of All England; won by the former with five runs.

— 7. Anniversary of the Cutlers' feast; Master Cutler, Mr. William Sansom; guests present, Lord Milton, and Messrs. Duncombe, Wilson, and Marshall, County Members; magistrates, &c.

— 14. Public dinner at the Music-Hall, given to Lord Wharncliffe, "as a testimony of gratitude for his unremitting attention to the arduous duties of a representative for the county of York, during the last two Parliaments."---*Advert.* Chairman, Dr. Younge; present, 170 persons.

— The Hollis's charities distributed as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Alms people's stipends, .....	282	12	0
Clothing for alms people and orator,..	13	0	0
Coals for alms-houses, .....	28	0	0
Orator or schoolmaster, .....	63	0	0
Minister of upper chapel,.....	15	0	0
"    lower ditto, .....	5	0	0
"    Fulwood ditto, .....	10	0	0
"    Rotherham ditto, .....	10	0	0
Schoolmaster there, .....	20	0	0
Minister at Doncaster,.....	15	0	0
Schoolmaster there, .....	20	0	0

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- Oct. 4. General infirmary; anniversary meeting of the subscribers and benefactors, Samuel Walker, Esq. president.
- 12. Saint Mary's new church; first stone laid by the Countess of Surrey; present, Earl Fitzwilliam, Lord and Lady Wharncliffe, Earl and Countess of Surrey, and principal persons of the town.
- 30. Theatre opened by Mr. De Camp; principal performers, Miss Foote, (six nights;) Messrs. Mude, Loveday, Carter, Larkin, Chapman, Neville, Barrett; Mrs. Shepherd, Miss Rock, Miss Scholey.
- 31. Ladies' Bazaar at the Music-Hall; £118 produced by the sale of fancy articles, for the benefit of charities.
- Nov. Montgomery friendly society; second anniversary;
6. present, Mr. James Montgomery; number of members, 210.
- 8. Sheffield Seamen's Friend, and Bethel Union Society formed, and subscription opened for its support.
- 20. Public meeting; resolved that a petition be presented to Parliament, praying "for such alteration in the corn laws as the necessitous circumstances of the suffering people so earnestly require."
- 22. Eighth anniversary of the Shakspeare club, at the Angel; president, John Favell, Esq.
- 25. Mr. Wreaks appointed post-master, *vice* Mr. William Todd.
- 27. Winter fair; price of cheese, inferior, 50s.; best, 65s. per cwt.
- Dec. Soho steam grinding wheel; price of shares, (public
6. auction, exclusive of duty,) £131. 5s.
- 11. Savings' Bank; fund, £79,845. 18s. 6½d.; accounts, 2036.
- 25. Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, 342.
- Dec. Expended by the Church Burgesses during the past
31. year, out of their trust funds; to the clergy, £750.; to repairs, &c. of church, £191. 9s. 9d.; to the poor, £102. 9s. 11d.; general and incidental expenses, £195. 8s. 7d.—*P. Rep.*
1827. Jan. Town library; president, Mr. T. A. Ward.
- 5. Literary and Philosophical Society; annual meeting and election of officers; president, M<sup>r</sup>. Montgo-

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mery, vice-presidents, Dr. Knight, Rev. H. H. Piper, Mr. S. Bailey, and Mr. T. A. Ward.

- Jan.* Wesleyan Methodists; number in the town, according to the return by the conference, 2103.
- 8. Three hackney coaches set up.
  - 17. Decease of Mr. Charles Adams, aged 48. "He filled the office of Vestry Clerk for the township of Sheffield upwards of 16 years with the utmost integrity."  
—*Sheffield Pap.*
  - Public meeting; to consider the best means of forming a junction with the Sheffield and Peak forest canals; subscriptions entered into, and engineer's report ordered.
  - 19. Interment of the Duke of York observed by the closing of shops and services at the churches and chapels.
  - 24. Gas company; dividend declared at 10 per cent.
  - 29. Theatre; first appearance of Mr. Liston (Paul Pry.)
- Feb.* 2. Mr. Thomas Crosland elected Vestry Clerk to the town, *vice* Mr. Adams deceased.
- 9. Public meeting to oppose any bill making legal the exportation of English machinery.
  - 22. Friends of the chase hunting with Sir George Sitwell's hounds, entertain the Baronet, at a public dinner at the Tontine.
  - 28. Public meeting to consider the propriety of building by subscription a new post office, and a house for the master; committee appointed.
- Mar.* Patent granted to William Smith, merchant, of Sheffield, "for an improved method of manufacturing cutlery, &c. by means of rollers."
- April.* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Samuel Woodcock, Francis Cluley, Geo. Hawksworth, T. Linley; amount of rates collected, £16,317. 11s.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £12,544. 5s. 8d.; county rate, £2068. 16s. 11d.
- 1. Average number (per week) of paupers in the Sheffield workhouse during the past year, 322.
  - 4. James Green and George Stott, sentenced at York to be transported for life, for robbing James Watson (an aged man employed by Messrs. Booth) in the open day, on the banks of the canal near the town, of £111.

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<i>April</i> Paid out of the county rates during the past year:—		£	s.	d.
23.	To the Sheffield constables for searching for, apprehending, and keeping persons charged with felonies.....	222	12	6
	To gaol fees .....	13	16	8
	To conveyance of prisoners committed to Wakefield or York .....	402	10	11
	To Coroner for 112 inquests, and travelling 405 miles.....	127	3	9
	To conveyance of King's baggage....	4	9	8
	To gaoler for conveyance of 16 debtors from Sheffield to Wakefield ..	19	4	0
	To the Overseers for the casual poor..	313	17	2
	To cloth, tables, and desks at the Town Hall .....	24	0	0
	To straw and repairs in the gaol.....	12	2	5
Total.....		1139	16	7

*May* 7. First stone of the new Independent chapel laid by the Rev. Thomas Smith, on the site of the old Nether chapel, in Norfolk-street.

— 13. New chapel of the hospital of Gilbert Earl of Shrewsbury opened for divine service; governor, Rev. T. Robinson.

— 20. Petitions presented from the congregation of the upper chapel, and other bodies of Dissenters, praying the Parliament to repeal the corporation and test acts.

— 22. Sheffield "Irish Aid Society" formed "in aid of the various benevolent and charitable institutions which exist for the amelioration of the state of the Irish people."

*June* 1. Sheffield markets; act of Parliament passed "for removing the corn, hay, and cattle markets, and for erecting a corn exchange and improving the market places, and regulating the fairs and markets, and for erecting a bridge over the River Dun."

— 4. Cricket match at Darnall, between 11 of Sussex and 11 of All England; won by the latter with seven wickets to go down. All England men, Flavill,

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Bowyer, J. Sanders, W. Barber, Marsden, F. Pilch, Dawson, Beagley, Matthews, Jarvis, and Jupp; Sussex, Lillywhite, Slater, Ward, T. Broadbridge, Twaites, Peirpoint, Brown, Dale, Duff, Meads.

*June* 9. Formation of the Sheffield Botanical Society.

“Soft roll your incense, herbs, and fruits, and flowers,  
In mingled clouds to him whose sun exalts,  
Whose breath perfumes you, and whose pencil paints.”

*Thompson.*

- 14. The Town Trust; act of Parliament passed “for facilitating the execution of certain trusts for charitable and public purposes within the town of Sheffield,” provides that a majority of seven may grant leases; that the trust estates should be vested in newly elected trustees, without any deed of conveyance; that the accounts should be submitted to the public (freeholders) in May annually.
- 20 Nineteenth Yorkshire Amateur Music Meeting held & 21. at the Music-Hall.
- 29. Distribution of the Hanbey charity to six poor aged men and women.
- July* 6. Sheffield Courant newspaper; the first number published by Messrs. J. C. Platt and Co., Haymarket.
- 11. Mr. C. Brown’s second ascension in his balloon from Hyde Park.
- Theatre; price of an original share, (public auction,) £185.
- 16. First anniversary of the Bethel friendly society.
- 17. Gas company; dividend declared on the capital advanced, of 10 per cent.
- 19. Southcotians; the whole body resident in the town took their departure, for the purpose of holding a solemn convocation at Ashton-under-Line.---*Sheff. Paper.*
- 23. Single cricket match at Darnall, between W. and T. Broadbridge, and Marsden and Brown; won by the latter.
- 25. Chevalier Southby’s grand display of fire-works, at Hyde Park.
- 30. Cricket match at Darnall, Darnall club against Nottingham; won by the former, with 154 runs.
- Aug.* 27. Cricket match, (return,) Darnall club against Nottingham; won by the latter, after a change of umpires, with nine wickets to go down.

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*Aug.* Mr. C. Brown, accompanied by Mr. Glossop, ascended in his balloon from Sycamore-street.

*Sept.* Anniversary of the Cutlers' feast; Master, Mr. Samuel Hadfield; guests present, Lord Milton, Richard F. Wilson, Esq. M.P., Hon. W. Duncombe, M.P., &c.

— 19. The first stone of the new bridge to cross the river Dun, near Blonk-street, in the Wicker, ordered by the commissioners under the new market act, laid by Mr. Burkett, the contractor; designed by Messrs. Woodhead and Hurst.

— 29. Sheffield Court of Requests; Hugh Parker, of Woodthorpe, Esq., and Michael Ellison, of Sheffield, Esq., appointed by his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, Steward and Deputy Steward, *vice* Messrs. Wyberg and Watson.

*Oct.* 3. General infirmary; thirtieth anniversary, at the Tontine; president, Peter Brownell, Esq.

— 10. Decease of Mrs. Margaret Howard, aged 96, "first nurse to the Sheffield infirmary,"

— 25. Anniversary of the Royal Jubilee friendly society; stock, £2364. 8s. 11d.; members, 280.

— Surveyors of the highways for the past year, acknowledge the receipt of £7064. 4s. 2½d. in rates, &c., out of which they have expended £6811. 15s. 7¼d.

— 28. Soho grinding wheel, in Coulston-crofts, partly destroyed by fire.

*Nov.* James Montgomery, Esq.; a number of ladies and others, prevented from joining in the public tribute of respect paid him, (public dinner, Nov. 4, 1825,) present him with a silver inkstand. "It was therefore determined to form a committee, to receive any contributions that might be voluntarily made, in order to present you with a small piece of plate, and if any thing remained after this was purchased, to give the residue (£200,) towards the revival of the Moravian mission in the Island of Tobago, which was first established by your late father, and where the mortal remains of your mother are interred."---*Letter from Rowland Hodgson, Esq.*

— Decease of Mr. Ralph Blakelock, aged 61, "many years principal acting partner in the banking-house of Messrs. Parker, Shores, and Blakelock."

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- Nov.* Hive Literary and Philosophical Society; first meeting at Mr. J. C. Sewell's academy.
- 5. Theatre first opened by Mr. W. S. Butler; principal performers, Messrs. Moss, Williams, Jefferson, Hunt, Slaiter, Woodley, and Hardcastle; Misses Penley, Cleaver, Field, Angel, and Shore.
- 10. Sheffield canal; value of shares, (public auction,) £95.
- . Infirmary; donation of £50 from Richard F. Wilson, Esq. M.P.
- 17. Boys' charity school; Mr. Henry Webster appointed head master, *vice* Mr. Swan, resigned.
- 28. The winter fair; price of cheese, Derbyshire, 60s.; Cheshire, old, 60s. to 72s. per cwt.
- Dec.* Ninth anniversary of the Shakspeare club, at the
5. Tontine; president, Dr. Brown.
- 10. General infirmary; donation from Earl Manvers, £50.
- . St. Philip's church; Rev. William Drayton Carter, M. A. appointed minister.
- 27. Mr. Parson's charity; forty-eight poor aged and infirm silver platers receive 24s. each.
- . Number of paupers maintained in the poorhouse, 252.
- 31. Theatre; Mr. Charles Kemble made his second appearance; characters, Hamlet, Foscari, Jaffier, and Benedict.
1828. Burials at the parish church during the past year,
- Jan.* 1. 1124, 95 of which of persons 70 years and upwards.
- . Town library; president, Mr. T. A. Ward.
- 3. Literary and Philosophical Society; election of officers; president, Rev. H. H. Piper, vice-presidents, Rev. N. Phillips, D. D., Mr. Montgomery, Mr. S. Bailey, and Dr. Knight
- . ————— committee report the extension and arrangement of the museum belonging to the society.
- . Number of persons, or firms of one or more persons, manufacturing Sheffield goods, or carrying on any trade or occupation within the town and neighbourhood, 3588.—*Blackwell's Direct.*
- 17. Public meeting to consider the report of Mr. Nicholas Brown, concerning the means of better supplying the town with water; resolved "to apply to



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Parliament for means to carry into effect the works suggested in the report."

- Jan.* 31. Meeting in the chancel of the church, in consequence of a notice given by the Churchwardens of imposing "a rate for erecting and repairing certain fences to the old and new churches;" resolved "that it is inexpedient and unjust to impose a rate upon the parish, either for the fencing in or defraying any other expenses connected with the three churches recently built, or for repairing the old church yard, or for any purpose mentioned in the Churchwardens' notice, and that therefore the meeting be adjourned."
- Feb.* 4. Post office removed from Mr. Todd's late premises in the Market-place, to the corner house in Arundel-street, opposite the Assembly Rooms.
- 15. Decease of Peter Brownell, Esq., aged 66. "He filled the office of Master Cutler in 1807; he was a member of the Town Trust, and had been Town Collector since the death of Mr. Turner. As a merchant, he was eminent. In all public affairs, he was most useful and munificent; in private life, liberal and generous." — *Sheff. Ind.*
- 21. Theatre; appearance of Mr. Charles Young (Hamlet, Lear, and Iago.)
- Boys' charity school; trustees receive £50, the bequest of Mr. Thomas Wild, deceased.
- Mar.* The grammar school; "the number of free scholars is 21, nominated by the governors. The school has formerly at different times been in considerable repute as a grammar school, and its present reduced situation is rather to be ascribed to the preference given by the inhabitants to a mercantile education than to any neglect or inattention on the part of the teachers." — *Par. Rep.*
- Amount of rentals from the school estate, £160. 10s. — *Rar. Rep.*
- The property in the town and parish of Sheffield vested in the Church Burgesses; acres, 78, roods, 2, perches, 26;—25,985 square yards, producing £383. 16s. 1d. annual rent.
- 12. Mr. T. A. Ward, of Parkhouse, appointed Town

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Collector by the Town Trustees, *vice* Mr. Brownell, deceased.

Ma. 20. Decease (suddenly) of Mr. Samuel Fouldes, surgeon.  
— 30. Average number (per week) of paupers in the Sheffield workhouse during the last year, 292.

April Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Jno. Eyre Pearson, W. Stenton, G. Robinson, J. Newton; amount collected in rates, £15,988. 19s. 11d.; amount paid for the relief of the poor, £14,101. 6s. 11d.; county rate, £1825. 9s 8d.

— 7. Theatre opened for the Easter holidays by Mr. W. S. Butler.

— Decease of Mr. John Greaves, aged 84. "He for many years held the office of Town Trustee and Church Burgess, and was the last survivor of a highly esteemed and respected family."—*Sheffield Independent*.

— 10. Decease of Mr. Joseph Ridge; bequeathed to the infirmary, girls' charity school, and Lancasterian schools, £100 each.

— 14. Public meeting; resolved that the magistrates at sessions be requested "to use all due economy with regard to the future expenditure of the county rates, and particularly with reference to the salaries of the different officers, and the new buildings at York."

— Forty-fifth anniversary of the Rodney club; "several members of this society receiving £20 per annum, having arrived at the age of 72, the age of Lord Rodney, when he died.—*Sheff. Ind.*

— 15. National Society (London) vote £100 towards erecting a school, in connexion with the new St. George's church.

— 19. Resident Physicians and Surgeons petition Parliament to remove the obstructions preventing the study of anatomy.

— 21. Mr. Haubey's charity (a cloak or coat, a hat and a sovereign) distributed to sixty poor and aged men, and to thirty poor and aged women.

— Sheffield Medical Institution; trustees presented with a donation of one hundred pounds from the Duke of Norfolk, and two hundred pounds from the Earl Fitzwilliam.

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- April* Captain J. Shore presented with a sword by the non-commissioned officers and privates of the Sheffield Squadron of Yeomanry Cavalry, as a mark of their affection and respect.
23. — 30. Public meeting; resolved to petition Parliament for the repeal of an act passed in 1826, prohibiting country bankers from issuing any local notes under £5, after the expiration of three years from that time.
- May* The Town Trust; annual value of the town estates, £1400; estates without the town, 44 acres of old enclosure, and 33 acres allotment of common in Upper Hallam, producing £100 per acre.
- John Sorby, jun. Esq., elected Church Burgess, *vice* Mr. John Greaves; "upon whose demise Lieut. Col. Fenton, for the fourth time," became Capital Church Burgess.—*Sheff. Ind.*
- 5. Election of Town Trustees; Michael Ellison, Esq., Mr. John Rodgers, of Norfolk-street, Samuel Hadfield, Esq., Master Cutler, and Mr. Samuel Bailey, merchant, elected Town Trustees by the resident freeholders, publicly convened at the Town-Hall.
- 19. Decease of the Rev. Richard Rimmer, in the 76th year of his age; "upwards of forty years Catholic priest of this place. Whatever opinions were entertained respecting the principles of that church of which the deceased was a minister, individuals of different denominations in Sheffield, all concurred in bearing testimony to the excellencies of this kind-hearted, humane, and charitable man."—*Sheff. Ind.*
- June* Methodist new connexion; Messrs. Hearton, Batty, and Driver, appointed at the thirty-second conference, at Leeds, to be stationed at Sheffield.
- 7. General infirmary; trustees receive £50 from the executors of Solomon Cádman, Esq. deceased.
- Town Trustees vote £50 towards the intended Sheffield medical institution, and £50 towards the erection of a hall for the Literary and Philosophical Society.
- 8. Methodist new connexion chapel, in South-street, first opened.
- 9. Public meeting; resolved to petition Parliament "to

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adopt effectual measures for the abolition of Negro Slavery in the West Indies."

- June.* Savings' Bank; amount of fund, £93,118. 6s. 11½d.; accounts, 2526.
- 12. Sixth anniversary of the Fitzwilliam Friendly Society; stock, £330. 7s. 6d.
- 14. John Brown, Esq., solicitor, appointed distributor of stamps.
- 25. General infirmary; extract from the 31st Midsummer annual report for the last year:—"receipts of subscriptions, rents, legacies, donations, fines, and miscellanies, £4007. 12s. 6d.; payments for meat, flour, &c., £1184. 18s. 0½d.; medicines and surgery, £603. 14s. 2d.; repairs, furniture, and taxes, £413. 7s. 3d.; salaries, £258. 7s. 6d.; wages, £192. 8s. 10d.; miscellanies, £103. 2s. 1d.; one quarter share of the Music-Hall, at York, £1000; total, £3755. 17s. 11d.; leaving a balance in favour of the infirmary of £231. 14s. 7d.
- 28. Accounts of commissioners of police; received during the past year, £4382. 3s. 3d.; expended for cleansing streets, £561; lighting ditto, £1549; watching ditto, £1876; salaries, £314.
- 30. Cricket match, (Leicester,) Darnall club against Leicester, with Pilch given; won by the latter, with seven wickets to go down.
- Public meeting; resolved to petition Parliament "to reject a bill empowering Churchwardens to levy a rate for the maintenance of Divine worship in the new churches and chapels."
- July 2.* Consecration of the new St. Philip's church, by the Archbishop of York.

" Let the living here be fed,  
With thy Word, the heavenly brea ;  
Here in hope of glory blest,  
May the dead be laid to rest."

*Montgomery's Hymn for the occasion.*

- 7. Cricket (return) match, Darnall club against Leicester, (Pilch given;) won by the latter with two wickets to go down.
- 9. First stone of the new medical institution, near the Music-Hall, laid by Dr. Knight.

"Ars longa vita brevis."—*Inscrip.*

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- July* St. Philip's church opened; Rev. T. D. Atkinson, 13. curate, first preached. The cost of the erection was £11,960. 13s.; it is 95 feet in length, and 78 in breadth.
- 15. Botanical and horticultural society; annual exhibition at the Music-Hall.
- 23. Mr. Hamilton commenced a series of lectures at the Music-Hall, on his system of communicating languages.
- Aug.* Cricket match, (Nottingham,) between the Darnall 1. club and Nottingham; won by the former, with 160 runs.
- 4. The workhouse; public meeting called by Francis Cluley, T. N. Bardwell, Jno. Brown, Wm. Swift, Thomas Creswick, and Nath. Greaves, Churchwardens and Overseers; resolved "that the present workhouse in Westbar should be abandoned and the materials sold, and that the cotton-mill formerly occupied by Messrs. Heathfield, should be purchased and fitted up for the reception of the poor."
- 7. Public meeting; committee appointed and subscriptions entered into for the formation of a self-supporting dispensary.
- 8. Stamp office (Messrs. Parker and Brown) in St. James's-street opened.
- 9. General infirmary; trustees receive £50, the donation of Miss Mary Younge, deceased.
- Boys' and girls' charity school; receive each £50, donations of Miss Mary Younge, deceased.
- Inspector of corn returns; appointed Mr. P. Bright.
- 16. Scotland-street chapel, belonging to the Methodist New Connexion pulled down.
- 19. New Independent chapel in Norfolk-street first opened for service; five sermons preached by the Rev. Jos. Gilbert, of Notts, Rev. Dr. Raffles, of Liverpool, Rev. James Parsons of York, and the Rev. W. Thorpe; collected towards the expenses of the building, £384.
- Sep.* 4. Anniversary of the Cutlers' Feast; Master, James Crawshaw, Esq.; guests present, Hon. William Duncombe, R. F. Wilson, Esq., M. P., magistrates of the district, &c.

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- Sept.* 4. Mr. Green and Mr. Glossop, ascended in a balloon from Hyde Park.
- Price of grain; the first return published in the London Gazette, of the quantity and price of grain sold at one market in the town; wheat, 327 quarters 7 bushels for £1056. 2s. 8d.; oats 34 quarters, for £29. 16s.
- 8. Cricket match (Darnall) between ten picked men of All England, with T. Parry, Esq., and eleven best men of Sheffield, Leicester, and Nottingham. All England scored 334; the losers 92.
- Oct.* 1. General infirmary; annual meeting in the board room; Benjamin Sayle, Esq., appointed chairman of the weekly board; Mr. John Dawson resigned the office of Secretary.
- ———— Thirty-first anniversary of Trustees and Subscribers at the Tontine; president, Right Hon. Earl of Surrey.
- 11. The Rawson sick club formed; presented by Miss Rawson, of Wardsend, brother to Thomas Rawson, Esq., with £100.
- 27. Theatre opened under the management of Messrs. Butler and Cliff; principal performers, Mr. Macready, (five nights) Mr. Calvert, (five nights) Mr. Sapio, (five nights); Messrs. Haines, Ellis, Telbin, Calvert, King, and Wilton; Miss S. Booth, (five nights) Mrs. Piercy, Miss Cleaver, Miss Telbin, and Mrs. Glover, (five nights.)
- Nov.* Decease of Mr. Benjamin Wilkinson, aged 75. "This venerable individual was, from his long standing, considered as the father of the Wesleyan Society in this town, having been a member thereof almost sixty years, a considerable part of which time he acted as a local preacher and class leader, so that his career may be said to have been almost cotemporary with the whole history of Methodism in this place, and of which he was regarded whilst living as one of the best oral chronicles."—*Sheff. Ind.*
- 16. Decease of Samuel Shore, Esq., of Mearsbrook, aged 91. "His long life had been spent in the service of mankind, and though inheriting that independence which precluded the necessity of exertion for his own personal accommodation, he spent a most

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active and useful life. He was uniformly attached to the sacred cause of civil and religious liberty. He was the early friend of Priestley and Lindsey, and he warmly co-operated in the struggles which, during his life, were made to obtain a reform of Parliament—a repeal of persecuting laws—and the adoption of measures of economy essential to the welfare and honour of the state.”—*Sheff. Ind.*

- Nov.* 23. First bell (Mears' foundry) put up in St. George's church.
- 25. New corn exchange; first stone laid by Michael Ellison, Esq. “I have, as agent to the Duke of Norfolk, and as his representative on this occasion, laid the first stone of a building intended to form the most prominent feature in the projected improvements and extension of these markets.”—*Add. on the occasion.*
- 26. Mr. Thomas Newbould elected Secretary to the infirmary, *vice* Mr. John Dawson, resigned.
- 28. Winter fair held in the Wicker; price of cheese, 53s. to 65s. per cwt.
- Dec.* Boys' charity school; Mr. Peter Wigfall, of Highfield, bequeathed £200.
- 8. Savings' Bank; capital fund, £93,279. 1s. 11d.; depositors, 2558.
- 16. Quantity and price of corn sold in the Sheffield market; wheat, 320 quarters imperial, £4. 5s. 4d. per quarter; barley, 321 quarters, £2. 2s. 2d. per quarter; oats, 74 quarters, £1. 5s. 6d. per quarter; beans, 36 quarters, £2. 9s. 8d. per quarter.
- 17. Tenth anniversary of the Shakspeare club at the Tontine; president, James Sorby, Esq.
- Summary of the property vested in the twelve Capital Burgesses of the town and parish of Sheffield; land and houses occupying square yards, 177,356, and acres 146, 3 roods, 8 perches, let for £1421. 10s. 9½d. per annum.
1829. Inquest on the body of Mr. James Vaughan, engineer, *Jan.* 2. who was unfortunately killed two days previous, by the falling of a fly-wheel.
- Literary and Philosophical Society; annual meeting, and election of officers for the year; president, T. A. Ward, Esq.; vice-presidents, Dr. Knight, Mr.

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- J. Montgomery, Mr. S. Bailey, and Rev. H. H. Piper; secretaries, Mr. Palfreyman and Mr. R. Younge; curator, Mr. W. Jackson.
- Jan.* 5. Dr. Spurzheim commenced a series of lectures on phrenology, at the Tontine.
- 9. Public meeting at the Town-Hall, “on the subject of procuring a supply of water equal to the wants of the town;” committee appointed and subscription opened.
- 19. Second public meeting, to consider the formation of a new water company; James Crawshaw, Master Cutler, in the chair; resolved that a capital of £50,000 should be raised by shares; Messrs. Thomas Dewsnap, R. Sorby, W. Thorpe, Moorhouse, Cluley, Hawksworth, Linley, G. Marriot, Boulton, Blackwell, Saunders, Arundel, and Fairbank, appointed as provisional committee.
- 27. The medical professors resident in Sheffield, petition Parliament for a removal of the difficulties which obstruct the study of anatomy.
- 31. A number of table-blade grinders “struck work.”
- Solicitor of Stamps; Mr. Joseph Timm appointed solicitor to the Commissioners of the Stamp Office, *vice* Godfrey Sykes, Esq. deceased.
- Feb.* 9. Third meeting for the formation of a new water company, and a committee appointed to treat with the proprietors of the old works.
- 14. The committee of the new water company publish a list of subscribers to the amount of £52,000.
- 16. First special general meeting, at the Town-Hall, of the shareholders in the new water company, and a call made of £2. 10s. per cent.
- 18. A meeting, pursuant to public advertisement, in the sessions room of the Town-Hall, of “several clergymen of the established church, dissenting ministers, and other individuals, for the purpose of addressing the King, and petitioning both Houses of Parliament, against the admission of Roman Catholics to legislative and political power.”
- 20. Public meeting, “for the purpose of petitioning both Houses of Parliament, for the removal of all civil disabilities, on account of religious faith and worship, and for the extension of civil and religious



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liberty to all classes of his Majesty's subjects," adjourned from the Town-Hall to Paradise-square; present, 10,000 people; James Crawshaw, Master Cutler, in the chair.

- Feb.* Lord Milton, in the House of Commons, presented  
27. the Sheffield petition in favour of Catholic emancipation.
- Mar.* Earl Fitzwilliam, in the House of Lords, presented  
6. the Sheffield petition in favour of Catholic emancipation.
- Boys' charity school; trustees receive (from an unknown benefactor) a donation of £800, the interest of which is appropriated to the maintenance and education of four boys, in addition to the ordinary number (80.)
- 24. Overseers of the poor for the ensuing year; nominated Messrs. G. H. Woollen, Samuel Laycock, Mark Maugham, and Mr. Edward Vickers.
- 30. Martin Slack (aged 18) executed at York, for the wilful murder (in Westbar) of his illegitimate child.
- 31. Decease of the Rev. Matthew Preston, one of the three assistant ministers of the parish church of Sheffield, and perpetual curate of Ecclesall.
- Boys' and girls' charity schools; trustees receive from the executors of the will of the late Miss Rowland, £200.
- Aged Female Society receives from the same source, £50.
- April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, Thomas Creswick, John Brown, Nathaniel Greaves, M. Smith; amount of rates collected, £21,327. 3s.; amount paid for relief of the poor, £19,173. 6s. 3d.; county rate, £1419. 11s. 4d.
- 1. Samuel Green and Lionel Burn, tried at the Yorkshire Spring Assizes, on a charge of *rattening*, and firing a loaded pistol at Thomas Frost, a watchman. Guilty. Sentence of death recorded, afterwards commuted to transportation.
- 4. The demolition of the old hospital chapel, in the Park, completed, and the foundation stone removed, which was found to contain the following inscription:—"This foundation stone to the hospitals of

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Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury, laid this 20th Oct., 1774, by Henry Howard, Esq."

- Ap.* 5. Meeting of the rate-payers at the Town-Hall, when it was proposed and carried, that the materials of the old workhouse should be sold by auction.
- 9. Decease of George Hounsfield, Esq. at Wadsley House, near Sheffield, aged 67 years.
- 12. Forty-sixth anniversary of the Rodney benefit society.
- 19. Election of Churchwardens; St. Peter's, Mr. John Rodgers and Mr. John Shepherd; St. Paul's, Mr. John Willey and Mr. W. Senior; St. James's, Mr. Francis Newton and Mr. Robinson Carver; St. George's, Mr. Gillbee and Mr. Taylor; St. Philip's, Mr. Paul Bright and Mr. J. Johnson.
- Easter Monday; theatre opened, under the management of Mr. W. S. Butler, for a short season.
- 26. James Udney and John Booth, tried and found guilty at Pontefract sessions, for breaking open the premises of Mr. Cam, in Norfolk-street; sentenced to seven years' transportation.
- 28. Duke of Norfolk, Lord of Hallam, took his seat in the House of Lords.
- Honourable E. Petre, a Catholic gentleman, qualified in the open Court at Pontefract, to sit and act as one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the West-Riding.
- May* 6. Meeting to promote a subscription to raise money for the repair of York minster.
- Decease of Joseph Wilson, Esq., at Westbrook, aged 69 years.
- 9. The amount of subscriptions for the repair of York minster announced; the total, £270; of which the Master Cutler and Company gave £100.
- Committee of management for the ensuing twelve months, appointed by the proprietors of the Sheffield canal; Hugh Parker, Esq., Edward Smith, Esq., Joseph Read, Esq., Mr. William Blagden, Mr. John Shirley, Mr. Edward Nanson, sen., Mr. Samuel Woodcock, and Mr. Samuel Hadfield.
- 12. Decease of Mr. Wm. Wright, coach proprietor, of Change-alley, aged 58.
- 13. The premises of Messrs. Furniss, Cutler, and Stacey, burglariously entered.

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- May* Nineteenth anniversary of the Aged Female Society;
13. 401 cases reported to have been relieved during the past year.
- Duke of Norfolk; meeting at the Town-Hall, when it was proposed and adopted, that an address of congratulation be prepared and presented to the Most Noble Bernard Edward Howard, Duke of Norfolk, hereditary Earl Marshal of England, &c. on the occasion of his taking his seat in the House of Peers.
- Hiring workmen; decided by the magistrates, that if any paper purporting to contain the hiring of any workman or servant likewise provides for the payment of a debt by instalments, or any other matter besides the terms of the hiring, such paper cannot be produced as evidence, unless bearing a suitable stamp.
- 14. Samuel Shore, Esq., of Norton Hall, presented £100 to the Sheffield infirmary.
- 15. Discouragement of the employment of children in sweeping chimnies; twenty-first anniversary of the society for this object held at the Cutlers' Hall, on which occasion a petition to Parliament was adopted.
- Shares in the Sheffield Gas Works sold for £39 per share.
- 16. The Rev. J. Knight, minister of St. Paul's, appointed by the Chancellor of the Diocese to succeed the late Rev. M. Preston, as surrogate for the granting marriage licenses, proving wills, &c.
- Rev. W. Harris, M.A., and Rev. John Gibson, B.A., appointed under the Burgery Trust, as assistant ministers to the Vicar, in the place of the Rev. M. Preston, deceased, and the Rev. W. H. Vale, resigned.
- 24. Scotland-street Methodist New Connexion chapel (re-built) first opened for Divine service.
- June* Public meeting, to raise by subscription the sum of
3. £675, the sum required to enclose the church-yard of the new St. George's church; first subscription, 100 guineas from the Town Trustees.
- 4. Annual meeting of the proprietors of the Sheffield Subscription Library, and appointment of the following committee:---Messrs. Samuel Bailey, Luke

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Palfreyman, T. A. Ward, T. Linley, E. Rhodes, and sixteen others.

- June*
- 5. The Sheffield address of congratulation to the Duke of Norfolk, presented by the Master Cutler and Hugh Parker, Esq.
  - 8. The Savings' Bank; the half-yearly meeting of the Sheffield and Hallamshire Savings' Bank; the general fund of the institution announced to be £90,578. 7s. 5d.
  - 9. Concert at the Music-Hall, in aid of the funds for the restoration of York Minster.
  - Eye dispensary; Messrs. Eadon and Gregory, (late pupils at the London Ophthalmic infirmary,) announce the establishment of an eye dispensary in Norfolk-street, where the poor receive advice and medicine gratis.
  - 16. Summer fair held in the Wicker, Tuesday and Wednesday.
  - 17. Regiment of 3d Light Dragoons, under the command of Lord Robert Manners, arrive at the barracks from Manchester.
  - 18. The new workhouse; the paupers having been removed from the old workhouse to the new one, formerly the cotton mill, they were treated with 280 lbs. of beef and 320 lbs. of pudding; 317 paupers sat down.
  - 20. Decease of Andrew Allan Hardy, Esq., solicitor, and coroner for the Wapentake of Strafforth and Tickhill.
  - 24. First anniversary of the Rawson sick society.
  - 30. Ecclesall Bazaar, on Sheffield-moor, the property of Earl Fitzwilliam, first opened to the public.
- July*
- 2. New Medical Institution; Dr. Knight delivered the first lecture on the opening of the institution.
  - 4. Sheffield troop of West-Riding Yeomanry Cavalry; promotions; Lieut. Vincent Corbett, Captain, *vice* John Shore, Esq. resigned; John Brewin, Esq. Lieutenant, *vice* Corbett, promoted.
  - 9. Anniversary of the female friendly society, on which occasion they voted £20 for the relief of the file-grinders out of work.
  - 11. Journeymen file-smiths appeal to the public for sup-

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port against some supposed improper reduction of wages by the masters.

- July* Thomas Badger, Esq. solicitor, elected coroner of  
 13. the district, *vice* A. A. Hardy, Esq. deceased.  
 —. Anniversary of the Duke of Norfolk sick society.  
 — 15. Review of the Southern regiment of Yorkshire Yeomanry Cavalry, (under the command of Lieut.-Col. Lord Wharncliffe,) on Doncaster race-ground, by Lieut.-Col. Ross, 4th Dragoon Guards.  
 — 16. Anniversary of the Volunteer sick society.  
 — 22. Mr. Henry Rhodes appointed collector of police rates, *vice* Mr. William Wilson resigned.  
 —. The Methodist Conference (being the 86th) held in Sheffield, commenced under the presidency of the Rev. J. Bunting.  
 —. Annual meeting of the Sheffield National District School Society; the receipts of the past year amounted to £383. 16s. 8½d.  
 — 24. William Travis and William Moor tried and sentenced to be transported for seven years, at Rotherham sessions, for a burglary on the premises of Mr. Briggs, in Westbar.  
 — 29. The Gas Company's tenth annual meeting, and appointment of committee of management for the ensuing year; Dr. Younge, Messrs. James Montgomery, William Battie, G. Hawksworth, J. Rodgers, J. Willey, B. Rose, W. N. Wade, T. Bradbury, S. Bailey, J. Drabble, J. Creswick, J. Oakes, D. Holy, and Thos. Ellison, of Glossop.  
 —. Shares in the Sheffield Gas Company sold by public auction, by Mr. Saunders, for £43 each, inclusive of dividends.  
 —. Rev. W. F. Farish, M.A. appointed, by the Rev. Thomas Sutton, Vicar, to be minister of the new St. Mary's church, in Brammall-lane.  
*Aug.* George Bennet, Esq., after his return from a Missionary voyage round the world, addressed the monthly Missionary meeting held at Queen-street chapel.  
 —. Gas Works; the new gasometer completed, on which occasion the committee dined within it.  
 — 7. The file trade; the differences between the masters and workmen amicably arranged.

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- Aug.* Site of the workhouse; overseers advertise that the
8. plot of ground on which the old workhouse stood, had been divided into building lots, and was to be disposed of by auction.
  - 12. Anniversary of the Earl of Surrey sick society.
  - 16. First anniversary of the opening of the new nether chapel, in Norfolk-street.
  - 17. Nomination of the Cutlers' Company for the ensuing year; Philip Law, Esq., Master Cutler; Mr. Enoch Barber, and J. B. Furniss, Wardens; Searchers, Messrs. Edmund Wilson, Peter Cadman, Lewis Thomas, Thomas Ellin, Richard Jessop, and Blake; Assistants, Messrs. J. Crawshaw, S. Hadfield, Joseph Hobson, James Wilde, James Hall, George Marriott, J. Wragg, E. Greaves, John Hawksworth, James Moorhouse, Wm. Steer, John Barber, William Wilkinson, Samuel Saynor, John Spencer, J. S. Bramhall, Joseph Levick, jun. John Sansom, John Ward, Samuel Windle, Wm. Hall, W. Pearce, Thomas Warburton, and Thomas Dunn.
  - 22. Cricket match, Sheffield against Nottingham, at Darnall; latter wins by 18 runs.
  - Mr. Joseph Stones, of the Hartshead, unfortunately killed by a fall from his horse.
  - 30. Decease of Mr. William Wilson, one of the twelve Capital Church Burgesses of Sheffield.
  - The Overseers announce that the total expense of maintaining the poor of the township for the past year (inclusive of £3000 expended in repair and alteration of the new Workhouse) to be £21,327.
- Sep.* 3. Annual feast of the Cutlers' Company, Philip Law, Esq., Master; guests present, Lord Milton, and Messrs. Wilson and Duncombe, members for this county.
- Cutlers' Company voted that a portrait of Hugh Parker, Esq., of Woodthorpe, to be painted by Mr. William Poole, should be put up in their Hall, as a tribute of respect to him.
  - Captain Hall's troop of 3rd Light Dragoons suddenly called from the barracks, to quell disturbances at Barnsley.
  - 10. Mr. Cooper, formerly druggist in Church-street, found unfortunately drowned in Crook's moor dam.

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- Sept.* Grand review of the 3rd or King's own Light Dragoons, stationed at the barracks, by Major-Gen. Sir Richard Hussey Vivian, Inspector-General of Cavalry.
- 14. Two troops of the regiment sent off to Doncaster, (first day of Doncaster meeting,) to assist the civil force in quelling a serious riot got up by the "thimble men."
- 16. Elizabeth Calverly and John Pearce committed, under the coroner's warrant, to York Castle, to take their trial for the murder of an illegitimate infant child.
- 24. Several gentlemen, forming a committee of the Roman Catholics resident in this place, presented Luke Palfreyman, Esq., with a piece of plate, as a testimony of their respect for his services in the cause of emancipation.
- The township of Sheffield contains 12,695 dwelling houses, besides shops, &c.—*Parish Books.*
- Oct.* 3. Samuel Revell, Esq., elected one of the twelve Burgesses, and a Governor of the Free Grammar School, *vice* the late Mr. William Wilson.
- Blue coat boys' charity school; a gentleman who had been educated at this school, transmitted, through the hands of Mr. George Marriott, the sum of £30 for its benefit.
- 7. Sheffield general infirmary; the thirty-second anniversary meeting of the subscribers, benefactors, and others; Hon. J. S. Wortley, M.P. in the chair.
- James Montgomery, Esq., elected chairman of the weekly board (infirmary) *vice* Benjamin Sayle, Esq., retired.
- The new water company; a committee of the new water company meet a committee of the proprietors of the old works, and agree to a union of interests.
- First annual meeting of the self-supporting dispensary held at the Cutlers'-Hall, Rev. Thomas Sutton, the Vicar, in the chair.
- Ecclesall gaol, belonging to Earl Fitzwilliam's manor court, announced to be so full of debtors, that personal execution for debt was partially stayed.

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- Oct.* Highway surveyors for the ensuing year; John  
13. Ward, William Stacey, George Radcliffe, and T. Shirley, appointed for Sheffield.
- 15. Music-Hall; the committee of management elected for the ensuing year, Messrs. W. Fisher, H. Wilkinson, J. H. Dixon, T. Champion, J. Elliott, T. Pearson, J. Kirk, J. Staniforth, and W. Marsden.
- 22. Twentieth anniversary of the boys' Lancasterian school; Lord Milton presided.
- 24. Anniversary of the jubilee society; stock declared to amount to £2,738. 13s. 3d.
- 28. Sheffield Sessions held at the Town-Hall; chairman, Lord Wharncliffe; number of prisoners, 43.
- Boys' and girls' charity schools; the trustees received of the late Mr. W. Halliday, the sum of £40.
- Nov.* Commissioners of Police signify their intention of  
4. compelling the proprietors of the steam works to burn the smoke issuing from their chimnies, after 5th of January, 1830.
- 5. Anniversary of the "Glorious Revolution" benefit society.
- 9. Mr. W. S. Butler commenced the third season of his management of the Sheffield theatre.
- Proprietors of the water works, (old and new in union,) give public notice of their intention to apply to Parliament, for "an act to establish a company for supplying, maintaining, altering, &c., the present reservoirs, channels," &c.
- Court of Requests; new Commissioners appointed, Messrs. John Brown, Samuel Park, Peter Frith, sen., John Johnson, Mark Maugham, John Newton, George Fenton, John Cam, William Rowley, Robert Sorby, Samuel Laycock, George Wragg, Frederick Stones, James Crawshaw, James Wild, Hewan Hault, George Ridge, George Marriott, Edward Nanson, William Vickers, John Eyre Pearson, Francis Cluley, William Jessop, and John Wilson.
- 28. Winter fair held in the Wicker; price of cheese from 40. to 50s. per cwt.
- Dec.* 7. Infant schools; meeting at the Cutlers'-Hall, and



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subscriptions entered into for the erection and maintenance of infant schools.

- Dec.* Some buildings attached to the Pond tilt, occupied  
10. by Messrs. Drury, discovered to be on fire; damage done to the amount of £500.
- 14. Boys' charity school; executors to the will of the late Mr. Wigfull paid to the trustees a legacy of £200.
- —. Sheffield and Hallamshire Savings' Bank; annual meeting to audit the accounts; balance announced due to the 20th Nov. last past, £91,105. 16s. 7d.
- 16. Shakspeare club; eleventh anniversary held at the Tontine; Luke Palfreyman, Esq. president.



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- Jan.* Literary and Philosophical Society; annual meeting
- 1. and election of officers for the year; president, Mr. S. Bailey; vice-presidents, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. T. A. Ward, Mr. Abraham, Mr. Waterhouse; secretaries, Mr. L. Palfreyman, Mr. R. Younge; curator, Mr. W. Jackson.
- 2. Sheffield Independent newspaper; Mr. Henry Andrew Bacon having sold the copyright, Mr. Robert Leader, the purchaser, published his first paper, No. 525 of the series.
- Hyde Park Cricket Ground occupied by Mr. W. H. Woolhouse.
- Bill of mortality for the parish of Sheffield for the past year, 1829:—Baptisms; Parish Church, males 1035, females 920; St. Paul's, males 3, females 0; St. James's, none; St. Philip's, none; Attercliffe, males 37, females 27; Ecclesall, males 20, females 23; total, 2065;—Burials; Parish Church, males 343, females 315; St. Paul's, males 238, females 224; St. James's, males 31, females 24; St. Philip's, males 232, females 188; Attercliffe, males 86, females 84; Ecclesall, males 108, females 102; total, 1975.
- Extracts from the parish register for the past year, 1829; marriages at St. Peter's, 798; burials at the four churches, (St. Peter's, St. Paul's, St. James's, St. Philip's,) 1595. Of this number, 838 were seven years old and under, and 144 attained the age of 70 and upwards.
- 4. The enclosure of the burial ground of St. George's church completed, by public subscription, and the first interment therein; fees permitted by the Arch-

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bishop, minister 1s. 3d., vicar 3d., clerk 6d., sexton 6d., grave digger 4s. 6d.

- Jan. 5.* Decease of Mr. George Ibbotson, of Coulston-crofts, merchant, aged 52.
- 7. Old Gentlemen's club dissolved; "it was originally composed of fifty members, who agreed to meet once a month; at the time of the dissolution twelve members only remained, and the remaining stock of £100 was divided."
- 12. Decease of Mr. John Tomlinson, master of Crookes endowed school, aged 73; "To this school he had been licensed by the Archbishop of York 47 years; he was an upright and conscientious man, highly respected throughout the neighbourhood of Crookes, Hallam, Fulwood, &c. a great part of the inhabitants of which places were educated by him."
- 14. Assemblies commence for the season; managers, Dr. Younge, Offley Shore, Esq. Vincent Corbett, Esq. John Brewin, Esq.
- Markets; Hay, £2. 15s. to £3. 10s. per load; straw, 22s. to 27s. 6d.; wheat, 26s. to 28s.; barley, 27s. to 34s.; oats, 19s. to 22s.; beans, 13s. to 16s.; beef and mutton, 5½d. to 6d. per lb.; veal, 6d. to 7d.; pork, 5d. to 6d.; butter, 9d. to 1s.; eggs, 14 for 1s.; potatoes, 6d. per peck; apples, 2s. per peck; geese, 3s. to 4s. 6d.
- 22. Commencement of a thaw, after five weeks hard frost.
- 23. Return of the "storm" and frost.
- 27. William Cobbett delivered his first political lecture to about eight hundred persons assembled at the Music-Hall.
- 30. ————— delivered his second lecture at the same place, to about six hundred persons.
- Feb. 1.* ————— delivered his third and last lecture.
- Decease of Mr. John Taylor, at his house, on Snig-hill, aged 62. He bequeathed to the Infirmary £100; to the boys' and girls' charity schools, and the girls' Lancasterian school, £50 each.
- First anniversary dinner of the shareholders of the new water company, held at the Angel; president, James Rimmington, Esq.
- 6. Published by R. Leader, Angel-street, "A Statement

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of the Population, &c. of the town of Sheffield, with a view to its being comprehended in the motion about to be made by Lord John Russell, to enable Manchester, Birmingham, and Leeds to return Members to Parliament."

- Feb.* 6. Justice General Friendly Sick society established.
- 8. Theatre; Mr. Kean, jun. commenced five nights' performances.
- 12. Mr. Waterhouse announced the resignation of his office as surgeon to the Infirmary.
- 15. Theatre; Master Burke commenced five nights performances.
- Decease of Mr. George Jeeves, of Highfield, aged 85; "he died much respected."
- Breaking up of the frost, after a storm of upwards of two months duration.
- 18. Decease of Mr. Duncan M'Donald, aged 84; "he was a native of Lochaber, in Scotland; he served in America, during the war of independence, and was at the battle of Bunker's Hill. He resided in Sheffield for 47 years, and was respected for his integrity."
- 19. Public meeting held at the Town-Hall, Philip Law, Esq. Master Cutler, in the chair, "to consider the propriety of petitioning Parliament to extend the elective franchise to Sheffield, as well as to other large and intelligent communities;" resolved that a petition to the effect of the requisition be adopted, and entrusted to Lord John Russell for presentation.
- 25. Members of the medical profession present a petition to Parliament, praying "for the removal of the impediments which occur in the prosecution of anatomical investigations."
- Drs. C. F. Favell and G. C. Holland announce the establishment by them of a dispensary for diseases of the chest, in Cheney-row, where the poor receive advice gratis, every Monday and Friday morning.
- New parsonage house at Ecclesall; Earl Fitzwilliam gave an acre and a half of land for the erection of a parsonage house, near the Chapel at Ecclesall, and the Rev. W. H. Vale, the incumbent, C. P. Vale, Esq. and William Parker, Esq. each gave

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£100 towards its completion, and the inhabitants subscribed £300.

- Feb.* Ecclesall Chapel; Rev. Mr. Fisher, M. A. appointed  
25. curate.
- Ma.* 3. Meeting of Commissioners of Police; resolved, that  
“The Surveyor and police officer do report concerning six steam engines, of which the proprietors have not abated the nuisance occasioned by the smoke, and it be determined by ballot which of the proprietors shall be proceeded against.”
- 15. Public meeting at the Town-Hall “to take into consideration the clauses of the bill (for which a petition has been presented to Parliament) for supplying the town with water,” resolved to petition Parliament against the passing of the proposed bill.
- Decease of Mr. Joseph Ellis, tailor, Furnace-hill, aged 101, “he was working at his trade two days before.”
- 17. Mr. Norton Webster commenced a series of six lectures on Mechanics, at the Music-Hall.
- 20. Number of paupers in the Sheffield poorhouse, 340; weekly payments to the poor, £91. 9s. 6d.; to the casual poor, £52. 9s. 9d.; to the vagrant poor, 4s.; total week’s expenditure, £130. 3s. 3d.
- Lancasterian Schools; received the sum of £50, a bequest of the late Mr. John Staniforth.
- General Infirmary; received from Mr. Dawson, late secretary, a donation of 20 guineas.
- 22. Infant Schools; first general meeting of the friends and subscribers to the Sheffield infant schools, at the Cutlers’-Hall, for the purpose of appointing the public officers and committee, preparatory to the opening of the new school erected near the New St. Mary’s church; C. Bates and his wife appointed master and mistress.
- 24. Overseers of the poor for the year ensuing (township of Sheffield;) Messrs. Samuel Revill, Norfolk-street; John Hall, Park; Elias Lowe, Bank-street; and Edward Barker, Lead-mills.
- General Infirmary; Mr. Wilson Overend elected to the office of Surgeon to the General Infirmary, *vice* Mr. Waterhouse resigned.

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- Mar.* The bills against Elizabeth Calverly and John Pearce, 25. (committed the 16th September, 1829,) for the murder of an illegitimate child, ignored by the grand jury at York.
- Licensed victuallers in the town present petitions to Parliament against throwing open the trade in beer.
- East India Monopoly; Master and Corporation of Cutlers petition Parliament against the renewal of the East India Company's charter.
- April* Parish accounts for the past year; overseers, G. H. Woollen, Mark Maugham, Samuel Laycock, and Edward Vickers; amount of rates collected, £18,311. 18s. 6d.; amount of expenditure, £18,691. 8s. 8½d; county rate, £1415. 11s. 7d.
- Produce of the sale of the materials and site of the old Workhouse (£970) paid to the overseers.
- The Magistrates receive the congratulations of the Judge sitting in the Crown Court, at York assizes, on the fact, that since the last assizes, they had not found it their duty to order a single commitment for crime perpetrated in Hallamshire.
- Letterpress Printers; petition from the printers of Sheffield, praying the Parliament to reduce the duties on newspapers, advertisements, &c. presented by Lord John Russell.
- 3. Weather; "The most extraordinary changes in the weather, as experienced in this town, have lately taken place; the first two days of the present week were positively sultry, the glass standing at 80; on Tuesday night a slight frost was observed, and at the present time the fields again present the white garb of winter."—*Sheffield Independent*.
- Decease of Mr. John Hampshire, mason, Sands Pavours, (57) and of Mr. Samuel Burrowes, mason, Trippet-lanc. "These two persons being companions visited this town together on the same day, many years ago in search of employment; they settled here, and at length both dying within a few hours they were buried on the same day, and within a few hours of each other."
- 5. Infant Schools; meeting at the Cutlers'-Hall for the further support of the establishment of Infant Schools.

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- Apr. 5.* Third regiment of Dragoons removed from the barracks in Sheffield to York, and their place taken by the 15th Hussars.
- Wesleyan Methodist Missions; sixteenth anniversary (in Carver-street chapel) of the Sheffield Auxiliary Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society; president, Mr. James Montgomery.
  - 8. Decease of Mr. Thomas Waterhouse, of Norfolk-street, surgeon. "The premature departure of this amiable and excellent man, will not only be a source of inexpressible grief to his relatives, and of deep regret to his friends, but it will be lamented by the inhabitants in general, so universal was the respect entertained towards him. He was an ornament to his profession, exemplary in all the relations of his life, he uniformly adorned his christian profession, and died in anticipation of future happiness."—*Sheffield Independent*.
  - 10. Decease of Mrs. Waterhouse, (mother of the above-named Mr. Thomas Waterhouse, and relict of the late Mr. Waterhouse, of the firm of Waterhouse, Hodgson, and Co.,) of Portobello-place. "The family have lost in her an affectionate parent, and the poor a benevolent friend."—*Sheffield Pap.*
  - 12. Missionary Society; anniversary at the Nether Chapel, Norfolk-street, of the Sheffield and Attercliffe Auxiliary Missionary Society; president, W. F. Rawson, Esq.; present Mr. George Bennet, and the Rev. Clement Perrot.
  - Friends to the non-employment of boys in cleaning chimnies, give a treat to all the sweeps in the town (26) at the Cutlers'-Hall.
  - 14. Court Leet of the Manor of Sheffield; acting constables, Thomas Flather, John Waterfall, sen., and James Wild; assistant, John Waterfall, jun.; extra, William Bland.
  - Churchwardens for the ensuing year; St. Peter's Mr. R. Bayley, and Mr. Jos. Cardwell, sen.; St. Paul's, Mr. W. Senior, and Mr. William Hall; St. James's, Mr. S. R. Carver, and Mr. B. Fenton; St. Philip's, Mr. Bright, and Mr. Jackson; St. George's, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Gilbee.



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*Ap.* 14. Messrs. Needham and Gregory appointed by the overseers surgeons to the town.

— Decease of Hugh Cheney, M. D., of Portobello, aged 86. “Who, after a long life of great activity and usefulness in his profession, was called by an inscrutable providence to spend his latter days under considerable privations, having lost his sight for twenty-two years past, and finishing his course under great bodily sufferings, all of which he bore with becoming fortitude and resignation—the senior practitioner of the medical profession in this town he was greatly esteemed—he for sixty years and upwards exerted himself most cheerfully in doing all the good in his power in the art of healing the afflicted.”—*Sheffield Ind.*

— 15. The New Water Company; public meeting to resolve on measures to oppose the bill presented to Parliament by the present proprietors.

— 20. Mr. William Frith appointed Collector of Police Rates.

— 22. Public Meeting; to consider the expediency of erecting a bridge over the River Don, to form a communication between Bridgehouses and Shalesmoor; committee appointed and subscriptions opened to further the object proposed.

— 23. Public Meeting; to consider the propriety of petitioning Parliament for the non-renewal of the Insolvent Act about to expire; petition adopted.

— Water Company; subscriptions entered into to oppose in Parliament the Sheffield Water Works Bill.

*May* 3 Decease of Mr. William Andrews, of Fargate. “He fulfilled the office of Deacon in the Church, under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. Boden, in this place many years.”

— 6. Decease of Mr. Thomas Orton, (aged 62) bookseller and printer, High-street.

— Storm over the town, (5 o'clock P. M.) with loud bursts of thunder; a house in Allen-lane, another in Church-street, and several others, struck by the lightning.

• 7. Theatre; the proprietors advertise in the town's papers to let the theatre.

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- May Sheffield Canal; annual meeting; committee of
8. management, H. Parker and J. Foljambe, Esqs., Messrs. S. Bailey, E. Smith, P. Cadman, S. Hadfield, J. Marshall, J. Shirley, W. Blagden. Dividend declared at 3 per cent.
- Boys' Charity School; the donation of £1200 anonymously presented to the charity upon the condition, "that any future benefactors to the school may claim the privilege of nominating boys, or may appoint representatives to nominate in perpetuity in the proportion of one boy for every two hundred pounds given or bequeathed; such boy or boys to be upwards of seven years of age, and to belong to the parish of Sheffield."
- 10. Aged Female Society; annual meeting of the friends and subscribers. "The number of widows on the society's list is between 300 and 400, more than fifty of whom are past eighty, and several verging to the hundredth year." Defalcation in the subscriptions announced, and the support of the benevolent requested.
- 13. Decease of Mr. William Greaves, of the house of William Greaves and Sons, merchants, aged 78.
- Emancipation of the Jews; "The residents in this town, of the Jewish persuasion, have got up a petition to Parliament praying for a removal of civil disabilities. A few individuals of their body waited on the householders, and a great number of signatures were obtained."—*Sheffield Ind.*
- 16. Yeomanry Cavalry; Hon. James Stuart Wortley appointed Captain in the Southern Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry, *vice* James Rimington, Esq. resigned; Cornet, Christopher Alderson appointed captain, *vice* Mr. Shirt resigned; Mr. George Wright, Lieutenant, *vice* Mr. Foster resigned.
- 18. Decease of Mr. Bennett, gardener, of the Wicker.
- 20. Master Aspull commenced a series of concerts at the Tontine Inn.
- 24. Bequests of the late Mr. George Ibbotson, of Coulston Crofts; £100 to the Infirmary, £100 to the Lancasterian Schools, and £50 each to the boys' and girls' Charity Schools of this town.

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- May.* Opening of Messrs. Maffey's exhibition *du petit*  
 24. *Lazary*, at the Music-Hall.
- 31. Sheffield Water Works; "An act for the better supplying with water the town and parish of Sheffield, in Yorkshire" passed into a law.
- Sunday School Union; eighteenth anniversary, president, Joseph Read, Esq.
- June* 1. New Connexion Methodists; annual conference held in the town, attended by a considerable number of ministers and delegates in the connexion.
- 7. New Water Company; first meeting of the shareholders in the New (extended) Water Company since the passing the bill; first officers elected, Treasurer, Offley Shore, Esq.; Committee, Messrs. Michael Ellison, John Sykes, Samuel Bailey, Jas. Montgomery, Edward Nanson, Edward Greaves, Joshua Denton, Samuel Hadfield; Law Clerks, Messrs. Albert Smith and James Wheat.
- 8. Summer Fair held in the Wicker; price of Welsh and thin cheese 40s. per cwt., good old cheese 48s. to 55s.
- Savings' Bank; "the auxiliary fund arising from the difference between the interest received from Government debentures, and that paid to the depositors declared to amount to nearly £2000."
- 12. St. Peter's Church Yard; Mr. John Rodgers and Mr. John Shepherd, churchwardens, return public thanks to those inhabitants who by their subscriptions have enabled them to put in good repair the walls and fences round the Parish Church yard, and to erect new wrought iron gates at the entrance thereof.
- The boys of the Charity School prevented from using the church yard as a play ground by order of the churchwardens, and with the approbation of the Archbishop.
- 11. Association for the Prosecution of Felons; twenty-sixth annual meeting, funds of the association reported to amount to £1309. 13s. 4d.
- 14. Sheffield and Hallamshire Savings' Bank; meeting of Trustees and managers; reported balance in hand, £93,224. 17s. 0½d. Total number of depositors since the commencement March 1, 1819, to

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- June* June 8, 1830, 5234; depositors paid off from same, 2699; remaining depositors, 2535.
- 17. Fitzwilliam Society anniversary; "the number of members of which this society is composed is 83, the number of years to which the venerable patron has attained."
  - 18. Decease of Mr. George Alexander Dixon, silver refiner.
  - 26. Decease of his Majesty George IV.; news of the Royal demise brought by the Courier on Sunday noon.
  - 29. Mr. Thelwall commenced a series of lectures on elocution at the Tontine.
- July* Lord Viscount Milton and John Marshall, Esq. announce by advertisement in the Sheffield papers, that they should not, on the dissolution of the Parliament, present themselves as candidates to represent the county (Yorkshire.)
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  - 4. Decease of Mr. John Slater, aged 73, bookseller, formerly of the firm of Slater, Bacon, and Co.
  - 5. Decease of Mr. Thomas Clithero, aged 103, of Garden-street.
  - 6. His Majesty King William IV. publicly proclaimed in Sheffield; "a procession was formed in the New Market-place, which consisted of the bodies of magistracy, clergy, corporation, military, &c.; soon after the commencement of the procession, the rain fell heavily, and robbed the pageant of a great portion of its attraction."---*Sheff. Ind.*
  - 7. Decease of Mr. Jeremiah Saynor, gaoler at the Town-Hall.
  - 10. Martin Stapylton offered himself by advertisement in the Sheffield papers, as a representative for the county.
  - 12. Mechanics' Institution; annual meeting, elected, Mr. J. Montgomery president, and Mr. Middleton Hoyland secretary.
  - 15. His Majesty George IV. interred; "the day appointed for the interment of his late Majesty was very generally observed by the inhabitants of this town, all business appeared to have been suspended by general consent, notwithstanding no official announcement from the magistrates or other authori-

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- July* ties had recommended any particular observance of the day."---*Sheff. Ind.*
- 17. William Bland appointed gaoler and keeper at the Town-Hall.
- Decease of Mr. Jonathan Brownhill, table knife manufacturer. "As an ingenious individual it is due to his memory to state that he was the inventor of the 'balance knives,' for which he obtained a patent; he was likewise a joint patentee of one of the knife sharpeners made in this town, and also the projector of a scheme for transferring vessels from one level to another, on canals, without the aid of locks."
- 20. Archbishop of York confirmed in St. Peter's church 421 males and 773 females.
- 21. St. Mary's (new) church, in Brammall-lane, consecrated by the Archbishop of York; Messrs. Newbould and Creswick, churchwardens.
- 26. Accounts of the commissioners of police for the year ending June 1830, published; amount of receipts in rates, fines, &c. £4460. 13s. 4d.; expended in cleansing streets, £526. 13s.; in lighting ditto, £1424. 1s. 11d.; watching ditto, £1975. 2s. 4d.; salaries, £297. 18s. 8d.; miscellaneous payments, £236. 17s. 3½d.; balance in hand, £76. 6s. 11½d.
- 28. Sheffield Gas Company; committee of management for the ensuing year, Dr. Younge, Messrs. Montgomery, Battie, Hawksworth, J. Rodgers, T. Pierson, T. Roebuck, J. Creswick, J. Willey, T. N. Bardwell, F. Hoole, T. Bradbury, jun., R. Bailey, jun., T. Settle, B. Rose.
- 29. Henry Brougham, Esq. made his first public appearance, on the occasion of offering himself a candidate for the representation of the county, and (seven o'clock in the evening) addressed upwards of 10,000 people, assembled in Paradise-square.
- Decease of Mr. Robert Wilson, of the firm of William Wilson & Sons, Pond-street.
- 31. Lord Morpeth, Mr. Brougham, Hon. W. Duncombe, Mr. Bethell, and Mr. M. Stapylton, announce themselves, by advertisements in the Sheffield papers, as candidates for the representation of the county in Parliament.

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- Aug.* Police Commissioners' annual meeting; new commissioners elected, Messrs. Sorby (Park Grange,) Broadbent (Waingate,) E. Unwin (Waingate,) Lofthouse (Snighill.)
- Mr. Bethell, introduced by Dr. Corbett, and Lord Morpeth, introduced by Mr. John Parker, addressed upwards of 8000 persons, assembled in Paradise-square, on the occasion of offering themselves to represent the county in Parliament.
- 3. Hon. W. Duncombe addressed the freeholders on the same occasion, from a temporary scaffolding erected in Barker-pool.
- 9. Yorkshire institution for the deaf and dumb; meeting of the friends at the Music-Hall; Rev. W. C. Fenton, hon. sec. "stated that the number of deaf and dumb children in the county, known to the institution, was about 200; and that in Sheffield there were about a score of persons deprived of their vocal and auricular senses; and two families were mentioned, not far from the town, in which there were nine children thus affected. There were present thirty-nine children of both sexes, whose sealed lips, but intelligent countenances, presented an affecting spectacle, appealing through the eyes to the sympathies of all present."—*Sheff. Ind.*
- Ecclesall Bierlow; Mr. John Slater elected vestry clerk, *vice* Mr. Richardson, and Thomas Dewhirst appointed governor of the poor house and collector of rates.
- 9. Mr. Sheridan Knowles commenced a series of lectures on dramatic poetry, at the Tontine.
- 12. Decease of Mr. George Atkinson, surgeon, aged 24. "This promising young surgeon offered himself as a candidate to succeed the late lamented Mr. Waterhouse, as one of the professional attendants of the Infirmary; at that time he presented, as he justly termed them, public and unsolicited testimonials of his ability to fill the office to which he aspired. Amongst the former of these were found the greatest number of certificates of honour (including the first gold medal) which the London University, in which he studied, could present to an individual; *five months* only have elapsed, and the honourable and useful

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course which talent and youth seemed almost to ensure, has been suddenly and for ever stopped."—

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- Aug.* Nether Chapel; second anniversary of the (rebuilt)  
16. chapel.
- 17. Nomination of the Cutlers' Company for the ensuing year:—Master, Mr. Enoch Barber; senior warden, Mr. E. Wilson; junior ditto, Mr. John Blake; searchers, Messrs. P. Cadman, L. Thomas, T. Elin, R. Jessop, J. Wild, and Thomas Dunn; assistants, Messrs. P. Law and J. Crawshaw, (past masters,) Samuel Hadfield, Joseph Levick, J. B. Furness, Joseph Hobson, James Hall, William Steer, John Barber, George Marriott, Joseph Wragg, John Hawksworth, James Moorhouse, William Wilkinson, Samuel Senior, John Sansom, Aaron Hatfield, Samuel Windle, William Hall, Samuel Smith, Samuel Peace, John Spencer, Joseph Brammall, and Sykes Bramhall.
- New Cutlers' Hall; plans, &c. prepared by order of the Cutlers' Company, for the erection of a new and more commodious hall.
- 18. Commercial Travellers' Society; Messrs. T. Linley, E. Lowe, R. Leader, J. Gurney, B. P. Raworth, T. Wreaks, J. W. Gregory, G. Curr, G. Johnson, G. Shaw, and J. Hoole, appointed a local committee to promote the objects of the Metropolitan society.
- 18. Yorkshire Amateur Music Meeting; twenty-second  
& 19. anniversary held at the Music-Hall.
- 20. Formation of the "Hallamshire association for promoting purity of election," by the committee for supporting the election of Lord Morpeth and Mr. Brougham.
- 27. Lord Milton; public meeting, at the Town Hall, for the purpose of expressing the sense entertained of "the talent and integrity of Lord Milton, during his Parliamentary services of 23 years' duration, to the county generally, and to this neighbourhood in particular," resolved "that a piece of plate be purchased, by subscriptions not exceeding £1 each, as a mark of the opinion entertained by the inhabitants of Sheffield of his past services, and as a small testimonial of his past services."

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- Sep.* 2. Annual feast of the Cutlers' Company; Enoch Barber, Esq. Master; guests present, Lords Milton, Morpeth, and Wharncliffe.
- Decease of Mr. Wm. Wood, of Bank-street, aged 72.
4. Sheffield and Manchester Railway; prospectuses and proposals for formation of company first advertised.
- Sheffield and Goole Railway; prospectuses and proposals for formation of company first advertised.
- 10. Brewster Sessions; total number of licensed victuallers in the township, 274.
- 20. Theatre opened by Mr. Beverley; principal performers, Messrs. Waldron, H. Beverley, Carter, Roxby, Jones, Hamilton; Mrs. Angel, Miss Crisp, Lancaster, Sibery, and Nadin.
- 23. Premises of Messrs. Briggs and Smith, silver-platers, &c. in Carver-lane, destroyed by fire.
- 27. Public dinner, given in the Music-Hall, to Lord Morpeth and Henry Brougham, Esq. "on the occasion of their return to Parliament as representatives of the county of York, and to commemorate the principles on which that return was effected—the election of men of liberal principles and distinguished talents, free of expense;" president, Lord Milton; guests present, Lord W. Bentinck, Hon. W. Cavendish, Hon. W. Howard, Daniel Sykes, Esq. M. P., Charles Wood, Esq. M. P., &c.
- Theatre; Madame Vestris played one night.
- Floral and Horticultural Society; first exhibition of flowers, fruits, &c. at the Cutlers'-Hall.
- Oct.* 5. Surveyors of the highways for the ensuing year; Sheffield, Bartholomew Hounsfield, John Johnson, Samuel Gardnor, and John Kirk; Ecclesall Bierlow, (upper,) John Osborne, William Hodson, (nether,) Joseph Smith, John Pritchard; Brightside, Thomas Frith, George Swift; the Hallams, William Taylor, Edward Hoole, Edward Barlow, William Creswick.
- 6. General Infirmary; thirty-third annual meeting of the trustees, subscribers, and friends; president, H.G. Knight, Esq. of Langold.
- 13. Decease of Mr. John Greaves, attorney.
- 20. Sheffield Michaelmas Sessions, held this and two following days, at the Town-Hall; chairman, (first court,) Lord Wharncliffe; number of prisoners, 44.



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- Oct. Sheffield Auxiliary Bible Society; twelfth anniversary, held in the National School Room, Carver-street; president, Henry Walker, Esq.
- 21. Theatre; Mr. Braham (vocalist) commenced five nights performance.
- 30. Accounts of Surveyors of highways (Messrs. Ward, Radcliffe, Shirley, and Stacey) for the year ending Oct. 1830; receipts, including balance from last surveyors, (£40. 15s. 3½d.) arrears of composition, &c. for 1829, received by the constables, (£130. 18s. 4d.) compositions, and assessments, total, £5159. 13s. 5¼d.; expended for square stones, £667. 16s. 2d., edge stones, &c. £598. 10s. 6d., gannister, &c. £729. 16s. 7d., breaking ditto, £189. 9s. 3d., by sundry other disbursements, £2917. 13s. 2d., leaving a balance paid to the new overseers, of £56. 5s. 9d.
- Nov. 1. Opening of the New Cattle Market; the new market for the sale of cattle, horses, beasts, and sheep, about 100 yards north of the New Corn Exchange, on the ground formerly called the Castle Orchards, lying between the River Don and the Canal Basin, first opened and used instead of the old market in the Wicker, now abandoned.
- Decease of Mr. John Batty, (formerly of the Tontine) aged 84.
- 2. Opening of the New Corn Exchange; the buyers and sellers of grain removed from the Market-place, top of the Shambles, to the New Corn Exchange adjoining the New Corn Market.
- 4. The first general meeting of the Committee (in Sheffield) of the Sheffield and Manchester Rail Road Company.
- 9. The Grinders struck work for the 1810 list of prices.
- Decease of Mr. Thomas Holy, at Highfield House, aged 79. "In private intercourse he was courteous, hospitable, and kind; in public offices firm, active, faithful; in his family they best knew all his excellence, and loved and venerated the husband and the father with corresponding dutifulness and affection."—*Sheffield Pap.*
- 17. Shakspeare Club; twelfth anniversary at the Tontine Inn; president, Mr. J. Sykes Bramhall.

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- No. 20. Decease of Mr. George Vickers, (lately of Vicker's Grove) aged 55.
- . Decease of Mr. James Jessop, steel refiner, aged 56. "His death is deeply regretted by a numerous and affectionate family."
- 21. Overseers' return of the state and expenses of the Sheffield Poorhouse for the past week; number of paupers, 305; payments to the out poor for the week, £93. 2s. 6d.; to the casual poor, £43. 15s. 2d.; to the vagrant poor, 3s.—Total £137. 0s. 8d.
- 27. Sir J. V. B. Johnstone offered himself by advertisement in the Sheffield papers, to succeed Mr. Brougham (raised to the Chancellorship on the resignation of Lord Wellington and Earl Grey's acceptance of office) in the representation of the county.
- . Free Grammar School; the scholars present the Rev. M. White, A.M., (on his election to the free school at Wolverhampton) with a piece of plate, in testimony of their respect.
- . ————— Rev. Perceval Bowen, M.A., curate of the Abbey church of St. Albans, elected head master of the Grammar School, *vice* Mr. White.
- 29 & 30 Winter fair held for the first time on the ground opposite the new Corn Exchange, and in the new Cattle Market. Price of cheese, lean thin Derbyshire, 43s. to 45s.; prime old, 55s. to 62s. per cwt.
- Dec. 1. Sir J. V. B. Johnstone addressed the freeholders assembled in Paradise-square, on the occasion of offering himself as a representative of the county.
- . Public meeting for Reform; resolved to present petitions to the King, and to the two Houses of Parliament, praying for a "full, fair, and free representation;" present, 5000 persons; chairman, Dr. Knight.
- 13. Sheffield and Hallamshire Savings' Bank; annual meeting to audit the accounts; balance announced due to the depositors to Nov. 20, £95,722. 4s. 7d.
- 17. Theatre; Mr. Butler commenced four nights performance.
- 21. Guardian Society; meeting of Merchants, Manufacturers, and others, at the Cutlers'-Hall, and resolutions entered into, for the formation of a Guardian Society for the prevention of fraud upon the members by swindlers, &c.

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OF THE  
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- Jan.* Bill of mortality for the parish of Sheffield for the past year, 1830:—Baptisms; Parish Church, males 1024, females 938; St. Paul's, males and females 5; St. James' none; St. Philip's, 15; St. Mary's, 7; St. George's 18; Attercliffe, males and females 59; Ecclesall, males and females 45; total, 2111.—Burials; Parish Church, males 240, females 234; St. Paul's, males 294, females 147; St. James's, males 41, females 27; St. Philip's, males 136, females 65; St. George's, males 490, females 228; St. Mary's, 2; Attercliffe, males 108, females 54; Ecclesall, males 134, females 62; total, 1679.
- Extracts from parish records:—marriages at the Parish Church, 801; increased beyond last year 3; increased beyond the average of the last ten years (i. e. from 1011 to 1820 inclusive) 177; baptisms, increased beyond last year 46; burials, decreased in comparison with the last year 296. During the past year there have been 1437 burials in the six churches in the town. Of the number 657 were seven years old and under; 133 attained the age of 70 and upwards, according to the following numbers:—20 aged 70, 3 aged 71, 7 aged 72, 9 aged 73, 8 aged 74, 11 aged 75, 13 aged 76, 8 aged 77, 9 aged 78, 7 aged 79, 10 aged 80, 2 aged 81, 2 aged 82, 3 aged 83, 2 aged 84, 5 aged 85, 4 aged 86, 2 aged 87, 1 aged 88, 2 aged 90, 1 aged 91, 1 aged 92, 1 aged 93, 1 aged 97, 1 aged 101.
- 1. Decease of Mr. James Robertson, formerly manager (in conjunction with Mr. Manley) of the Sheffield theatre.
- 7. New Methodist Chapel in the Park first opened, with sermons by the Mr. William Dawson and the Rev. R. Newton; collections £133. 12s. 11½d.--contains 400

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- Jan.* free sittings, and has a Sunday School room attached, suitable for 700 children.
- 7. Decease of Mr. Spooner, of Machon Bank, aged 66 years.
- Marble bust of Watt, the Engineer, by Chantry, presented to the Mechanics' Library, by Mr. Watt, (son) of Birmingham
- 17. Joint Stock Banking Company; formation of the company under the name of the Sheffield Banking Company.
- 21. Literary and Philosophical Society.—Officers for the ensuing year; President, S. Bailey, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Knight, Dr. Thompson, T. A. Ward, J. Montgomery; Secretaries, L. Palfreyman, Dr. Favell; Curator, W. Jackson.
- 23. Decease of James Gillies, spring knife cutler. "He was formerly in the employ of Messrs. J. Rodgers and Sons, cutlers to their Majesties—he was one of those whose genius and talents have contributed to raise Sheffield to the pre-eminence it holds in the manufacture of cutlery."
- 24. Sheffield Political Union; first public meeting at the Town-Hall; President, T. A. Ward, Esq. Election of a council of 30 members for the current year.
- ✓ *Feb.* St. George's Church; the altar piece presented by Mr.
1. Paris, placed over the communion table.
- Price of Iron; forge pigs £3. 5s. (ton); refined iron £4; common bar £6; hoops £7. 10s.; rods £6. 5s.; sheet iron £8. 10s.
- 7. Political Union; first meeting (called by the council) at the Town Hall; petition adopted praying for the vote by ballot.
- 25. Sheffield and Goole Railway;—meeting of Shareholders at the Music Hall; resolved that it is inexpedient to apply to Parliament during the present session.
- Mar.* 1. Leather fair (first established) held in the New Market.
- 2. The Reform Bill.—Intelligence of the plan of Reform in the representation (giving two members for Sheffield) received in the town, "with an almost unanimous expression of satisfaction."—*Ind.*
- 3. Association for the Prosecution of Felons; funds possessed £1279. 16s. 4½d.
- 6. Decease of Mrs. Shore, relict of the late Sidney Shore, Esq. of Tickhill Castle.
- 7. Public Meeting in Paradise-square, "to express the public approbation of the Reform Bill, and to petition the Parliament to pass the same into a law"—petition received 13,360 signatures.

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- Mar.* Overseers for the ensuing year; Sheffield, Messrs. Webster, Gregory, Walker, and Nicholson; Brightside, Messrs. Taylor, Pearson, & Stafford; Ecclesall, Messrs. Kershawe, Tinker, Osborne, and Wilkinson. Surgeons, (town) Messrs. Gregory and Clerk; Churchwardens of the Parish Church, Messrs. J. Crosland and S. Marples; St. Paul's, Messrs. Wm. Hall and T. Machon; St. George's, Messrs. R. Harrison and E. Hatfield; St. Philip's, Messrs. J. Watson and W. F. Dixon; St. Mary's, Messrs. J. Newbould and E. Gilbee.
- Girls' Charity School receive an anonymous donation of £1200.
- April* Water Works Company—first annual meeting (since the
6. passing the Act for the extension of the company;) committee for the ensuing year, Messrs. M. Ellison, S. Bailey, J. Sykes, E. Smith, E. Nanson, John Rodgers, B. Hounsfeld, and J. Levick.
- 14. Overseers' accounts for the past year; total parochial expenditure (Poor) £17,086. 15s. 4d.—balance paid to the new officers, £781. 3s. 3d.
- 18. St. George's Church,—the clock put up Mr. Payne, of London.
- 19. Cricketers presented Tom Marsden with a silver cup, in reward of his honesty and talents.
- 23. Execution (York) of Twibell and Turner, convicted of robbing and barbarously using Jonathan Habershon, between Sheffield and the Intake, on the 5th of October last.
- 24. Dissolution of the Parliament—news arrived in the town. "Ever since the news arrived that our gracious King had dissolved a Parliament which has long lost the confidence of the nation, the people of Hallamshire have been in a delirium of joy."—*Ind.*
- . Public subscriptions made to defray the expenses of returning independent reforming members for the representation of the county.
- 27. Representation of the county; Lord Morpeth, Sir J. Johnstone, John Charles Ramsden, Esq., and George Strickland, Esq., candidates to represent the county in the ensuing Parliament, present themselves in Paradise-square. "At the moment of their appearance, the most extraordinary spectacle ever witnessed by the oldest attendant at public meetings in Sheffield presented itself. Upwards of 16,000 persons, as if by previous consent, gave repeated and simultaneous cheers, as the old and new candidates came forward to the front of the hustings.

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- April* The excitement which prevailed in this great meeting, exhibited itself in a general expression of triumph, and it was sometime before the speakers could prevail on the immense multitude to restrain their demonstrations of joy and loyalty."—*Ind.*
- . Public breakfast (after the meeting,) at the Tontine; H. Parker, Esq., Chairman.
- Ma.* 4. Horticultural Society; first exhibition at the Music-Hall.
- 14. Representation of the county; Lord Morpeth, Sir J. V. B. Johnstone, George Strickland, and J. C. Ramsden, Esqrs.—return thanks to the freeholders for their election on the 6th.
- 17. Decease of Mr. John Crome, printer, Bridge-street, aged 84; "he was the oldest member in the town of the profession to which he belonged, and he was much respected."
- 18. Public dinners and rejoicings in celebration of the successful termination of the election at York.
- 25. Cricket Ground, (Darnall,) the land sold by auction, and the ground broken up.
- 29. New Markets; Commissioners, under the New Market Act, appoint Tuesday for the sale of fat cattle, &c., instead of Monday as heretofore.
- . His Majesty's King William's birth day; first anniversary (since the coronation) celebrated in the town.
- . Decease of Mr. Hall Overend, surgeon, aged 59. "For two and thirty years Mr. Overend had been uninterruptedly engaged in the practice of his profession, and few men ever pursued that profession with zeal, assiduity, and talent, superior to those evinced by himself."—*Ind.*
- 29. Decease of Daniel Holy, Esq., aged 77. "A man highly respected by a numerous circle of friends, whose loss will be long felt by his family and numerous relations."
- 31. Summer fair held in the New Market; cheese (best old) 75s.—Derbyshire thin. 55s. to 60s. per cwt.
- June* The Markets;—Commissioners, under the new market
4. act, appoint Tuesday in every week in June and July for the sale of wool in Sheffield, and the first Thursday in the month of August for a fair for the sale of wool and leather.
- . Police;—Report of the commissioners, receipts for the last year, £4320.
- 13. Savings Bank;—General fund, £95,680. 0s. 4d.; total depositors, from the commencement, March 1, 1819, to June 7, 1831, 5818; depositors paid off, 3160; remaining, 2658.

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- June* Parish Church; the transparent dial of the clock first illuminated by gas, by Mr. Payne, of London.
- 20. Decease of Mr. James Blake, aged 47. "His high sense of honour and integrity had gained the esteem of all who knew him. He was strictly punctual as a tradesman, sincere and warm-hearted as a friend, and his loss will be long and deeply regretted." — *Independent*.
- 25. St. Philip's church; Rev. John Livesey, M.A. appointed minister, *vice* Rev. T. D. Atkinson, M. A. resigned.
- July* Sheffield Banking Company commenced business, in their premises in George-street; Directors, Samuel Bailey, John Read, Jonathan Marshall, Thomas Watson, and Edward Smith, Esqrs. Manager, Mr. James Drabble.
1. Population; Sheffield township, 59,011; Ecclesall Bierlow, 14,279; Brightside Bierlow, 8968; Attercliffe and Darnall, 3741; Nether Hallam, 4658; Upper Hallam, 1035.
- . Population and statistics of the town, according to the census taken by order of Parliament:—Total number of families, 19,998; people, 91,692. Number of inhabited houses, (township,) 12,144; unoccupied, 652; building, 265; total, 13,061. Of these, no fewer than 6383 are rated to the poor rates (2s. double book) at under £5 per annum; 4308 are rated at from £5 to £10; 1259 at from £10 to £20; 301 at from £20 to £30; 107 from £30 to £40; 71 at from £40 to £50; 21 at from £50 to £60; 22 at from £60 to £80; 12 at from £80 to £100; and 1 at £100. There are besides these, 514 shops rated under £5; 214 under £10; 141 under £20; 70 under £30; 23 under £40; 20 under £50; 10 under £60; 7 under £80; 2 under £100; and 18 above that sum. "We take it (the number of small houses in Sheffield) to be the best proof of our respectability, opulence, and good government. The working body of Sheffield have been long accustomed to dwell in single families, and those large and pestiferous buildings which abound in other places, sheltering under one roof from twenty to fifty individuals, are no where to be found in Sheffield." — *Independent*.
- . Occupations of the families of the town; employed in the various staple trades, 8079; employed in retail trades and handicraft, 4012; merchants, professional persons, and other educated men, 785; labourers employed by the three preceding classes, 1731; other persons, including retired tradesmen, labourers past work &c. 701. Total of males twenty years old and upwards

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- July* 15,455. Total of persons employed in trade and manufactures in Sheffield and its townships, 14,734.
- 9. Mr. Buckingham delivered his first lecture, "On the moral and commercial capabilities of the eastern world," at the Music-Hall.
  - . Assay Office; Mr. Thomas Howard elected warden, *vice* Mr. Morton deceased.
  - 19. Decease of the Rev. Thomas Parish, aged 83.
  - 27. Decease of Benjamin Bailey, Esq. of Westfield, aged 91.
- Aug.* Police commissioners' annual meeting; new appointments
1. Messrs. George Turton, Henry Atkin, Wm. Simpson, Wm. Jackson, Edward Foster, Thomas King, and R. C. Holland.
  - 2. Temperance Society—its establishment first proposed, by the Rev. Dr. Pye Smith, at a public meeting at the Cutlers'-Hall.
  - 8. Cricket match; Clarke, Jervis, and Barker, (Nottingham,) 31; against Marsden, Smith, and Rollins, (Sheffield,) 21.
  - 10. Society for bettering the condition of the poor; 28th anniversary—funds of the past year, £238. 2s. 1d.; distributed, £154.
  - 23. Sheffield and Manchester railway—Act of Parliament passed for the formation of the same.
  - 24. General Infirmary; Dr. Corden Thompson elected physician, *vice* Dr. Knight resigned.
  - 26. Representation of Sheffield—deputation from a body of freeholders and others wait on John Parker, Esq. at Woodthorpe, and request him to offer himself a candidate for the representation of the town.
- Sept.* Annual Feast of the Cutlers' Company; —guests present,
1. Rev. W. Alderson, John Parker, Esq., &c., Officers for the coming year; master, John Blake; wardens, Thos. Dunn, Peter Cadman; searchers, Thos. Ellin, Richard Jessop, James Wild, Josh. Levick, J. S. Bramhall, John Barker; assistants, Enoch Barber, Philip Law, and 22 others.
  - 7. Representation of Sheffield; deputation from a body of freeholders and others wait on Samuel Bailey, Esq. of Burngreave, and request him to offer himself a candidate for the representation of the town.
  - 8. Coronation of King William IV. celebrated in the town; public procession of magistrates, merchants, societies, yeomanry, military, &c.; public dinners beneath the colonade of the Corn Exchange, at the Cutlers'-Hall, and the principal Inns; Ball at the Assembly-rooms, fire-works, illuminations, &c.



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- Sept.* Representation of Sheffield; deputation from a body of freeholders and others wait on Mr. Buckingham, at the house of Mr. J. Ridgway, Staffordshire Potteries, and request him to offer himself a candidate for the representation of the town.
12. ———— ; deputation from a body of freeholders and others wait on T. A. Ward, Esq. at Parkhouse, and request him to offer himself a candidate for the representation of the town.
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- . Sunday School Jubilee, in honour of their founder, (50 years since) Mr. R. Raikes, of Gloucester.
- 19. Mr. Buckingham addressed a public meeting at the Town-Hall, in defence of his moral and political character, which had been attacked by the Editor of the Mercury Newspaper.
- 22. Surveyors of Highways (Sheffield); J. Raworth, J. Hawkrigg, J. Wild, and H. Gouldthorpe.
- 26. Public meeting Paradise-square; petition adopted to the Lords, praying them to pass the Reform Bill, unaltered and with dispatch; signatures 19,150.
- Oct.* 5. General Infirmary; thirty-fourth anniversary held at the Tontine; president, H. Walker, Esq.
- 8. The Reform Bill; the news of its rejection by a majority of forty-one in the Lords, arrived by express at 11 P. M.
- 9. ———— ; requisition presented to the Master Cutler to immediately convene a public meeting.
- 10. ———— ; public meeting in the Square, (present, between 18 and 20,000 people); adopted an address to the King and memorial to Earl Grey, praying them to take such measures "as they may deem necessary for the final triumph of the Reform Bill, and for the peace and tranquillity of the empire." "About half-past twelve it was announced that Lord Milton, to whom an express had been sent by Mr. Parker, had arrived. This news dispelled the dangerous gloom which the black flags, the exhibition of effigies, and the sound of the muffled bells had spread over the people."—*Ind.*
- 20. Sheffield and Manchester Railway; at a meeting of proprietors, resolved, to suspend all proceedings relative to the undertaking for six months.
- Nov.* Church Burgesses; election of B. Hounsfield, Esq.; *vice*
3. C. Younge, Esq., burgess, deceased.
- 9. Board of health appointed for the adoption of measures to prevent the introduction of the cholera and other malignant diseases.

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- Nov.* Decease of the Rev. John Smith, Wesleyan minister in  
10. the Sheffield east district.
- 11. Mechanics' Institute; Dr. Holland delivered at the Music-Hall, the first lecture in aid of the formation of a mechanics' institute.
- 12. Sheffield Library; (containing nearly 7000 volumes, including the public records presented by Government, Delphin classics, &c.) charge of admission raised to six guineas.
- 16. Political Union; members offer their services to the magistracy, in aid of the civil power, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and property.
- 21. The Theatre; opened by Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Percy, for a limited season.
- 23. Churches and other places of public worship open for divine service.
- 28. Winter fair held in the New Market-place; cheese 65s. to 75s. per cwt.
- Dec.* Shakspeare Club; thirteenth anniversary, at the Tontine;  
8. president, Michael Ellison, Esq.
- —. Population and property of the town; Parliamentary returns for the parish of Sheffield, and the townships attached to it participating in the elective franchise; population, 90,657; houses at £10 annual rent and upwards, 4573; houses at £20 and upwards, 473; amount paid in assessed taxes, (1830,) £12,605. Number of electors if under universal suffrage, 18,131.
- 22. General Dispensary; public meeting at the Town-Hall, and committee appointed to consider the best means of establishing a general dispensary for the town.

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- Jan.* Decease of Mr. R. Jobson, of Roscoe-place, merchant  
3. and manufacturer.
- 6. Literary and Philosophical Society;—officers for the year :  
President, Dr. Thompson; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Saml.  
Bailey, Rev. J. Blackburn, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr.  
T. A. Ward; Secretaries, Mr. Palfreyman and Dr. Fa-  
vell; Curator, Mr. W. Jackson; Council, Dr. Knight,  
Dr. Holland, Rev. H. H. Piper, Rev. P. Wright, Mr.  
E. Smith, Mr. Drabble, Mr. J. H. Abraham, Mr. E.  
Barker, Mr. R. J. Gainsford, Mr. G. Wilkinson, Mr.  
H. Thomas, and Mr. S. Mitchell.
- 16. General Infirmary; proposition for the establishment of  
a Dispensary in the town, in connection with the Ge-  
neral Infirmary, negatived at a general meeting of the  
board.
- 18. Decease of John Shore, Esq. (at Scarborough,) aged 86.
- 24. Decease of Daniel Sykes, Esq. aged 66, (Hull.)
- 27. Overseers of the poor for the ensuing year; Sheffield—  
Messrs. George Rodgers, S. A. Ingleson, Henry Don-  
caster, and John Blackwell; Brightside—Messrs. J.  
Holland and J. Stafford; Ecclesall—Messrs. T. Ellin,  
S. Newbould, jun., S. Tinker, and T. W. Kershaw.
- 29. St. Paul's Church; the dial of the clock first illuminated.
- Feb.* Proposed Public Dispensary; public meeting of the friends  
1. to the establishment of a public dispensary, and the  
adoption of rules for the government of the same; C. F.  
Favell, M. D., honorary secretary.
- 10. Signior Paganini first performed in a concert at the Music-  
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- Feb.* Physicians and medical practitioners; nine physicians, five general practitioners, (who commenced their profession before the passing of the apothecaries' act,) nineteen members of the college, and nine licentiates, resident in Sheffield. — *Courant*.
- 27. Old Cutlers' Hall; the furniture, &c. of the old Cutlers' Hall sold by public auction.
  - 28. Representation of Sheffield; the House of Commons voted that the Borough of Sheffield should return two Members to Parliament.
- Mar.* 8. Mr. Cobbett delivered a political lecture at the Theatre.
- 10. The Cutlers' Hall; the demolition of the old Cutlers' Hall in Church-street, "so long the interesting but incommodious scene of the business and hospitalities of our ancient manufacturing corporation," commenced.
  - 19. Theatre opened for a short season by Messrs. Neville and Strickland.
  - 20. Boys' Charity School; £90 paid to the trustees by the executors of Mrs. Withers, of Crookes Moor.
- April* Waterworks' Company; annual meeting; dividend of three
- 11. pounds per share declared; Committee, Messrs. Mich. Ellison, E. Nanson, S. Bailey, C. Smith, J. Rodgers, J. Sykes, J. Montgomery, and J. Sorby.
  - 15. Decease of George Cranstoun Brown, M. D., aged 38. — "The Doctor settled in Sheffield in 1819, and was elected physician to the General Infirmary."
  - 25. Overseers' accounts; total expenditure in support of the poor for the past twelve months, £17,342; average number of inmates in the house throughout the year, 315; and the average cost per head each week for maintenance, 2s. 10d.
- Ma.* 1. Churchwardens for the ensuing year; Parish Church, Messrs. Gould and J. Jarvis; St. James's, Messrs. L. Potts and H. Elgie; St. Paul's, Messrs. F. Machon and A. Sorby; St. George's, Messrs. W. Taylor and E. Hatfield; St. Philip's, Messrs. W. Dixon and J. Watson; St. Mary's, Messrs. J. Newbould and E. Gilbee.
- 7. Public meeting in Paradise-square; present, 18,000 people; petition to the House of Lords adopted, signed by 29,000 persons, praying that no alteration be made in the £10 qualification clause, and address to the King, praying him to take measures for the security of the Reform Bill, "inasmuch as no solid satisfaction and permanent tranquillity can be expected to prevail throughout the country until the great measure of re-

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- May. form, unchanged in all its important provisions, has been made the law of the land."
- 8. Representation of Sheffield; Reform Bill; "the announcement of the division in the House of Lords (yesterday) on Lord Lyndhurst's motion, leaving the Ministers in a majority of 35, has caused an extraordinary agitation of the public mind."—*Ind.*
  - 9. ———; continued excitement in the public mind respecting the fate of the Reform Bill."—*Ind.*
  - 10. ———; at noon, this day, the popular fever was still higher on the intelligence received by the coaches that Earl Grey and his colleagues had resigned. At three o'clock, the news was confirmed by the arrival of the mail. Mr. T. A. Ward, the president of the Political Union, and a considerable number of persons, assembled at the Town-Hall, to consider what measures the exigent state of affairs rendered necessary. At six o'clock, a simultaneous meeting of about 20,000 people took place in Paradise-square; an address to the Commons unanimously voted, "praying them to exercise their undoubted privilege of withholding supplies until a redress of grievances was obtained;" likewise an address and remonstrance to the King, praying him "to recall his late Ministers to his councils, and by an immediate creation of Peers, enable them to secure the success of a constitutional reform."
  - 11. ———; intelligence of the division in the House of Commons, carrying by a majority of 180 an address to the King, received by express from the *Sun* newspaper office. "It left London at half-past three in the morning, and reached Sheffield at quarter to six in the evening of the same day."
  - . ———; the Council of the Political Union declared its sittings permanent.
  - 13. ———; members of the Political Union increased in number 1500, during the existing week.
  - 18. ———; intelligence of the recall of Earl Grey and his colleagues, received with loud and enthusiastic expressions of public approbation.
  - 19. ———; the official announcements of Earl Grey and Lord Althorp, that they continued to hold their offices as Ministers as heretofore, received by express at 3 p. m.
  - 21. ———; public meeting in Paradise-square; present, 14,000 people; memorial voted to Earl Grey, expres-

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- May.* sive of the approbation with which the people of Sheffield have viewed the conduct of himself and colleagues during the late crisis.
- 26. ———; memorial presented to Earl Grey by Mr. Parker, Mr. Palfreyman, and Dr. Philipps.
- 28. General Infirmary; G. C. Holland, M. D., elected one of the physicians to the charity.
- June* Girls' Charity School; the Reverend the Vicar paid the
1. trustees the sum of £800, which had been entrusted to him by one who wished to be unknown.
- 3. Decease of Mr. Thomas Smith, aged 64, "for thirty years one of the acting constables of Sheffield, and for the last eighteen years deputy bailiff of Hallamshire, and Bailiff of the Court of Requests."
- 4. New Dispensary; appointment of offices. President, H. Parker, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Rev. W. Bagshaw, and Thomas Watson, Esq.; Committee, Mr. T. A. Ward, and twelve others; Physicians, Drs. C. F. Favell, P. B. Harwood, and B. Stewart; Surgeons, Messrs. J. Ray, S. Gregory, and Henry Thomas; House Apothecary, Mr. William Hutton.
- 5. Reform Bill; "intelligence of the third reading of the Reform Bill, was brought by the *Sun Express* into Sheffield by Mr. Wiley, soon after noon. The news was received by a concourse of people; within an hour, loud and frequent discharges of fire-arms, ringing of bells, the display of flags, and the parading of the people, manifested the public joy."—*Ind.*
- 6. Police Commissioners appoint James Leadbeater and George Wall, at annual salaries, as street-keepers.
- 8. Representation of Sheffield; T. A. Ward, Esq., of Park-House, declared himself, by public advertisement, a candidate for the representation of the town.
- 11. Savings' Bank; general fund of this institution, £93,819. 13s. 0d.
- —. New Cutlers' Hall; the corner stone of the new Cutlers' Hall laid by James Blake, Esq., Master Cutler; the ceremony was attended by the Company, Mr. J. Wilson, clerk, Rev. J. Blackburn, chaplain, Mr. Samuel Worth, and Mr. Benjamin Broomhead Taylor, architects, and a number of the principal gentlemen of the town.—Beneath the stone was placed a number of coins, specimens of the existing state of the town's manufactures, (cutlery only,) newspapers, records, &c. After the business of the morning, the Cutlers' Com-

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June. pany and others dined together at the Tontine Inn, Estimated cost of the building, £6,500.

- 18. Celebration of the passing of the Reform Bill, and the enfranchisement of Sheffield. Early in the morning, 30,000 people, with music, flags, assembled in the Wicker; these were presently joined by 5000 members of the Political Union, each bearing a medal struck for the occasion; after these multitudes had passed over Lady's Bridge, the decorated carriage of the Printers' Union, exhibiting the presses at work, and the exhibitions of the various trades, succeeded, the whole covering a space of nearly two miles. The procession, after taking a circuit of the town, returned to the New Market, in the afternoon, where a hollow square was formed, and a hymn sung, written by Mr. Ebenezer Elliott. The great body of the people assembled retired to the numerous houses, where preparations had been made to celebrate the day, and about fifteen hundred with Mr. T. A. Ward at their head, proceeded to partake of a public dinner at Hyde Park.

No paltry fray, no bloody day,  
That crowns with praise the baby great;  
The DEED of Brougham, Russell, Grey,  
The DEED that's done, we celebrate!

Mind's great charter! Europe saved!  
Man for ever unenslaved!

Oh! could the wise, the brave, the just,  
Who suffered—died—to break our chains:  
Could Muir, could Palmer, from the dust,  
Could murdered Gerald hear our strains,  
Then would martyrs, throned in bliss,  
See all ages bless'd in this.

- 19. Summer Fair held in the New Market; price of cheese, best 75s. per cwt.; inferior, 45s.
- 23. Representation of Sheffield; Mr. John Parker, Mr. S. Bailey, and Mr. Buckingham, again announced their intention of standing for the representation of Sheffield.
- . — . ; general canvass of the electors commenced by the friends of the candidates.
- 29. Town Gaol; Cooper appointed keeper, *vice* Bland.
- . Infant School; a substantial building erected in Hoyle-street, at an expense of £1200, for the reception and instruction of young children on the principles of infant schools.

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- July.* Police Act; monies collected under powers contained
1. in the act, during the past year, £5073. 7s. 6d.
  - 2. Public Dispensary; this institution for the relief of the sick poor, first opened.
  - —. Mechanics' Library; yearly report, books 3246, cash £32. 15s. 8d.
  - —. Messrs. Parker, Bailey, and Ward, delivered their first public addresses to the electors of Sheffield, assembled in Paradise-square.
  - 4. Mr. Buckingham addressed the electors and his friends in Paradise-square.
  - 8. Cholera; the Board of Health announce that the disease, called Cholera Morbus, had appeared in the town and neighbourhood.
  - 14. Sheffield and Goole Railway; the scheme abandoned, and the balance of the deposits paid the shareholders.
  - 21. Cholera; official report; cases since the commencement, 25; deaths 10; patients remaining 10.
  - 26. Public Health; meeting of rate payers and others to authorise the Board of Health to provide hospitals and accommodations for cholera patients; voted, that the Overseers of Sheffield immediately advance £1000.
  - 28. General Infirmary; trustees receive £90, the net proceeds of a legacy of Richard Bayley, Esq.
  - —. Cholera; official report; cases since commencement, 50; deaths 24; patients remaining 7.
  - 29. Decease of John Hodgson, Esq. of Western Bank. "In all his public transactions, he was honest, just, and upright, and in private life, kind, and exemplary."  
— *Ind.*
  - 30. Decease (at Harrogate,) of Thomas Watson, Esq. of Broomhill. "He was one of the twelve capital church burgesses, was actively connected with most of our local charities, and always ready to promote both by his personal and pecuniary exertions, every object which had in view the glory of God and the good of his fellow creatures."
  - —. ———— Bequests made by Thomas Watson, Esq. General Infirmary, £1000; Boys' and Girls' Charity Schools, £1000 each. National Schools, £500. Society for Bettering the Condition of the Poor, £300. Aged Female Society, £200. Yorkshire Deaf and Dumb Institution, £200. Dispensary & some other charities, £800.
  - —. ————; anonymous donations; Rev. T. Sutton an-



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- July.*     nounced that the anonymous donations of £1000, in two sums for the relief of the suffering poor of Sbeffield; two sums of £800; and two others of £1200 each for the benefit of the Infirmary, which had been announced within a few years, were made by Thomas Watson, Esq.
- Aug.* 4. Cholera; official report; cases since the commencement 177; deaths 59; patients remaining 85.
- Rating small tenements; Overseers order that the usual allowance of 50 per cent, made to landlords paying the poors' rates due from their cottage property, be reduced to 33½ per cent.
- 10. Junction of the Sheffield and Chesterfield Canal; committee of management appointed to raise £50,000 by shares for this undertaking.
- 11. Cholera; official reports; cases since the commencement, 352; deaths 122; patients remaining 141.
- ———; all interments made in a small piece of ground near to Clay Wood.
- 16. Church Burgesses; Henry Wilson, Esq, of Westbrook, elected a church burgess, *vice* Thomas Watson, Esq. deceased.
- 18. Cholera; cases 630: deaths 207, patients remaining 258.
- 22. ———; observed throughout the town as a day of humiliation and prayer.
- 25. ———; cases 895; deaths 299; patients remaining 183.
- 28. River Dun Company's Shares; single share sold by public auction for £2420.
- 31. Decease of John Blake, Esq. Master Cutler.
- Sep.*     Cutlers' Company for the ensuing year.— Master:  
 1. Thomas Dunn, Esq. Wardens: Mr. P. Cadman and Mr. T. Ellin; Searchers: Messrs. R. Joseph, J. Barber, J. R. Furniss, J. Hobson, J. Hall, & W. Steer. Assistants: Messrs. J. Blake, E. Barber, J. Crawshaw, S. Hadfield, E. Wilson, G. Marriott, J. Hawksworth, J. Sansom, A. Hadfield, S. Smith, J. Spencer, T. Turton, W. Ryalls, G. E. Dawson, G. Merrill, T. Makin, C. Sanderson, J. Skelton, W. Jessop, S. Marshall, C. Shirtcliff, B. Etches, J. Wood, and J. Stafford.
- Cholera; official report; cases since the commencement, 1086; deaths 342; patients remaining 193.
- 8. ———: cases 1187; deaths 300; remaining 183.

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- Sept.* *Sheffield Independent* Newspaper; publication removed from Angel-street, to 48, High-street.
- 10. Large meeting at the Music Hall, for the purpose of giving expression to the public opinion held of the conduct of the Russian Emperor, Nicholas, towards the brave and suffering Poles. Count Plater, a Polish exile, delivered an address.
  - 10. General Infirmary; Mr. Henry Jackson, jun. elected one of the surgeons to the institution.
  - —. General Infirmary; trustees receive from the executor o. Charles Younge, Esq. £100.
  - 13. Decease of George Stacey, cutler. "He was one of those who have been the means of bringing the Sheffield trade to its present state of perfection, and had been in the employ of Messrs. Rodgers and Sons, cutlers to their Majesties, during the last seventeen years.
  - 14. Mr. Eneas Macdonnell, and Mr. Buckingham, at the Music-Hall, publicly discussed the use and abuse of the East India Company's Charter, the right of Free Trade to India, &c.
  - 15 Cholera; official report, cases since the commencement 1236; deaths 368; patients remaining 72.
  - —. ———; 16 cases only remain under medical treatment in the town, exclusive of those in the Hospital and Park Dispensary.
  - 22. ———; cases 1263; deaths 376; patients remaining 34. The Dispensary in the Park closed, no new cases having appeared in that district for some time.
  - 27. Political Union; annual meeting of the members at the Town-Hall, report read by Mr. Ward, president.
- Oct.* 6. Cholera; official report; cases since commencement 1306; deaths 390; patients remaining 34.
- 10. Decease of Edward Barker, Esq. of the Lead Works, in the 34th year of his age.
  - 13. State of the Town; "the trade of Sheffield is in a very depressed state, and there appears little prospect of material improvement. The American trade which usually furnishes employment for a large portion of our workmen is completely at a stand. In some manufactories the men are still all employed, but only in making goods to be "stocked," for which they must be obliged to submit to a reduction of wages. The payments to the casual poor for the last four weeks have amounted to £352; while in the corresponding weeks of last year they only amounted to £167."—*Ind.*

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- Oct.* Cricket Match at Hyde Park ; 11 of Sheffield against 11 of Nottingham, won by the latter by 153 runs.
- 17. Mechanics' Institute ; public meeting at the Town-Hall, resolutions adopted, and committee appointed for the establishment of a Mechanics' Institute.
- 20. Cholera ; official report for the past week ; new cases 6 ; deaths 2 ; recoveries 21 ; remaining 22 ; since the appearance of the disease, (8th July,) cases 1342 ; deaths 398 ; recoveries 922.
- 24. Michaelmas Quarter Sessions held at the Town-Hall. Chairman, Lord Wharncliffe ; number of prisoners 91.
- 27. Tontine Inn ; Mr. W. L. Bickley succeeded Mr. Lambert.
- 31. Highways of Sheffield ; collected during the past year in rates, contributions, &c. £6807, 7s. 1d. ; expended £6785. 12s. ; surveyors, J. Denton, M. Maugham, J. Wild, and J. Raworth.
- Nov.* Decline of the Cholera ; official report, that no new cases
3. or deaths have occurred for the past week ; patients remaining 5.
- 5. ——— official report of the entire cessation of the cholera ; number of persons afflicted, 1347 ; recovered 945 ; died, 402.
- 12. Voters for the Borough of Sheffield ; the Commissioners appointed by Government for the revision of the lists of persons entitled to vote for the borough, held a court in the Town-Hall.
- 17. Borough of Sheffield ; number of person eligible to vote for the borough, 3504 ; male population, about 43,458 ; giving a vote to each 13 individuals.
- 19. Theatre opened under the management of Mr. Burrows ; (closed a few weeks afterwards.)
- 21. Mechanics' Institute ; first general meeting of the members and friends ; a code of laws proposed and adopted ; announced by letter from M. Ellison, Esq., that the Duke of Norfolk had presented the institution with £100 ; officers appointed—President, G. C. Holland, M. D. ; Vice-Presidents, T. A. Ward and Dr. A. J. Knight ; Treasurer, Mr. Stanley ; Secretaries, Messrs. T. Ellis and T. Champion ; Committee, Mr. C. Congreve, Dr. Favell, and twenty-two others.
- 22. Day of Public Thanksgiving for the removal of the cholera, generally observed throughout the town, by the cessation of business, and the attendance of the inhabitants at the churches, and other places of public worship.

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- Nov.* Winter Fair, held in the New Market; best old cheese, 28. 65s. per cwt.; inferior, 45s.
- Dec.* Representation of the Borough of Sheffield; Thos. Dunn, 12. Esq., Master Cutler, and returning officer, opened the election for Sheffield, on temporary hustings erected opposite the New Corn-Exchange; present about 30,000 people.
- ; —; Dr. Knight proposed, & Joseph Read, Esq. seconded the nomination of John Parker, Esq., of Woodthorpe, as a fit and proper person to represent the Borough of Sheffield, in the ensuing Parliament.
- ; —; Mr. E. Smith proposed, and Mr. Fisher supported the nomination of Samuel Bailey, Esq., of Burn Greave.
- ; —; Mr. Ebenezer Elliott proposed, and Mr. Edward Bramley supported the nomination of T. A. Ward, Esq., of Park House.
- ; —; Mr. Vickers proposed, and Mr. W. Ibbotson, supported the nomination of J. S. Buckingham, Esq., of London.
- ; —; the Master Cutler (having called for a shew of hands) declared the choice of the electors to have fallen on T. A. Ward and J. S. Buckingham, Esqrs. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Parker demanded a poll.
- 13. —; polling commenced for the Township of Sheffield, in the New Corn-Exchange; Brightside Bierlow, Healey's Warehouse, in the Nursery; Nether and Upper Hallam, Crookes-moor Workhouse; Ecclesall Bierlow, School Room, in South-street; Attercliffe and Darnall, School Room, at Attercliffe.
- ; —; First return of the poll, (non official,) Parker, 1084; Buckingham, 1060; Ward, 887; Bailey, 616.
- 14. —; (4 o'clock,) the final close of the poll; present, upwards of 30,000 people.
- ; —; (6 o'clock,) a number of men and boys assembled in front of the Tontine, and threw stones at the windows.
- ; —; (7 o'clock,) the windows in front of the Tontine almost entirely destroyed; an attack made on the house of Mr. Palfreyman, in Bank-street; the riot act read; the special constables assembled; dispatch sent to Rotherham for the regiment of Infantry stationed there.
- ; —; (8 o'clock,) assemblages of people in the Haymarket, Castle-street, and Bank-street; Hugh

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- Dec. Parker, Esq., at the head of the special constables, passed through the principal streets.
- ; (9 o'clock,) a number of special constables thrown down and otherwise ill-used; the Yeomanry called out.
- ; (10 o'clock,) the streets near the Tontine, partially filled with people; stones thrown, and some violent expressions used by some individuals in the mob.
- ; (quarter-past 10.) detachment of the 18th Irish foot, commanded by Capt. Graves, attended by T. B. Bosville, Esq., Justice of the Peace, marched up Waingate, and formed in front of the Tontine; stones thrown at the soldiers; Mr. Bosville struck over the head with a stone; the military ordered to fire; twenty men and a corporal fired ball cartridge upon the mob, and continued to fire until ordered to desist by Hugh Parker, Esq. and Henry Walker, Esq., Justices; three men and two boys shot dead; several persons, including two watchmen, wounded. "A very short space of time indeed occurred, between the arrival of the soldiers at the Tontine and the firing,—not so much as five minutes; the soldiers were stoned while drawing up,—they entered the yard, and were almost immediately ordered to fire." *Evidence of T. B. Bosville, Esq., before the Coroner.*
- 15. Tranquillity of the town perfectly restored; Lord Wharncliffe and the Magistrates of the neighbourhood, ordered the special constables to clear the space opposite the Tontine of the persons assembled. The Barnsley, Kiverton, and Rotherham troops of Cavalry on duty.
- ; *Result of the Election.*—The Master Cutler declared the election to have terminated as follows:—Mr. Parker, 1515; Mr. Buckingham, 1498; Mr. Ward, 1210; Mr. Bailey, 812. The usual addresses, chairings, &c. postponed on account of the lamentable proceedings of the previous day.
- 17. Inquests held at the Town-Hall, before Mr. Lee, Coroner, of Wakefield, (Mr. Badger excusing from acting, on account of his liability to be called on as a witness,) on the bodies of George Grimes, of Orchard-sreet, aged 28; William Howard, of Lambert-street, aged 14; David Ogden, of Eyre-lane, aged 14; James Turton, of Weeldon-street, aged 36; and James Jack-

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- Dec.* son, of Brown-street, aged 40; who was shot opposite the Tontine on the 14th inst.
- 18. ———; adjourned inquest; verdict touching the deaths of the deceased persons, "Justifiable homicide."
- 22. Decease of Mr. Thomas Flather, aged 52.—"Flather served the public with diligence and ability for about 15 years, and as an officer of the police, obtained during his career, a high and deserved character.—*Sheffield Ind.*
- 28. Mary Sandys, mortally stabbed by her husband, George Sandys, as she was standing in his open shop, in Pin-stone-lane.
- 29. ———; inquest held before Thomas Badger, Esq. verdict of "Wilful Murder" against George Sandys.
- 31. Died in the Infirmary, Jesse Fretwell, aged 19, who had been wounded on the night of the 14th, by the firing of the military before the Tontine. Verdict, "Justifiable homicide."

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- Jan.* Literary and Philosophical Society ;—officers for the ensuing year: president, J. Montgomery, Esq ; vice presidents, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Knight, Mr. S. Bailey, Mr. T. A. Ward ; secretaries, Mr. Palfreyman, and Dr. Favell ; Curator, Mr. W. Jackson.
4. Decease of Mr. Abraham Hartley, of Steel-house-lane, aged 65 years ; one of the oldest file-forgers in the trade.
11. Mr. Buckingham returned thanks in the Music-Hall, for his election.
14. Mechanics' Institute ; opening address, delivered by the Rev. T. Allin.
15. Decease of Mr. William Bower, of the firm of Bower and Bacon, type-founders.
18. The Honourable W. Wentworth Fitzwilliam attained his majority.
- Messrs. Henry Doncaster, W. Jeffcock, T. Aldam, N. Creswick, F. Huntsman, J. Shirley, N. Smith, (Portobello,) J. Denton, J. Ellin, jun., J. Ward, (Glossop road,) M. Tinker, Clay Bacon, T. Dunn, G. Rodgers, (Norfolk-street,) John Dyson, (Abbey Dale,) J. Eyre, grocer, S. Gardner, and J. Hall, (Duke-street,) appointed Commissioners of the Courts of Requests for the manors of Sheffield and Ecclesall.
- Dinner at the Bazaar Tavern, Sheffield Moor, in honour of the Honourable W. Wentworth Fitzwilliam ; Robert Rodgers, Esq., in the chair.
22. Rev. T. Allin, by particular request, repeated his Lecture on the opening of the Mechanics' Institute.
- A letter to the Members of the Borough, relative to the rumoured intention of Ministers to bring forward a

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- Jan.* measure on the subject of negro-slavery, which would fall short of its entire abolition, in two days received upwards of 1500 signatures.
- 22. Henry Whiteley, a grinder, stabbed in the stomach by William Smith, in a quarrel, at Gallimore's wheel.
  - —. Decease of Mr. J. Gillatt, of Church-street, aged 73.
  - 25. Sheffield Banking Company; first annual meeting; dividend of 4 per cent. for the last half year, declared.
  - —. Decease of Mr. William Hall, of Mulberry-street, of the firm of G. and D. Holy and Co., silver platers.
  - 28. Alteration and enlargement of the Town-Hall commenced.
  - 29. Inquest on Henry Whiteley, and a verdict of manslaughter returned against Smith.
  - 30. Meeting of the Anti-Slavery Society, in the Music-Hall; letters read from J. Parker, and J. S. Buckingham, Esqrs., stating that they had waited upon Earl Grey, and expressed to his Lordship the views and feelings of their constituents on the subject of slavery. The Rev. B. Godwin, of Bradford, and George Thompson, Esq., addressed the meeting. Adjourned meeting held in the evening in Carver-street Chapel. An address to his Majesty, and petitions to the Houses of Lords and Commons, agreed to.
  - 30. News received in the town of the meeting of the reformed Parliament.
- Feb.* Decease of Lewis Thomas, Esq. of Field Head, in the
- 3. 75th year of his age.
  - 4. Annual meeting of proprietors of Music Hall; seven years since the last dividend was declared.
  - 5. Meeting of the clergy of the town and neighbourhood, held at Tudor Place, Dr. Milner in the chair; resolved, that a subscription be entered into for the relief of the distressed Irish protestant clergy.
  - 6. The King's speech on the opening of Parliament received by express.
  - 7. Shares in Sheffield Water Company sold by auction for £89. per share; shares in the Sheffield Fire Office for £20. 15s. per share; auction duty paid by the purchasers.
  - —. Shares in the Sheffield Banking Company selling at a premium of £18 per share.
  - 8. Decease of the Right Hon. Earl Fitzwilliam, at Milton House, near Peterborough. He was born May the 30th, 1748.



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- Feb.* Public meeting held in the National School Room, at  
 — 14. which a petition was agreed to in favour of a legislative enactment for enforcing the better observance of the Sabbath.
- — Baptist Missions ; a meeting held in Nether Chapel, Norfolk street, when a collection was made amounting to £34, towards repairing the loss sustained by the late disturbances in Jamaica. Present, the Revs. W. Knibb and Eustace Carey.
- 16. Died, Mr. Webster, Thorpe house, Norton, aged 64.
- 20. Decease of Mr. Philip Osborn, sen., of the firm of Osborn and Sons.
- 24. Decease of Mr. Norburn, Howard-street, aged 42.
- 28. Surveyors of highways ; at a meeting of rate-payers, the surveyors were authorised to pay certain outstanding debts contracted by Messrs. Hall, Marriott, Gouldthorp, and Nicholson, in 1825–26 ; and to sell a piece of ground near Shales-moor, and apply the proceeds for the above purpose.
- March* John Wright, clerk to a number of money clubs, brought  
 1. before the magistrates on a charge of embezzlement.
- 2. Yorkshire Spring assizes commenced.
- 5. The Bond ; the case of Heeley *v.* Goodinson was tried at York. It was an action to recover the sum of £20 upon a promissory note. For the defence, it was shown that no consideration had been given for the note, and that it was concocted for the purpose of controlling the free exercise of labour. Verdict for the defendant.
- 6. Public meeting at the Town-Hall, at which it was resolved that an address of condolence, on account of the death of his father, be presented to Earl Fitzwilliam, and that a bust of the late Earl should be executed by Mr. Law, to be placed in the new Cutlers'-Hall.
- 8. Trial of George Sandys, for the murder of his wife, on the 28th December last. Verdict, not guilty, on the ground of insanity.
- 9. William Smith, aged 15, found guilty of the manslaughter of Henry Whiteley. Seven years transportation.
- —. The Rt. Hon. Lord Milton elected without opposition for the north division of Northamptonshire, in the room of his father.
- 11. The first stone of a new Independent chapel, at Oughti-bridge, laid by Mr. G. Grayson.
- —. Meeting in Paradise-square, to petition against the Irish Coercion Bill, and for relief from the assessed taxes.

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- March* Mr. John Holland elected curator of the Literary and  
 — 15. Philosophical society, *vice* Mr. Fenton resigned.  
 — 16. The Rev. T. D. Atkinson, M.A., minister of St. Philip's  
 church, promoted to the rectory of East Wretham,  
 Norfolk.  
 — 19. Final examination of John Wright, at the Town-Hall.  
 Bail required to the amount of £100 for his appear-  
 ance at the sessions.

— 23. Ecclesall Bazaar re-opened.

— 25. Decease of J. Patten, Esq. Endcliffe Place, aged 75.

*April* 1. Decease of Mr. Hutchinson, coach maker, aged 77.

- 2. Overseers of the poor : Sheffield, Messrs. Joseph Barker,  
 John Stevenson, Wm. Steer, and J. H. Hawksworth ;  
 Brightside Bierlow, Messrs. W. F. Rawson and Matthew  
 Young ; Ecclesall Bierlow, Messrs. T. Ellin, S. New-  
 bould, jun., Josiah Davy, and John Smith ; Atter-  
 cliffe-cum-Darnall, Messrs John Sanderson and John  
 Fernelly.

Sheffield overseers' accounts ; four double rate books have pro-  
 duced £22, 28s. 16d. ; total receipts, £23,469 ;  
 payments to regular ticket poor, £4679 ; casual poor,  
 £4019 ; average number of paupers in the house, 315 ;  
 weekly cost of each, 2s. 10d. ; payments on account of  
 the board of health, £1922 ; total payments, £22,593.

Ecclesall Bierlow : overseers' accounts ; amount of rates col-  
 lected, £4275 ; total receipts, £5474, 12s. 3d. ; average  
 number of in-paupers, 72, maintained at weekly expense  
 of 3s. 2d. each ; amount paid to the out-poor, £1920 ;  
 board of health, £450 ; total expenditure, £5348.

- 3. First stone of a new Wesleyan chapel, in South-street,  
 Sheffield-moor, laid by Mr. Staley.  
 — —. Decease of Mr. Francis Staley, aged 68.  
 — 4. Decease of Mrs. Holy, relict of the late Daniel Holy, Esq.  
 — 7. Congregational petitions, for the immediate abolition of  
 slavery, signed at the various Dissenting chapels.  
 — —. Re-opening of Bow-street chapel, by the Methodists of the  
 New Connexion.  
 — 8. Commencement of Pontefract sessions ; 171 cases of  
 felony for trial, being 60 more than on any former oc-  
 casion.  
 — —. London Missionary Society ; annual meeting of the Shef-  
 field auxiliary society ; W. F. Rawson, Esq. in the chair.  
 — —. Decease of Mr. John Lambert, late of the Tontine hotel,  
 aged 55.  
 — 10. Court Leet of his Grace the Duke of Norfolk.

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- April* Churchwardens appointed:— Parish Church, Mr. G. Jarvis and Mr. James Gregory; St. James's Church, Mr. W. H. Carver and Mr. L. Potts; St. Paul's Church, Mr. R. Sorby and Mr. Webster; St. George's Church, Mr. Burdekin and Mr. Sharman; St. Philip's Church, Mr. J. Dixon and Mr. S. Blake; St. Mary's Church, Mr. T. Ellin, jun. and Mr. N. Creswick; Attercliffe, Mr. Charles Deakin.
- 11. Shares in the Water Company selling at a premium of £33 per share.
- —. John Wright convicted at Pontefract sessions of embezzlement. Seven years transportation.
- 14. Day of general thanksgiving for the cessation of the cholera.
- 16. Decease of Mr. John Wheatley, of the medicated vapour baths.
- 18. Public dinner to John Parker, Esq. M.P. at the Music-Hall; nearly 300 gentlemen dined, under the presidency of Dr. Knight.
- 20. Boys' Charity School; Mr. W. Marshall appointed master, *vice* Mr. H. Webster, who has been elected master of the endowed school at Handsworth.
- 22. Nineteenth anniversary meeting of the west circuit auxiliary of the Wesleyan missionary society; the collections amounted to £130.
- 24. Edward Bower killed in a prize fight at Shire Green; Charles Jackson as principal, and Henry Jackson, Joseph Lambert, James Mappin, and Wm. Hindes, committed to York on a charge of manslaughter.
- —. Death of Mr. Joseph Pearson, builder, Bridgehouses, in his 71st year.
- 25. Sheffield Political Union; T. A. Ward, Esq. president; Mr. Bramley, vice-president; and Mr. Leader, treasurer, resigned. Mr. Alcock elected president, and Mr. Bridgeford vice-president.
- —. Meeting of rate payers in the vestry of the parish church, to consider a supposed encroachment in the re-building of Miss Trippet's property, in High-street; resolved, that the meeting saw no reason to interfere with Miss Trippet's building.
- May.* Canal Company; the annual meeting; dividend of four per cent. declared. Committee, Messrs. H. Parker, M. Ellison, S. Bailey, E. Smith, S. Hadfield, J. Shirley, W. Blagden, Joseph Read, and John Haslehurst.

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- May* Decease of Mr. George Butler, of the firm of Messrs. G. & J. Butler, in the 53d year of his age.
- 5. J. Butler, in the 53d year of his age.
  - 6. Public meeting at the national school, to petition in favour of Sir A. Agnew's Sabbath Observance Bill.
  - 8. Horticultural Society; first exhibition for the year.
  - 9. Meeting, called by the council of the Political Union, held at Mr. Chadwick's, in the cattle market; resolutions were passed condemnatory of the conduct of Ministers. Mr. Alcock in the chair.
  - —. Decease of Wm. Thorpe, Esq. of Norton Lees.
  - 11. Decease of Mr. John Green, of the late firm of Green and Picksley, in his 66th year.
  - 13. Foundation stone of a new Wesleyan chapel, in Bridge-houses, laid by Mr. Jonathan Beet.
  - 14. The Rev. J. M'Lean, and Messrs. W. Ibbotson and E. Smith, went to London as a deputation from the Anti-slavery society.
  - 15. Meeting of Police Commissioners; Mr. Raynor elected assistant surveyor.
  - 16. Decease of Mr. Thomas Linley, of the firm of T. Linley and Son, bellows makers, aged 53.
  - 19. Decease of Mr. Godfrey Fox, in the 85th year of his age.
  - 20. Public meeting, called by the council of the Political Union, held in Paradise-square; it was proposed to present an address to his Majesty, praying him to dismiss his present Ministers. The meeting was addressed by T. P. Bready, who urged that the meeting should not *pray* but *demand*; the original resolution was therefore negatived, and no amendment having been proposed, the chairman, Mr. Alcock, declared the meeting dissolved, and with the other officers of the Political Union, retired. Mr. F. Smith was then called to the chair, and after some further discussion the meeting broke up quietly.
  - 22. Meeting of the council of the Political Union; letters from Mr. Alcock and Mr. Elliott were read, resigning their offices. The vice-president, the secretary, and other members of the council also resigned.
  - —. Second exhibition of the Horticultural Society.
  - —. Premises of Messrs. Picksley & Co., in High-street, purchased by a company of shareholders, of £25 each, in order to erect a post-office, and buildings for public and other purposes. Capital of the company, £5000.
  - 23. Meeting of the overseers of the several townships of the parish of Sheffield, held at the Sheffield workhouse, at

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- May.* which it was agreed to petition for the abolition of imprisonment for debts under £5, and for the extension to Sheffield of the proposed Local Courts' Bill. "The gaols of Sheffield and Ecclesall contain on an average about 100 persons, who discharge by their imprisonment debts amounting to about £1520 annually; and the cost to the parish of Sheffield and the neighbourhood, of maintaining these prisoners and their families, amounts annually to £1700."
- 24. Meeting of the Anti-Slavery Society; resolutions were agreed to declaring the concurrence of the meeting in the memorial of the delegates in London, and that letters should be sent to our county and borough members, pressing the memorial upon their attention; it was also resolved, that a memorial should be presented to Earl Grey, by Mr. Parker and Mr. Buckingham, in favour of immediate emancipation.
- 25. Commissioners of Bankrupts; the Lord Chancellor has appointed James Rimington, of Broomhead Hall, and — Tyreman, of Conisbrough, Esqrs., and Messrs. Charles Brookfield, Robert Rodgers, and James Wheat, of this place, commissioners of bankrupts for Sheffield and 20 miles round.—*Ind.*
- 27. Whit-Monday; the Sunday-schools in the town and neighbourhood held their annual festival this day.
- 29. Meeting of the governors of the Infirmary; committee appointed to consider the best means of ventilation.
- June 4.* Decease of Colonel Leader, aged 63.
- --. Summer fair; cheese selling from 45s. to 60s. per cwt.
- 5. At the meeting of police commissioners, James Law, John Beatie, Thomas Norman, and John Hodgson, appointed sergeants of the watch.
- --. Meeting of shareholders of the proposed Sheffield and Manchester railway held at Manchester; resolved to dissolve the company, and abandon the undertaking.
- 12. Decease of Mr. Sterndale, surgeon, aged 68.
- 13. Meeting at the Savings' Bank, to consider the establishment of Botanical and Horticultural Gardens; resolved, that a public Botanical and Horticultural Garden be established. A committee was appointed to draw up laws, and select a site.
- 15. Shares in the Sheffield Canal Company sold at £105 per share.
- 18. Shares in the Sheffield Fire-Office sold by auction at £22 per share. Gas shares at £61 per share. Water Com-

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- June.*     pany shares, (upon which £70 each have been paid,) at £117 per share. Purchasers to pay duty, and costs of transference.
- 19. Third exhibition of the Horticultural Society.
  - 23. Opening of the new organ, erected in St. George's church.
  - 24. Decease of Mr. Thomas Warburton, aged 56.
  - —. Resolutions passed by the anti-slavery committee, protesting against the grant of £20,000,000, as compensation to the slave holders, and against the proposed apprenticeship of the slaves.
  - 25. Decease of Mr. Cecil, of Philadelphia, aged 45.
  - 26. Meeting of the proprietors of the Fire-Office; Messrs. S. Bailey, W. Blagden, J. Denton, N. Greaves, and W. Smith, appointed directors.
  - 27. Performance of Masters Grossmith at the Theatre.
- July*     Annual meeting of the members of the Mechanics' Library; there are 45 honorary subscribers, 411 proprietors, and 185 apprentices; amount received during the last year, £285.
- —. Decease of Mr. W. Markham, aged 53.
  - 2. Second anniversary meeting of the Lancasterian Infant School; public examination at the Music Hall; a bazaar was opened, and a collection made, for the benefit of the school. The proceeds amounted to £30.
  - 3. Dispensary; first annual meeting, Hugh Parker, Esq. in the chair. The number of patients has been 2712. The assistance of the midwives has been rendered to 209 poor women, of whom only one has died.
  - 15. Special meeting of the governors, to receive the report of the ventilation committee of the Infirmary; resolved to adopt Mr. John Sylvester's ventilating apparatus.
  - 17. The men committed to York, charged with the manslaughter of Edward Bower, in a prize fight, tried and found guilty; Charles and Henry Jackson, Joseph Lambert, and James Mappin, 3 months imprisonment; Hinde, having been taken only a day or two before the trial, 6 months' imprisonment.
  - 22. Meeting of the Anti-Slavery Society in Queen-street chapel, when resolutions were agreed to condemnatory of the Ministerial plan for the abolition of slavery.
  - 23. Mark Furniss convicted at York of the rape of Emma Turner. To be transported for life.
  - 27. Publication of the accounts of the Police Commissioners for the year ending in June. Receipts-rates, (£4546,) and other sums, £4893. Outlay, £4,906.

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- July* Decease of Wm. Wilberforce, Esq., formerly member for  
 — 28. Yorkshire, in his 74th year.
- 29. Last performance of Masters Grossmith at the Theatre.
- —. Opening of a new Independent chapel at Oughtibridge.
- —. Annual meeting of the Sheffield Gas Company; dividend of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. declared. Committee—Messrs. Montgomery, Batty, Cooper, Hawksworth, G. Rodgers, J. Newbould, H. Staniforth, C. F. Young, J. Bradbury, jun., W. F. Dixon, Joshua Gillatt, Joseph Oakes, John Tillotson, and Wm. Wilson.
- 31. Meeting of the members of the Medical Profession, at which a memorial was agreed to, to be presented to the governors of the Dispensary, relative to the indiscriminate admission of patients, and other alleged abuses.
- Aug.* Special meeting of the governors of the Dispensary; Mr.  
 5. E. Martin elected house apothecary, in the room of Mr. Hutton. Amended rules, for the management of the institution, agreed to. The memorial of the medical gentlemen presented by Mr. Turton and Mr. Reedall, but afterwards withdrawn.
- —. The match at single cricket between Tom Marsden and Fuller Pilch commenced at Hyde-park.
- 7. Special meeting of the governors of the Infirmary, to consider the propriety of rescinding the existing orders respecting Mr. Sylvester's apparatus. After a long discussion, the meeting divided—for the adoption of the apparatus, votes, and proxies, 51; against it, votes only, 37.
- —. Conclusion of the cricket match; Pilch, 1st inning, 82; 2nd inning, 106; Marsden, 1st inning, 27; 2nd inning, 35.
- 8. Meeting held to receive the report of the committee appointed to draw up rules, and select a site, for the proposed Botanical Gardens. The committee presented the rules they had prepared, and reported that they had decided upon a piece of ground near Roe-wood, as the most eligible. Meeting adjourned, to afford time for the consideration of the rules.
- 9. Horticultural Society; fourth exhibition.
- 11. Decease of Mr. John Taylor, carpet manufacturer, of Hill-side, in his 70th year.
- 15. First public meeting held in the new Cutler's Hall.
- —. Botanical Gardens; adjourned meeting. A motion for bringing forward the rules prepared by the committee was negatived, and the meeting adjourned for a week,

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- Aug.* when the report of the committee was to be read, and the site of the gardens decided upon.
- 15. Married, at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, Lord Viscount Milton, to Lady Selina Jenkinson, daughter of the Earl of Liverpool.
  - 17. Decease of Mr. William Hutton, aged 23 years, late house apothecary to the Dispensary.
  - —. Decease of Mr. Cockburn, many years a bookseller in High-street, aged 62.
  - 21. Decease of Mr. Wm. Staniforth, sen. surgeon, in the 84th or 85th year of his age.
  - 22. Botanical Gardens; adjourned meeting, held in the Cutlers'-Hall, when the rules were agreed to, and it was resolved that the site should be near Clark Houses.
  - 23. Presentation of a breakfast service of plate to T. A. Ward, Esq. The coffee-pot bore the following inscription:—  
"This breakfast service was purchased by a voluntary subscription of one penny, and presented to T. A. Ward, Esq. by ten thousand of his fellow townsmen, as a sincere, though most inadequate, testimony of their gratitude, respect, and affection—1833."
  - 28. Special meeting of the governors of the Infirmary, the Hon. J. S. Wortley in the chair. It was resolved, on the motion of Samuel Bailey, Esq. that the execution of the existing orders relative to the ventilation of the Infirmary, be suspended for six months; and that at the end of that time another general meeting should be held on the subject. The meeting divided—for Mr. Bailey's resolutions, votes and proxies, 124; against it, votes and proxies, 78. Earl Fitzwilliam attended the meeting, and spoke and voted with the minority.
  - 29. Signior Paganini gave a concert.
  - 30. News received in Sheffield of the prorogation of Parliament.
- Sept.* Commencement of the cricket match between eleven
- 2. Yorkshire and eleven Norfolk players, at Hyde Park.
  - 3. The London Mail, pursuant to a new arrangement, arrived in Sheffield for the first time, at a quarter past one in the afternoon.
  - 4. Conclusion of the cricket match; Yorkshire first innings, 138; second innings 196; Norfolk first innings, 67; and second innings, 146.
  - —. Police Commissioners resolved to employ 56 watchmen from the 24th of October, 1833, to the 24th of February,



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- Sept.* 1834; and 41 from the 24th of February, to the 24th of October, 1834.
- 5. Mr. Buckingham, M. P. entered the town, attended by a number of his friends, in procession.
  - --. The Cutlers' feast held in the new hall; Thomas Ellin, Esq., Master Cutler.—Wardens: Mr. Joshua Hobson, Mr. John Barber.—Searchers: Mr. Josh. Levick, Mr. Rd. Jessop, Mr. Jas. Hall. Mr. Wm, Steer, Mr. Saml. Smith, Mr. John Spencer. Assistants: Mr. Thos. Dunn, Mr. Enoch Barber, Mr. Jas. Crawshaw, Mr. Saml. Hadfield, Mr. Edmund Wilson, Mr. George Marriott, Mr. G. B. Furniss, Mr. William Hall, Mr. George Merrill, Mr. James Moorhouse, Mr. Philip Law, Mr. John Sansom, Mr. Samuel Saynor, Mr. John Wilson, Mr. William Wilkinson, Mr. Joshua Bramhall, Mr. Thomas Staniforth, Mr. T. A. Ward, Mr. Thomas Loxley, Mr. George Dalton, Mr. Henry Moorhouse, Mr. William Nowell, Mr. Samuel Dungworth, Mr. Benjamin Wood.—Among the company were Earl Manvers, Lord Wharnccliffe, Lord Morpeth, George Strickland, Esq., our Borough Members, the Hon. John and James Stuart Wortley, and H. G. Knight, Esq.
  - --. Decease of Mr. George Marples, constable, of Ecclesall Bierlow, aged 65.
  - 6. Splendid ball given at the Cutlers'-Hall.
  - 7. Mr. Buckingham dined with the Rancliffe lodge of the Nottingham Imperial Union, at the Murray's Arms, in Queen-street. Lord Rancliffe was present.
  - 9. — dined with the Montgomery lodge of Odd Fellows, at the Bazaar Hotel.
  - 10. Decease of Mr. Benjamin Walker, confectioner, High-street, aged 66.
  - --. Mr. Buckingham delivered a lecture in the Theatre, for the benefit of the Mechanics' Institute; --subject, voyage to Gibraltar and Malta.
  - 11. Public dinner given to Mr. Buckingham, at the Music-Hall. William Vickers, Esq., in the chair. About 170 gentlemen sat down to dinner.
  - 12. Mr. Buckingham delivered a lecture for the benefit of the Deaf and Dumb institution; — subject, continuation of his voyage to Smyrna.
  - --. Dinner given to the freemen of the Corporation of Cutlers, by the Master Cutler and Company, in the New Hall.

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- Sept.* Attercliffe-cum-Darnall vestry meeting, called for the purpose of levying a church rate; adjourned for 12 months.
- 12. Mr. Buckingham addressed an assembly in the Theatre, in explanation of his Parliamentary conduct.
- 18. Bible Society: annual meeting of the Sheffield Auxiliary. Hugh Parker, Esq., in the chair.
- 23. Cricket match at Bedale, between 11 of Sheffield and 22 of Bedale. Bedale, 1st and 2nd innings, 178; Sheffield, 1st and 2nd innings, 167.
- 25. Fifth exhibition of the Horticultural Society.—“The attendance on this occasion was numerous and fashionable, far beyond what has ever before been seen.”—*Ind.*
- —. Anniversary dinner of the Horticultural Society at the Tontine Inn. President, Lord Wharnccliffe, Vice-Presidents, John Parker, Esq., M.P., and Dr. Younge.
- 27. Ecclesall Bierlow: John Birks, appointed by the Magistrates to fill the office of constable till the next Court Leet.
- —. A piece of plate purchased by subscription, presented to Earl Fitzwilliam, at Wentworth, by a deputation consisting of the following gentlemen:—John Parker, Esq., M.P., the Master Cutler, the Rev. W. H. Vale, as Chaplain, and James Wilson, Esq., as Law Clerk of the Company; T. A. Ward, Esq., Town Collector, and S. Bailey and M. Ellison, Esqrs., as representatives of the Town Trustees; Offley Shore, Esq., Dr. Knight, the Rev. J. Blackburn, and T. Rodgers, Esq. The plate was manufactured by Messrs. Gainsford and Nicholson, and consisted of a 3-piece plateau, with richly embossed silver borders, supported on silver lions couchant; in the centre a candelabra, for eight lights, with a cut glass bowl and basket at top, surmounted by a silver plume, (his Lordship's crest,) and at each end a tripod embossed candelabra, each with a silver eagle centre, bearing the following appropriate inscription:—  
“To the Right Honourable Charles William Viscount Milton, M.P.—To mark their sense of the distinguished manner in which he served as one of the Representatives for the County of York, for the period of twenty-three years, in five successive Parliaments, during which the principles of public virtue inherited from his Father and Lord Rockingham, have become still more inseparably connected by his own consistent example with the name and character of the House of Wentworth—this

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- Sept.* Testimonial, a Specimen of their Staple Manufacture, is gratefully presented by the Inhabitants of Sheffield and its Neighbourhood. October, 1832."
- 30. Anniversary of the Sheffield east Wesleyan missionary association. The collection amounted to £147. 10s.
- Oct.* Surveyors of Highways appointed by the magistrates—
1. Sheffield, Mr. John Fawcett, Mr. John Jackson, Mr. Wm. Bradley, and Mr. John Spencer. Upper Division of Ecclesall Bierlow, Mr. John Lee and Mr. Joseph Barker; Lower ditto, Mr. Thomas Ellin, jun. and Mr. Josh. Eyre. Brightside Bierlow, Mr. Wm. Dobson and Mr. Wm. Hawkesley. Upper Hallam, Mr. David Waite and Mr. Wm. Pitchford; Nether do. Mr. Joseph Hatfield and Mr. John James.
- —. During their office the late surveyors of the lower division of Ecclesall expended £1470; the surveyors of Brightside, £776; accounts passed by the magistrates.
- 4. T. Phillips, Esq. commenced his course of lectures before the Literary and Philosophical Society, on vocal composition and performance.
- 5. Publication of the accounts of the Surveyors of Highways for Sheffield. Receipts, £7299; expenditure, £7453; leaving a balance of £153 due to the bank.
- 7. Messrs. G. and T. Frith appointed organists of St. George's church.
- —. Decease of Mr. W. Wright, in his 86th year, formerly of the firm of Messrs. W. J. and G. Wright, merchants.
- 8. Meeting held at the Lancasterian school room, to promote the subscription for Joseph Lancaster.
- 9. Infirmary; annual dinner of the subscribers, at the Tontine Inn; Earl Fitzwilliam in the chair, supported by the Hon. J. S. Wortley and John Parker, Esq. M.P.
- —. Decease of Matthew Sayles, Esq. assay master, having held this office 25 years.
- 11. Decease of Mr. Cadman, of Handsworth Grange, aged 61.
- 12. Messrs. Raincock, Cottingham, and Cleasby sat at the Tontine Inn, to revise the lists of the voters for the borough.
- 14. Single cricket match between James Dearman, of the Sheffield club, and Thomas Heath, of Nottingham. The match lasted two days. Dearman, 1st and 2nd innings, 120; Heath, 1st and 2nd innings, 15.
- —. Illumination of the dials of the Town-Hall clock.
- 17. Meeting of Yorkshire and Derbyshire ironmasters, at the Tontine Inn. It was unanimously resolved to advance

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- Oct.* the price of metal. The price of best pigs is fixed at £6. 5s.; No. 2, at £5. 15s.; No. 3, at £5. 5s.; and a corresponding advance on manufactured iron.
- 12. Anniversary of the Sheffield Auxiliary Baptist missionary society. Present, the Rev. T. Burchell, missionary from Jamaica, and the Rev. E. Carey.
- . Died at Southport, a few days ago, Mr. W. N. Wade, of this place, solicitor.
- 23. Commencement of the sessions in the Town-Hall.
- 26. Escape of six convicts, who had been sentenced to transportation, from the Town Hall:—John Rayworth John Smith, William Cocking, Thomas Pearson, Abraham Law, and John Haslam.
- . Saturday; the sessions concluded at 12 o'clock, p.m.
- 31. First stone of a new Wesleyan Methodist chapel laid at Grimesthorpe, by the Rev. W. Rigg.
- Nov.* 4. Theatre opened by Mr. W. J. Hammond.
- . Anniversary of the Sheffield Auxiliary of the Religious Tract Society, the Rev. T. Smith in the chair.
- . First annual meeting of the Mechanics' Institute; Dr. Holland in the chair. There were 81 honorary members, 226 members, and 195 apprentices connected with the institution. J. Montgomery, Esq. was appointed president for the ensuing year. The receipts since the commencement of the institution, have been £163. 18s. 11½d. and the expenditure £71. 10s. 7½d.
- . Law, one of the escaped convicts, apprehended in the town.
- 7. Meeting at the Cutlers'-Hall to promote the public subscription for the Wilberforce Memorial; Lord Wharncliffe in the chair.
- 8. Decease of Thomas Stayley, Esq. of Crookes-moor.
- 9. "Hardware Trade: We have heard with much pleasure from several quarters, that the trade of the town is now generally brisk, and that there exists an unusual degree of satisfaction both among masters and workmen. In confirmation of these reports, we may state, that the payments to the casual poor yesterday, were lower than for any week within the last twelve months, and probably within a longer period. We are also enabled, by the kindness of a friend, to give the following statement, from an official source:—Our accounts of the export of the iron and steel manufactured goods for three fourths of this year, that is, to 5th of Oct. as compared with the same period of 1832, are satisfactory.

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- Nov.* The value declared in the present year, is, £1,121,308. In the same portion of the last year, it was £936,723." — *Independent.*
- 13. Meeting of the subscribers to the proposed Botanical Gardens. It was announced that more than the sum (£6000,) at first fixed as the capital of the society, had been subscribed. Resolved, that the capital should be raised to £10,000, and the ground purchased, instead of being taken on lease.
  - 17. Joseph Pearce as principal, and Charles Staniforth, Phineas Dean, John Jow, and Thomas Booker, as accessories, committed to York, to take their trial for the manslaughter of Peter Bradshaw.
  - 20. Annual dinner of the members of the Medical Institution, at the Tontine Inn; Dr. Favell in the chair.
  - 21. Sandbeck Hunt dinner, at the Tontine Inn; John Fullerton, Esq. of Thrybergh Park, in the chair.
  - 26. Decease of Mr. Morgan Davies, of Westbar, in his 79th year.
  - 28. Sheffield Winter Fair: There was an immense quantity of cheese, more than ever was known before; it is supposed not less than 300 tons, but a very small proportion of thick. The price for thin ranged from 46s. to 56s.; for Staffordshire lumps and prime Cheshire, from 51s. to 60s.
  - 28. Meeting of the Attorneys of Sheffield: Memorial to the High Sberiff of Yorkshire, W. C. Maxwell, Esq., claiming the right to practice as advocates in the courts held under the 3rd and 4th Wm. IV. chap. 42.
- Dec.* John Smith, one of the escaped convicts, apprehended at 2. Northampton by James Wild.
- —. Meeting of the Medical Gentlemen of Sheffield, to consider the inconveniences to which the profession is subject, and the means of removing them.
  - 4. The High Sheriff's Court first held in Sheffield, for the trial of issues in actions for debt not exceeding £20.
  - 11. Annual dinner of the Shakspeare Club; Dr. Holland in the chair.
  - 16. Captain Gipps, and John Aldridge, Esq. in the employ of Government, visited Sheffield to collect the information necessary for the proposed incorporation of Boroughs bill.
  - 20. Close of the Theatre for the season.
  - 22. Memorial to Earl Grey, resolved upon by the Unitarian Dissenters of Sheffield, requesting the attention of Go-

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- Dec.*      vernment to the removal of their grievances ; Dr. Philipps in the chair.
- 27. Concert of Sacred Music, in the Upper Chapel, Norfolk-street, in aid of the Sheffield Choral fund.
- 30. Mr. Robert Owen addressed a meeting in the Freemasons' Lodge, in favour of his national regeneration scheme.

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- Jan.* Literary and Philosophical Society. Officers for the ensuing year: President, J. H. Abraham, Esq., F.L.S.; Vice-Presidents, the Rev. H. H. Piper, Mr. Montgomery, Dr. Holland, and Mr. S. Bailey; Secretaries, Mr. Palfreyman and Dr. Favell; Curator, Mr. W. Jackson.
3. — Decease of Mr. Samuel Lucas, of Royds Mill.
- Decease of Mr. Henry Bannister, many years clerk to Messrs. Walkers and Stanley.
- 6. A public meeting of the Protestant Dissenters of Sheffield and the neighbourhood, belonging to the Independent and Baptist denominations, voted a memorial to Earl Grey, in favour of the Dissenters' Claims.
- 8. Sheffield Anti-Corn-Law Society formed.
- 13. Mr. Bochsa, Mr. Mori, and Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, gave a concert at the Music Hall.
- 18. Meeting at Mr. Dawson's, in Surrey-street, for the purpose of reviving subscription concerts. W. J. Bagshawe, Esq. in the chair.
- 25. Shares in the Gas Company were sold for £72 each.
- Prospectus of a New Gas Company advertised.
- 27. J. Murray, Esq., F.S.A., &c., commenced a course of Lectures on Chemistry before the Mechanics' Institute.
- 30. Meeting at the Town-Hall, to form a Sabbath Observance Society.
- 31. Second annual meeting of the Sheffield Banking Company. A dividend of ten per cent. declared.
- Death of Mr. C. Hammond, pawnbroker.
- Feb.* 1. Subscriptions during this week to the New Gas Company, nearly a hundred thousand pounds.
- 6. Public dinner to Samuel Bailey, Esq.; William Fisher, Esq., president.
- Decease of George Bradshaw, of Grimesthorpe, aged 94, the oldest freeman in the corporation of cutlers.
- 8. Decease of Mr. Richard Jackson, carrier, Furnival street.

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- Feb.* 1. First annual publication of the Town Trustees' accounts.
- 9. Several of the Sheffield clergy preached on the lawfulness, expediency, and absolute necessity, of Church Establishments.
  - 12. Meeting of the friends of the Established Church, at the Cutlers' Hall, to form an association to watch over the interests of the Church, and vote an address to Parliament.
  - 13. Opening of the Wesleyan Chapel, in the Bridghouses. Collections were made amounting to £225.
  - 14. Gas Company announced a reduction of the price of gas to 8s. per 1000 feet.
  - 17. Post office opened at Attercliffe.
  - An intermediate Sessions for the trial of felons, held at Sheffield.
  - 23. The Rev. J. Fox, (Howard street Chapel,) commenced a course of lectures on Congregational Churches.
  - The Rev. J. W. H. Pritchard preached a sermon in Zion Chapel, Attercliffe, on the Scriptural provision for the maintenance of Christianity, in reply to the published sermons of the Revs. T. Best and J. Knight.
  - 24. New Gas Consumers' Company formed. Subscribers met at the Town Hall, and resolved that the capital should be £80,000, in 3200 shares.
  - 28. A concert at the Cutlers' Hall, in aid of the Polish exiles. Mr. V. Kuczinski, an exiled Pole, was the principal attraction.
  - 29. The Clerk of the Peace, C. H. Elsley, Esq., sat in the Grand Jury room, at the Town Hall, to collect information relative to the value of property here, as a preparatory step to the revision of the county rate.
- Mar.* 4. Decease of John Sheldon, Esq., of Machon bank, aged 65.
- 5. A meeting at the Cutlers' Hall, to establish a Church Sabbath Observance Society.
  - 7. Decease of Mr. W. Stones, sen., Arundel street, aged 78.
  - 8. Advertisement for the proposal to raise a fund by subscription, in shares of £25 each, for the establishment of a Sheffield General Cemetery.
  - 10. Dr. Lardner commenced a course of lectures on heat, before the members of the Literary and Philosophical Society.
  - 11. A concert at the Music Hall, in aid of the Polish exiles.
  - Dr. Lardner commenced a course of lectures in Bow-street Chapel, before the members of the Mechanics' Institute, on the sources, accumulation, concentration, and preservation of power.
  - 14. Decease of Mr. John Shirley, in the 55th year of his age.
  - Decease of Mr. Burn, of Rockingham-street, many years the active superintendent of Red Hill Sunday schools.
  - 20. Decease of Mr. Job Cawood, of the Free Writing School.



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- Mar.* Mr. Robert Marnock appointed curator of the Sheffield  
24. Botanic Gardens.
- 27. Meeting of the rate payers at the Town Hall: resolved upon the revision of the rate.
- 28. Joseph Pearce, Phineas Dean, Charles Staniforth, James Booker, and John Jow tried at York, for the manslaughter of Peter Bradshaw, and acquitted.
- 29. Thomas Rodgers convicted at York of an unnatural crime, and condemned to death.
- April* Overseers of the Poor appointed for the ensuing year:
1. Messrs. Joshua Denton, Joseph Senior, W. Smith, and — Turner, for Sheffield; Messrs. Samuel Mitchell and John Ward, for Ecclesall Bierlow; Messrs. George Merrill and W. B. Naylor, for Brightside Bierlow; Messrs. Wm. Makin and S. Lindley, for Attercliffe-cum-Darnall; Messrs. Henry Morley and Zaccheus Dyson, for Nether Hallam; Messrs. E. Wilson and Jno. Broomhead, for Upper Hallam.
- London Missionary Society. Anniversary of the Sheffield auxiliary. Amount of the collections, (exclusive of a special subscription at Queen-street Chapel, of £110,) £130.
- 3. Churchwardens for the ensuing year: Parish Church, Messrs. John Kirk and George Savage; St. James's, Messrs. W. H. Carver and J. Laycock; St. Paul's, Messrs. John Webster and John Webb; St. George's, Messrs. W. Blake and — Sharman; St. Mary's, Messrs. W. Newbould and S. Wilson; St. Philip's, Messrs. R. Yeomans and B. Turner.
- 7. Water Works Company. Dividend of £3. 15s. per share declared.
- First stone of a new Independent Chapel laid, in Devonshire street, to be called Mount Zion.
- Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society. Anniversary of the Sheffield District Auxiliary. The collections amounted to £144.
- 13. Decease of Mr. John Barber, razor maker, aged 52.
- 17. Mr. H. Kelvey appointed Master of the Free Writing School, *vice* Mr. Job Cawood, deceased.
- Overseers' accounts allowed, at a meeting of rate-payers, at the Town Hall. The expenditure of the year amounted to £17,603, being a reduction of £4890 on the outlay of the year preceding. Only three books were granted for the year; part of the third remained uncollected, and there was a balance paid over to the new overseers of £1951.
- 25. Opening of a new Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, at Grimesthorpe.
- 28. Meeting of the Mechanics' Institution, to petition Parlia-

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- April* ment to extend pecuniary assistance to similar institutions.
28. Cemetery Company formed. Capital, £25,000, in a thousand shares. Before the meeting, £27,125 had been subscribed.
- 30. First exhibition of the Sheffield Horticultural Society.
- Decease of Mr. Edward Barber, aged 58.
- May* 1. Sheffield Canal dividend of 5 per cent., declared.
- 5. Meeting of Dissenters, held in Queen-street School Room, when the Rev. J. W. H. Pritchard and Mr. J. W. Smith were appointed to proceed as delegates to London; and it was resolved, that Geo. Bennet, Esq., should be requested to act with them.
- The first of the revived Subscription Concerts took place. Principal performers, Madame Stockhausen, Miss Romer, Mr. A. Sapio, Monsieur Stockhausen, and Signor Masoni.
- 6. Decease of Mr. William Hargreaves, of the firm of Colley and Hargreaves, merchants.
- 9. Decease of Mr. George Marriot, who, previous to his retirement from business, was the oldest file manufacturer in the town.
- 16. Mr. Parker's motion in Parliament on behalf of the Danish claimants acceded to by Lord Althorp.
- 21. Opening of Wadsley Church. Rev. Francis Owen, M.A., Minister.
- 30. Opening of Brunswick Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. Collections amounted to £800.
- June* 3. Meeting at the Music Hall to petition against Lord Althorp's Church Rate Bill.
- Lectures on Electricity and Galvanism commenced at the Mechanics' Institute, by J. Murray, Esq.
- 6. Cemetery Company. At a meeting of the subscribers, it was resolved to purchase land near Sharrow head, for the purposes of the Cemetery.
- 8. Decease of Wm. Tattershall, Esq., solicitor, aged 60.
- 9. Special General Board of Governors of the Infirmary resolved to rescind the resolution of the 15th August last, ordering the adoption of Mr. Sylvester's ventilating apparatus.
- ~ 13. Last publication of the *Sheffield Courant*; commenced in 1827.
- Savings' Bank. The money paid into the Bank, with the interest upon it, has increased during last year, from £92,224 to £104,011, or £11,787. The total number of depositors, since the commencement, was last year 7024, and is now 7741.
- 16. Decease of Mr. Enoch Barber, of the firm of Thompson and Barber.

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- June* Sheffield Association for the opposition of fraudulent Insolvents, organized.
- 27. Decease of John Hoult, Esq., of Wadsley Bridge, aged 66.
- July* 2. Annual meeting of the Governors of the Dispensary. Patients admitted during the year, 2018; discharged, cured, 1789; dead, 77. The remainder were discharged relieved, for irregular attendance, or for other causes.
- 12. Geo. Mason and Geo. Crookes, police sergeants, and Saml. Shirt and Benj. Burgin, watchmen, tried at Rotherham Sessions, for an assault on Thomas Bradwell, of Sheffield. Shirt and Burgin guilty, judgment respited: Crookes and Mason not guilty.
- 13. Decease of Mr. Thomas Barber, aged 29.
- 14. Cricket match at Hyde Park—Yorkshire against Norfolk. Yorkshire, first innings, 191; second, 296.— Norfolk, first innings, 75; second, 289. The game was put an end to on Friday by the rain, when the Norfolk men gave up in favour of Yorkshire.
- 17. Twenty-sixth anniversary of the Yorkshire Amateur Music Meeting, held at Sheffield.
- 18. Decease of Mr. W. Barber, Western bank, merchant, aged 64.
- 19. The lower part of the town inundated, and much damage done, owing to the excessive rain.
- 31. C. H. Pemberton, Esq., commenced a course of lectures on Oratory, before the members of the Literary and Philosophical Society.
- Aug.* 1. Termination of Slavery celebrated by the different religious bodies of the town.
- Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors first held in Sheffield, before T. B. Bowen, Esq., Commissioner.
- 4. Election of Police Commissioners. There were 31 candidates. The choice fell upon the following:—Edward Nanson, jun., Luke Palfreyman, Samuel Younge, Thos. Wiley, Joseph Barker, Henry Wells, J. Denton, Wm. Unwin, J. W. Hawksworth, Philip Unwin, Thos. Ellin, jun.
- 14. Meeting of the Cutlers' Company; John Sansom, Esq., elected Master; Messrs. T. Shepherd and Jno. Spencer, Wardens.
- 18. Presentation of a piece of plate to Dr. Corden Thompson, by the Medical Gentlemen of Sheffield.
- 20. Decease of Joseph Skelton, Esq., of Middlewood, aged 56.
- Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall, to establish a Labourers' Friend Society for this neighbourhood.
- 27. G. T. Burnet, Esq., F.L.S., commenced a course of Lectures on Botany, before the Literary and Philosophical Society.
- Thomas Roberts, driver of the Halifax Mail, killed by the overturning of the coach, at Wharncliffe Side.

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- Sept.* Cutlers' Feast. Bust of the late Earl Fitzwilliam, by Mr. E. Iaw, placed in the Hall.
- 7. Decease of J. B. Furniss, Esq., of Belle Vue.
- 8. Mr. Buckingham addressed his constituents at the Music Hall.
- Cricket Match at Hyde-park; Sheffield against Nottingham. Sheffield, 1st innings, 88; 2nd, 51.—Nottingham, 1st innings, 162.
- 9. Martha Hardwick murdered at Upper Heeley.
- 10. Meeting of the Friends of the National and Church Infant School; Lord Wharncliffe in the chair.
- 11. Wm. Hallet, the farming man of Martha Hardwick, committed to York, charged with the murder of his mistress.
- Meeting at the Music Hall, to revive the Sheffield Temperance Society.
- 13. Decease of Mr. John Siddell, solicitor. The verdict of the coroner's jury was, "that the deceased cut his throat while labouring under temporary insanity, but that he died of delirium tremens."
- Publication of the income of the Town Trust. Rents, £365; Navigation shares, £1035; Turnpike Road securities, £83; Water Works' shares, £30; Funded property, £120: total, £1633. Half the funded property is sold out, and about £300 is due to the Bank.
- 20. Sheffield Banking Company; fourth instalment of the subscriptions ordered to be paid in November.
- 24. Last exhibition and anniversary dinner of the Horticultural Society; Lord Wharncliffe in the chair.
- Meeting of gentlemen desirous to promote the formation of a Sheffield Subscription Grammar School.
- Cricket match at Hyde Park, between Marsden and ten picked players, and Cobbett (of the Marylebone club,) with ten of the Wednesday's club. Cobbett's side, 99; Marsden's side, 68.
- 30. Grand ball given at Wentworth House, in honour of the coming of age of Lord Milton. The celebration had been deferred on account of the death of the late Earl.
- Oct.* 4. Publication of the accounts of the Sheffield Highway Surveyors. Produce of rates during past year, £6250; expenditure, £6540.
- Prospectus of a railway from Sheffield to Rotherham issued.
- 5. Anniversary of the Sheffield East Auxiliary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society; collections, £145.
- 7. Appointment of Highway Surveyors; Sheffield, Mr. Willey, Market-place; Mr. Horrabin, Red-hill; Mr. Savage, Park; and Mr. Warburton, Shales-moor. Ecclesall, Nether Division, Mr. J. Dixon and Mr. J. Mappin; Upper Division, Mr. J. Creswick and Mr. A. Barber. Brightside Bierlow, Mr. J. Loukes, Mr. Stones, & Mr. John Skinner. Nether Hallam, Messrs.

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- Oct.* Hatfield and Spooner. Attercliffe-cum-Darnall, Messrs. W. Marriot and Geo. Dawson.
- 8. Anniversary of the Infirmary; Lord Wharncliffe presided at the meeting and dinner.
- 18. News arrived of the destruction of the Parliament Houses by fire.
- At a meeting of the subscribers to the Church Proprietary School, it was reported that 89 shares had been taken.
- 22. Sheffield Sessions; Shirt and Burgin, the watchmen, sentenced to pay a fine of 40s. for the assault upon Bradwell.
- Nov.* 4. Annual meeting of the Mechanics' Institute.
- 6. Meeting of subscribers to the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway. W. Ibbotson, [Esq., chairman, announced that there were 1908 shares subscribed for, or £47,700 out of £50,000. It was resolved to apply to Parliament for an Act.
- 16. News arrived of the unexpected dismissal of Lord Melbourne's Ministry by the King.
- 19. Anniversary dinner of the Sheffield Medical Institution. Dr. Holland presided.
- 23. Decease of Mr. Thomas Smith, of the firm of Smith, Moorhouse, and Smith, merchants.
- 30. Decease of Mr. John Morton, Redhill, aged 53.
- Dec.* 4. Decease of Mr. John Aldam, Upperthorpe, aged 47.
- 11. Corner stone of the monumental cross on the Cholera Burial Ground, laid by James Montgomery, Esq.
- 12. Decease of Mr. Dennis Davy, aged 72.
- 13. John Parker, Esq., M.P., published an address to the electors, offering a renewal of his services.
- By the new county rate, the rating of Sheffield is raised from £52,560 to £111,216, or 112 per Cent.
- 15. Samuel Bailey, Esq., issued an address to the electors, declining to offer himself as a candidate at the expected election.
- 17. Meeting of Licensed Victuallers to petition against the increased duty on Spirit Licences.
- 20. J. S. Buckingham, Esq., M.P., published an address in anticipation of the dissolution of Parliament.
- 22. John Parker, Esq., M.P., read an Essay on the study of History, at the Music Hall, before the Members of the Mechanics' Institute.
- 26. Provisional Committee of a Peace Society appointed after a lecture, at the Music Hall, on the Horrors of War, by Capt. Pilkington.
- 27. Sheffield Banking Company's shares at a premium of £40 per share.
- In answer to a question submitted to the Poor Law Commissioners by the overseers of Ecclesall, it was stated that to allow a discount to owners of cottage property, in consideration of their paying the rates instead of the occupiers, is not lawful.



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- Jan.* 1. Opening of the Post Office and News Room, at the Commercial Buildings.
- 2. Annual Meeting of the Literary and Philosophical Society. Officers for the ensuing year—President, G. C. Holland, M.D.; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. S. Bailey, Mr. Abraham, and Rev. J. Blackburn.
- 3. Meeting of County Electors in support of Lord Morpeth and Sir George Strickland, as candidates for the West-Riding, held at the Tontine Hotel; Committee appointed.
- 4. Publication of the addresses of Mr. John Parker and Mr. Buckingham, offering themselves as candidates for the representation of the borough, Parliament having been dissolved.
- 5. Meeting of Mr. S. Bailey's friends at the Tontine, when the report of a partial canvass, voluntarily undertaken by a body of licensed victuallers, was so favourable, that it was determined he should be nominated without his consent.
- 8. Nomination day. Mr. John Sykes and Mr. Joseph Levick proposed Mr. Parker; Mr. Wm. Ibbotson and Mr. Edw. Vickers, Mr. Buckingham; and Mr. Wm. Fisher and Mr. Dunn, Mr. S. Bailey.
- 9. First day's polling. Returns of the different Committees: Mr. Parker's—Parker, 725; Buckingham, 724; Bailey, 645. Mr. Buckingham's—Parker, 726; Buckingham, 729; Bailey, 650. Mr. Bailey's—Parker, 717; Buckingham, 719; Bailey, 645.
- 10. The returns of the three committees concurred in placing Mr. Parker at the head of the poll; Mr. Buckingham second; and Mr. Bailey third.
- 12. The Master Cutler (John Sansom, Esq.) declared the result of the poll to be as follows: Mr. Parker, 1607; Mr. Buckingham, 1554; Mr. Bailey, 1434. The two Members expressed their thanks; and Mr. Bailey, for the first time during the election, addressed the electors.
- 13. Meeting at the Town-Hall, to promote the erection of a Mechanics' Hall. Resolved, that the capital be £10,000, in shares of 25s. each.
- 14. Formation of the Attercliffe Horticultural Society.
- 17. Lord Morpeth and Sir Geo. Strickland re-elected for the West-Riding without opposition.

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- Jan.* 20. Decease of Mr. Nicholas Timm, aged 74.
- 21. Dinner at the Tontine, to John Parker, Esq., M.P.—B. Sayle, Esq., in the chair.
- 26. Riot in Eyre-street, and destruction of the Medical School by the mob.
- 29. Wm. Taylor, of Ecclesfield, committed to York, to take his trial for the murder of Hannah Tingle.
- 30. Meeting of the Sheffield Banking Company. Dividend of 10 per cent. declared.
- Feb.* 10. W. J. Bagshawe, Esq., dangerously hurt by the fall of his horse, at the top of Derbyshire-lane.
- 13. Decease of Mr. Henry Greaves, of the firm of Greaves and Newton, Portobello Works.
- 20. The news reached Sheffield, by the Sun Express, that on the previous evening, Mr. Abercromby had been elected Speaker by a majority over Sir C. M. Sutton, of 316 to 306.
- —. Death of Mr. John Watson, aged 66, late of the firm of Watson, Pass, and Co., silver platers.
- 23. Decease of G. Bustard Greaves, Esq., in the 76th year of his age.
- 27. News of the defeat of Ministers, on the address, by a majority of 309 to 302, reached the town by the Sun's Express.
- Mar.* 11. Lord Morpeth obtained leave to bring in a bill for the formation of a Railway from Sheffield to Rotherham.
- 19. Private Meeting for the formation of a Tory Association, held in the Police Commissioners' Room.
- 23. Reform Committee formed to watch the movements of the Tories, and attend to the registration.
- 25. Public Meeting at the Town Hall, when a petition in favour of the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway was agreed to; the Duke of Norfolk having intimated that he should oppose it.
- 26. Intermediate Sessions opened at the Town-Hall.
- April* 1. New Overseers:—Sheffield: Messrs. James Crosland, James Fox, Thos. Laycock, and George Curr. Ecclesall Bierlow: Messrs. Marsden, Chas. Brownell, John Ward, and Henry Furniss. Brightside: Messrs. W. B. Naylor, James Linley, and Joseph France. Nether Hallam: Messrs. Z. Dyson, and Charles Peace. Upper Hallam: Messrs. S. Green and John Hoyland. Attercliffe-cum-Darnall: Messrs. Samuel Jackson and John Greaves.
- 2. John Unwin committed to York to take his trial for the manslaughter of Wm. Simonite.
- 3. News arrived by the Sun Express, of the defeat of Ministers on Lord John Russell's Appropriation resolutions, by 322 to 289.
- 4. William Allott tried and found guilty of the murder of Martha Hardwick, of Upper Heeley.
- 6. Allott executed at York for the above murder.
- 7. Thos. Staniforth and James Ogden were tried on a charge of being concerned in the destruction of the Medical School, in Eyre-street, and acquitted.



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- April* 8. Resolution of the Police Commissioners in favour of the New Gas Company.
- 9. The Sun Express brought the news of Sir R. Peel's resignation.
  - Wm. Taylor tried for the murder of Hannah Tingle, at Ecclesfield, and acquitted.
  - 10. Decease of Mr. W. Thompson, bookseller, aged 56.
  - Sir R. Peel communicated to James Montgomery, Esq., that he had recommended the King to confer on him a pension of £150 a-year.
  - The workshop of Mr. Bywater, firework maker, Infirmary-lane, destroyed by an accidental explosion. Mr. Bywater and his assistant escaped.
  - 11. The Sheffield Conservative Committee issued a declaration of its objects.
  - 14. Annual Meeting of the Water Company. A dividend of 4 per cent. declared.
  - 20. Public Meeting at the Town-Hall resolved to petition in favour of the New Gas Company's Bill.
  - Lord Morpeth addressed the electors of the West-Riding, having vacated his seat by accepting the office of Secretary for Ireland, under Lord Melbourne's Ministry.
  - Meeting at the Tontine, to promote Lord Morpeth's re-election.
  - 23. At the call of a meeting held at Wakefield, the Hon. J. S. Wortley declared himself a candidate for the representation of the West-Riding.
  - 26. Decease of Richard Greaves, Esq., Sheaf Works.
  - 27. Lord Morpeth addressed the electors in Sheffield.
  - 29. First exhibition for the year of the Sheffield Horticultural Society.
- May* 5. The Hon. J. S. Wortley addressed the electors in Sheffield.
- 6. Nomination day at Wakefield. Lord Morpeth proposed by Lord Milton, and Gervase Walker, Esq; and Mr. Wortley by the Hon. William Lascelles and Matthew Thompson, Esq.
  - 11. First polling day. Sheffield district: Morpeth, 587; Wortley, 358.
  - 12. Second day. Morpeth, 723; Wortley, 452.
  - Opening of Mount Zion Chapel, (Independent,) Westfield Terrace.
  - 14. Declaration day at Wakefield. Morpeth, 9066; Wortley, 6259; majority, 2807. In Sheffield district: registered voters, 1391; Morpeth, 716; Wortley, 455.
  - 18. Decease of Mr. Francis Fenton, Surveyor of Police, senior Church Burgess, and formerly Lieut.-Colonel of the Sheffield Local Militia, in the 80th year of his age.
  - 23. In consequence of an error in casting up one of the poll-books, Lord Morpeth's majority was erroneously declared by the High Sheriff. It was 2815.
  - 26. Decease of Mr. Malin Shepherd, Haymarket, aged 71.
  - 27. Dr. Warren addressed a numerous meeting in South street Chapel, on the subject of abuses in the Wesleyan Connexion.

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- May* 29. Decease of Mr. Geo. Woolhouse, of the firm of Kenyon, Frith, and Woolhouse, aged 76.
- June* 4. Decease of Mr. W. Burgon, of the firm of Burgon and Cadmans.
- 10. Meeting at the Town-Hall, to establish a Reform Registration Association. B. Sayle, Esq., President.
- Edward Smith committed to take his trial for the manslaughter of Ann Crookes, by a blow of his fist.
- 11. Tremendous thunder-storm, in which the steeple of the Parish Church was perforated by the electric fluid. Several other buildings in the town were struck, but no person severely injured.
- 22. Meeting of the New Gas Company, at the Town-Hall, when it was resolved not to accede to the proposal of the Old Company, sanctioned by the Committee of the House of Commons, to negotiate a union of the two Companies.
- 28. Decease of Mr. W. Staniforth, surgeon, aged 47.
- July* 1. Annual Meeting of the Governors of the Dispensary. Number of patients during the year, 2691; discharged cured, 1529; dead, 59; remaining on the books, 845; the rest discharged for various causes. This being the year for a new election of medical officers, Drs. Favell, M<sup>r</sup> Dowall, and Harwood; and Messrs. Ray, Thomas, and Gregory, were re-elected.
- Decease of Mr. Wm. Thompson, solicitor, aged 64.
- 13. First Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Botanic Gardens; when the Committee reported the progress they had made towards their completion.
- 14. Sheffield Canal shares sold at £85 each.
- 20. Foundation stone of the new Primitive Methodist Chapel, in Coalpit lane, laid by John Wilson, Esq.
- 22. Edward Smith, tried at York, and found guilty of the manslaughter of Ann Crookes—three months' imprisonment.
- 22. John Unwin found guilty of the manslaughter of Wm. Simonite—six months' imprisonment.
- 24. Decease of Richard Stanley, Esq., aged 68.
- 25. Police Commissioners' accounts published. Income for the past year, £5088; Expenditure, £4659.
- 27. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway Bill lost in the Committee of the House of Lords.
- 29. Commencement of the sittings of the Wesleyan Conference at Sheffield; the Rev. R. Reece elected president.
- 30. The Sheffield New Gas Bill, after having encountered a strong opposition from the Old Company, in both Houses, received the Royal Assent.
- A number of Delegates from various Societies in the Wesleyan Connexion, met in Surrey street chapel, and addressed a memorial to Conference.
- Mr. Henry Thomas elected Surgeon to the Infirmary, in the room of the late Mr. Staniforth.
- First Annual Meeting of the Sheffield Temperance Society, and resolution to connect it, as an auxiliary, with the British and Foreign Temperance Society.

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- Aug.* 1. Dr. Warren expelled the Wesleyan Society by the vote of Conference.
- 3. Messrs. M. Coxon, Charles Peace, Henry Doncaster, Wm. Ibbotson, and Anthony Whitaker, elected Commissioners of the Police, to fill up vacancies.
- Decease of Mr. Chas. Hodgson, of the firm of Hodgson and Son, in the Ponds.
- 9. The workshops and wood, in the yard of Mr. Lomas, joiner, Fitzwilliam-street, destroyed by fire.
- 10. Meeting at the Town-Hall to petition Parliament in favour of the Corporation Reform Bill.
- 14. First Meeting of the New Gas Company held under their Act. Mr. Sykes in the chair.
- Decease of Mr. Saml. Lucas, formerly of the Mills.
- 18. Sittings of Conference closed. The Rev. Mr. Grindrod appointed superintendent of the Sheffield West Circuit, and the Rev. Mr. Treffry of the East.
- 19. Special Meeting of the Governors of the Dispensary, when Mr. Walker was elected surgeon-accoucheur, and Mr. J. F. Wright surgeon, *vice* Mr. Thomas resigned.
- 21. The Sheffield General Cemetery Company held their first Meeting, and received the report of the Provisional Committee as to the progress made in the work.
- 24. Lecture before the Mechanics' Institute, on the Literature of Poland, by Mr. Zaba, a Polish exile.
- 25. Wadsley Church consecrated by the Archbishop of York.
- The ceremony of Confirmation performed in the Parish Church.
- 26. Return Cricket Match at Hyde Park, between the Manchester and Lead Works Clubs. Lead Works, 1st Innings, 244 runs; Manchester, 1st and 2nd, 59.
- 27. Adjourned Meeting of the Sheffield Gas Company. No dividend declared.
- 29. Decease of Mr. M. Dixon, Wicker, silver refiner, aged 80 years.
- Sept.* 1. Decease of Mr. Wm. Ashmore, aged 77, formerly of the Commercial and Tontine Inns.
- 3. Acceleration of the Leeds and London Mail, by which the whole distance is accomplished in 21 hours; and letters for the South of England are forwarded immediately after their arrival in London.
- Cutlers' Feast. J. Spencer, Esq., Master; Messrs. Thos. Blake and George Wragg, Wardens.
- 7. The Canal Company gave notice of their intention to apply to Parliament for relief from the burden of maintaining the Sheffield and Tinsley road.
- New Gig Mail to Bakewell, taking the Manchester bag.
- 8. Yorkshire Grand Musical Festival on this and three following days. Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Kent and the Princess Victoria were present.
- 14. The Duchess of Kent and the Princess Victoria arrived at Wentworth House on a visit.
- 15. Messrs. Cottingham, Cleasby, Wrangham, and Hildyard, revised the borough lists.

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- Sept.* 17. A Deputation from the Corporate bodies of Sheffield had the honour of presenting an address to the Duchess of Kent and the Princess Victoria, at Wentworth House.
- A Deputation of Gentlemen, from Rotherham, enjoyed a similar honour.
- Messrs. Cottingham, Cleasby, Wrangham, and Hildyard, sat on this and the following day, at the Town-Hall, to revise the West-Riding lists.
- 18. Their Royal Highnesses left Wentworth House for Belvoir Castle.
- 22. Shares in the Sheffield Water and Banking Companies sold by auction, at £50 premium. New Gas Shares, £7 premium. Sheffield Fire Office Shares sold for £21. 10s.
- 23. First stone of the Established Church Proprietary School laid by Lord Wharncliffe.
- Last Exhibition for the year, and Anniversary Dinner of the Sheffield Horticultural Society. Lord Wharncliffe in the chair. Lord Milton present.
- Decease of Mr. Barton, senior, Wicker, aged 82.
- Oct.* 2. Quarterly Accounts of the Overseers made up under the new Act. Reduction of expenditure on out-payments in the half-year ending *Sept.* 1835, compared with the half-year ending *Sept.* 1834, £955.
- Charles Batty committed to York, charged with cutting and maiming Elizabeth Brown.
- 3. Publication of Highway Accounts. Receipts, £9,237; Payments, £8,811.
- 4. Decease of the Rev. T. Fisher, Catholic Priest, aged 29.
- 5. Public Meeting, at which it was resolved to raise a subscription for building a Church in the Park.
- Messrs. Joseph Rodgers and Sons voluntarily raised the wages of their spring-knife cutlers, by restoring the allowance of 1d. in the shilling as file money.
- 6. Highway Surveyors. Sheffield: Messrs. Willey, Horabin, T. Turner, and C. Peace. Ecclesall, (Upper :) Messrs. Garfitt and Waterfall; (Nether,) Messrs. S. Newbould and W. Ashall. Brightside: Messrs. T. Blake, W. Hoole, and J. Wigglesworth. Nether Hallam: Mr. Taylor, Mr. John Greaves; Heeley Division: Messrs. T. Bradbury and W. Roper. Attercliffe: Messrs. W. Marriott and Geo. Dawson. Upper Hallam: Messrs. W. Howe and Thomas Andrews.
- 7. North Midland Railway. Meeting at the Tontine passed resolutions favourable to the undertaking, and appointed a Sheffield Committee.
- Anniversary Meeting and Dinner of the Infirmary. Dr. Younge in the chair.
- Decease of Mr. W. Holland, Castle Inn.
- 9. George Crookes, police sergeant, bound over to the Sessions, on a charge of assaulting Charles Ramskar.
- 10. Halley's Comet visible to the naked eye.
- 12. Decease of Mr. J. Marshall, West-street, aged 83.
- 17. Publication of the Town Trustees' Accounts, from May

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1834, to May 1835; receipts, £2,651; expenditure, £1,860.

- Oct. 18. Decease of Mr. F. Morton, aged 57.
- 19. Decease of Mr. John Holmes, plasterer, aged 57.
- 21. Meeting of the Shareholders of the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway; resolved to renew their application to Parliament for an Act.
- 29. Letter of his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, consenting to grant a site for a Church and Cemetery in the Park.
- 30. River Dun Company gave notice of an application to Parliament for an Act to improve their navigation.
- Nov. 3. Meeting at the Town-Hall, to establish a Church Reformation Society.
- The following Gentlemen elected Commissioners for the Court of Requests of Sheffield and Ecclesall: Messrs. Henry Atkinson, Howard-street, merchant; William Ashall, Little Sheffield, gentleman; Joseph Atkinson, Angel-street, draper; Joseph Barker, Angel-street, grocer; John Preston Cutts, Division street, optician; John Cadman, Brammall-lane, gentleman; Micah Gould, Fargate, flax-dresser; Wm. Keeton Gregory, Carver-street, silver plater; William Hall, Porter-street, file manufacturer; Chas. Hoole, Castle-street, grocer; John Hall, Sheffield Park, grocer; William Hutchinson, Sheffield Moor, coach-builder; Samuel Jackson, Saville Works, merchant; John Ryder, near Broom-hall, gentleman; Robert Waterhouse, West-bar, confectioner; Henry Wilkinson, Norfolk-street, silver plater; Geo. Walker, Snighill, grocer; Joseph Ward, Cherry-tree-hill, gentleman.
- 4. G. Cutts committed to York, charged with the wilful murder of Mary Ann Swinden.
- 6. Decease of the Right Hon. Lord Viscount Milton, M.P., for North Northamptonshire; born 18th Jan. 1812, and married to Lady Selina Jenkinson, on the 15th August, 1833.
- 18. Special Meeting of the Governors of the Infirmary; resolved to give a portion of land for the widening of Upperthorpe lane.
- 21. Enlargement of the *Sheffield Independent*, by the addition of one-fifth more letter-press.
- 22. Suicide of John Hodgkinson, by shooting himself in Ecclesall Wood. The Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of *felo-de-se*.
- 23. Decease of Mr. John Shuttleworth, of Cannon Hall, aged 71.
- In the case of a summons for wages, *Ardron v. Wostenholm*, the Magistrates, after hearing evidence at great length to ascertain what was the "town's price," decided that the average wages for making three-blade dagger knives, were 8s. 9d. per dozen of 12.
- 24. Decease of Mr. James Greenwood, bailiff of Ecclesall Court of Requests, aged 56.
- 23. Prospectus of a Railway, from Sheffield to Manchester, issued.

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- Nov. 23. Three shares in the Sheffield Old Gas Company sold for £100.
- 28. The supply of cheese at the fair was about 300 tons.
- Dec. 2. Committee appointed by a Meeting held at Tudor-place, to promote the circulation of the publications of the London Peace Society, on the Evils of War.
- 7. First Subscription Concert for the season.
- 8. The amount of deposits received at the Savings' Bank, on this and the previous day, was £1,327, being a larger sum than was ever before paid in one week.
- 10. Tory Dinner, at the Music-Hall; Henry Walker, Esq., in the chair. Present, Lord Wharnccliffe and the Hon. John S. Wortley.
- 14. Savings' Bank. Annual meeting. The sum deposited in the year ending Nov. 20, was £33,119. 16s. 5d.; paid out within the same year, £21,685. 8s. 11d. Charge, 148,166. 7s. 5½d; discharge, £22,071. 12s. 8d. Balance, £126,094. 14s. 9½d. Depositors of less sums than £20, 2071; from £20 to £50, 1223; from £50 to £100, 511; from £100 to £150, 143; from £150 to £200, 60; above £200, 12. Rate of annual interest allowed, £3. 6s. 8d. per cent.
- Special Meeting of the Police Commissioners confirmed the resolution of a previous meeting, at which it was resolved to adopt the recommendation of the Watch Committee, not to suspend Crookes and Sanderson till they should have been tried on the indictment preferred against them by Charles Ramskar, and that they should be defended at the public expense.
- 17. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall passed a vote of thanks to his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, for his munificent grant of three acres of land, in the Park, for the site and cemetery of the proposed new Church.
- 18. Foundation stone of the New Gas Works laid.
- 19. Three boxes, charged with gunpowder, and pull crackers to explode the powder, brought from Chesterfield, by the Birmingham mail, addressed to Mr. Miller, and Mr. Rose, Fargate, and to Mr. Hobson, Snighill, dealers in cutlery.
- Decease of Mr. George Glossop, aged 69.
- 21. Mr. Feargus O'Connor visited Sheffield, as the missionary of a Radical Association in London.
- 22. Mr. Benjamin Rose, Fargate, brought before the Magistrates on suspicion of being concerned in sending the boxes charged with gunpowder, mentioned above.
- 29.—Mr. Rose committed to York on the above charge.
- The Coroners' Jury, on the body of Wm. Ball, found a verdict of Manslaughter against Thomas Moulson. The Coroner's warrant issued for his apprehension, he having absconded.

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- Jan.* 1. Annual Meeting of the Literary and Philosophical Society. President, Dr. Harwood; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Knight, Mr. Bailey, Dr. Favell, & Mr. Montgomery.
- 2. Prospectus of Railway from Sheffield to Goole and Hull. Capital, £400,000.
- 4. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall: (Lord Wharncliffe in the chair,) passed resolutions in favour of a Railway from Sheffield to Manchester.
- 6. John Coe committed to York on the verdict of the Coroner's Jury, for the manslaughter of John Fairest, of Oughtibridge.
- . Decease of Mr. John Laycock, aged 81.
- 9. Lady Viscount Milton (widow of the late Lord Milton) delivered of a daughter.
- 11. Meeting at Cutlers' Hall: resolved to employ Mr. Leather, of Leeds, engineer, to ascertain if the line of the North Midland Railway could not be brought through Sheffield.
- 13. Decease of Mr. Benj. Micklethwaite, aged 50.
- 25. Explosion of gas in the office of the Sheffield Gas Company.
- . Appointment of Mr. Leather to revise the line of the North Midland, with a view to the interests of Sheffield, adopted by the Directors, in London.
- 26. Death of Joseph Haywood, of Sheffield, against whom a criminal information had been filed, for accusing Col. Fairman of treasonable practises in the Orange Lodges.
- 29. Sheffield Banking Company: Annual Meeting. Messrs. John Read and Jon. Marshall re-elected Directors, and a dividend of 8 per cent. declared.
- Feb.* 1. Strike of the Filemakers against several of the manufacturers for an advance of wages; in consequence of which, almost all the other file-masters in the town turned out their men and closed their works.
- . Mr. Buckingham addressed his constituents in the Music Hall.
- 2. Social Meeting of the friends of the Mechanics' Institute, held in the Music Hall.
- 4. Opening of the Session of Parliament. The address seconded by J. Parker, Esq., M.P.
- 5. Decease of Mr. Thomas Sansom, (Sansom & Sons,) in his 81st year.
- 8. Discounts in the price of edge tools reduced 10 per cent., in consequence of the advance on materials.

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- Feb.* 10. Meeting of Subscribers to the Mechanics' Hall: resolved upon a site in North Church-street.
- 13. Sheffield petition in favour of Mr. Buckingham's claims signed by about 3,400 persons.
- 18. Meeting at Cutlers' Hall: entered into a subscription for the relief of the Irish Clergy.
- 21. The Rev. R. S. Bayley, F.S.A., assumed the pastoral office at Howard-street Independent<sup>s</sup> Chapel.
- 23. Mr. Leather made his report to the Committee appointed Jan. 11, and a resolution was passed, that the North Midland Railway might be brought by a good line near Sheffield, without detriment to the general undertaking.
- 24. Meeting of Licensed Victuallers, to petition Parliament for relief from the grievances affecting the trade.
- 29. Public Meeting at the Town Hall, in consequence of the rejection of Mr. Buckingham's Compensation Bill. Resolved to open a subscription to purchase him an annuity.
- Mar.* 5. Charles Batty tried at York, for cutting and wounding Elizabeth Brown, at Sheffield, with intent to murder. Found guilty, and sentenced to be hanged.
- 8. George Cutts indicted at York, for the manslaughter of Mary Ann Swinden, at Sheffield. Found Not Guilty.
- 9. Robert Ridge found Not Guilty of feloniously cutting and stabbing George Hawksworth, at Ecclesfield.
- . John Coe found Not Guilty of the manslaughter of John Fairest, at Oughtibridge.
- 10. Benjamin Rose, of Sheffield, tried at York, for sending a box, charged with gunpowder, to David Miller, of Sheffield, and found Not Guilty.
- 14. Meeting at the Town-Hall, to petition in favour of the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway.
- 17. Ratepayers of Ecclesall Bierlow resolve to appoint a Highway Board, consisting of nine persons, under 5 & 6 William IV., c. 50.
- . Public Meeting at the Town-Hall, called to receive the report of the Committee appointed Jan. 11; refused to sanction any opposition to Mr. Stephenson's line of the North Midland, and preferred it to Mr. Leather's. Mr. Stephenson attended the meeting, to defend his line.
- 21. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall, of persons favourable to the North Midland Railway passing through Sheffield. Committee appointed, and subscriptions opened, to oppose Stephenson's line.
- 23. Decease of Mr. Wm. Wood, aged 92, the oldest freeman of the Corporation of cutlers.
- 25. The townships of Sheffield, Ecclesall, and Brightside, appointed Highway Boards, under the 5th and 6th Wm. IV., cap. 50.
- . James Mason convicted at the Sheffield Intermediate Sessions, of a libel on Mr. T. T. Vickers. To enter



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into recognizances to appear for judgment when called upon.

- Mar.* 26. Sheffield petitions, for the postponement of the North Midland, sent up for presentation, with about 3,500 signatures.
- 29. Messrs. W. Marshall, John Booth, John Gaunt, & Wm. Stacey, appointed Overseers of the Poor.
- April* 4. Messrs. Joseph Rodgers and Sons voluntarily give their spring-knife cutlers 2s. 6d. in the pound file-money, being an advance of about 4 per cent. on their wages.
- Decease of Mr. John Stacey, merchant, aged 43.
- 6. Meeting of Subscribers to the opposition to Stephenson's line of the North Midland. About £5,000 subscribed.
- 9. Waterworks' Company. Dividend of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. declared.
- 11. George Crookes, police sergeant, and Thomas Sanderson, watchman, indicted at Pontefract Sessions for an assault on Charles Ramskar, and acquitted.
- 14. Termination of the strike in the file trade; the masters agreeing to an advance of wages, and the men to the taking of more apprentices.
- 15. Second reading of the Sheffield and Tinsley Road Bill, lost by a majority of 54 to 18.
- 16. Publication of Highway Accounts for 1835-6. Expenditure, about £5,400.
- Prospectus of the Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank. Capital, £600,000; afterwards increased to one million, in £20 shares.
- Churchwardens for the ensuing year:—For the Parish Church, Mr. Joseph Wallis and Mr. Geo. Houlden; St. Paul's, Mr. J. G. Wightman & Mr. Alfred Green; St. James's, Mr. George Wragg and Mr. John Shepherd; St. George's, Mr. John Hawksworth and Mr. William Butcher. St. Philip's, Mr. J. K. Straw and Mr. Charles Elliott. St. Mary's, Mr. Samuel Cocker and Mr. Fawcett; Attercliffe, Mr. H. Sorby.
- 23. Prospectus of a Sheffield Joint Stock Brewery Company. Capital, £100,000; shares, £10 each.
- Publication of the Sheffield Overseers' Accounts. Expenditure reduced from £16,079, in 1834-5, to £11,438, in 1835-6. Ecclesall expenditure, £3874.
- 30. Prospectus of a Sheffield Joint Stock Coal Company. Capital, £200,000; in £20 shares.
- Prospectus of the Sheffield and Rotherham Joint Stock Coal and Coke Company. Capital, £200,000; in £25 shares.
- May* 7. Prospectus to form a Company, to purchase the banks of Messrs. Walkers and Stanley, under the name of the Sheffield and Rotherham Joint Stock Banking Company. Capital, £600,000; in £25 shares.
- 9. Decease of Mr. Jonathan Oakes, scissor manufacturer, Attercliffe bridge, aged 68.

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- May* 11. Mary Ann Stacey committed to York, on the Coroner's warrant, for the murder of Elizabeth Marsden.
- 12. Joint Stock Brewery Company dissolved, by resolution of the subscribers.
- 14. Prospectus of the Sheffield and Manchester Railway Company. Capital, £800,000; in £100 shares.
- 15. Annular eclipse of the sun.
- 18. Special Meeting of Police Commissioners, to consider a letter of H. Parker, Esq., suggesting—1st, a Municipal Corporation; 2nd, a Stipendiary Magistrate; or 3rd, an increase of the West-Riding Magistrates, for the better administration of justice in the town. The subject referred to a Committee of Enquiry.
- 21. Amount of capital subscribed to the Sheffield and Manchester Railway, announced to exceed, by £300,000, the sum required.
- 23. Opening of the Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank, (Hartshead.)
- 28. Sheffield and Manchester Railway. Subscriptions exceed estimates by £600,000. In another week, the subscriptions amounted to near £2,000,000.
- 30. Meeting at the Town-Hall: passed resolutions in favour of the passing of the North Midland Railway Bill.
- June* 1. Mary Ann Stacey, waiting her trial for the murder of Elizabeth Marsden, committed suicide in York Castle.
- 6. New Mail established from Halifax, *via* Sheffield, to London.
- 13. First annual meeting of the Sheffield Reform Association.
- 16. Decease of Mr. Wm. Evatt, dentist, aged 70.
- 18. Announcement that the opposition of Sheffield to the North Midland Bill had been withdrawn, on terms favourable to the town.
- 20. Spring-Knife trade: Messrs. Joseph Rodgers and Sons increase the allowance of file-money to 3s. 4d. in the pound.
- . Sheffield Baths: opening of one of the swimming baths.
- 25. Prospectus for connecting the North Midland and Sheffield and Rotherham Railways, with Doncaster, Goole, and the Humber. Capital, £350,000; in £50 shares.
- 29. Botanical Gardens opened.
- . Special Meeting of Police Commissioners to receive the report of the Committee appointed 18th May. The recommendation was, that the increase of the West-Riding Magistrates was the best plan for present adoption, and it was carried by a large majority.
- July* 1. The Sheffield and Rotherham Banks, of Messrs. Walkers and Stanley, opened as Joint Stock Banks.
- . New Magistrates inserted in the Commission of the Peace for the West-Riding—Henry Greaves, Esq.; Offley Shore, Esq.; Samuel Bailey, Esq.; William Younge, Esq., M.D.; A. J. Knight, Esq., M.D.; Chas. Brownell, Esq.; Samuel Roberts, jun., Esq.; T A

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Ward, Esq.; B. B. P. Burnell, Esq; John Milner, Esq.; Michael Ellison, Esq.; William Weldon, Esq.; B. Hounsfeld, Esq.; and the Rev. John Hand.

*July 2.* Brewers and Licensed Victuallers.—In the Sheffield collection there are, at present, three public brewers, 1,117 victuallers, 751 licensed sellers of beer to be drunk on the premises, and 30 beer sellers, whose license does not permit the beer to be drunk on the premises where it is obtained. The brewers consumed last year 176,277 bushels of malt; 895 victuallers, who brew their own beer, consumed 289,436 bushels; and 281 keepers of beer shops of the first class, who brewed their own beer, consumed 42,551 bushels. The total quantity of malt consumed by the three classes was, therefore, 508,264 bushels. None of the last-mentioned class of beer sellers brewed their own beer.

- 4. Royal Assent given, by Commission, to the North Midland and Sheffield and Rotherham Railway Bills.
- 14. Decease of the Rev. J. W. H. Pritchard, minister of Zion Chapel, Attercliffe, aged 32 years.
- 17. Decease of Mr. George Kitchen, of the firm of Kitchen and Walker, silver-platers, aged 66.
- 18. Coroner's jury returned a verdict of Manslaughter against Mr. Spilling, surgeon, of Ecclesfield, on account of the death of Isabella Turner, who died under his hands in labour.
- 19. Decease of Mr. Thomas Frith, aged 64, a proficient bass vocalist,
- 23. Publication of Accounts of the Police Commissioners. Receipts, £5,371; payments, £4,997.
- Prospectus of the Sheffield and Midland Railway; capital, £900,000.
- 28. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall, to form a Society for Promoting the Observance of the Sabbath.
- 30. Opening of the Sheffield Cemetery announced; the Rev. W. T. Kidd, Registrar.
- Inquest at the Town Hall, on the body of Robt. Marshall, turnkey of Scotland-street Gaol, and a verdict of Wilful Murder returned against Wm. Newsome, who had caused his death, by knocking him down.
- Aug.* 1. Sheffield Collegiate School opened.
- Messrs. Edward Vickers, Samuel Jackson, and Edward Bramley, elected Police Commissioners.
- 2. Rules framed by the Stewards and Deputy Stewards of the Courts of Requests, to prohibit the introduction of intoxicating liquours, and any work that might cause noise, dirt, &c. in the gaols.
- 6. The names of Samuel Hadfield, Esq., and Joseph Levick, jun., Esq., added to the Commission of the Peace.
- T. A. Ward, Esq., appointed Secretary of the Sheffield and Manchester Railway.

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- Aug. 8. Thomas Green committed to York, under a verdict of Manslaughter, returned by the Coroner's Jury, on the body of Abraham Gill.
- 9. First General Meeting, under the Act, of the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway Company.
- 12. Meeting of the Electors, in front of the Tontine, when John Parker, Esq., announced, that he had been appointed one of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and solicited a renewal of their suffrages. [Resolved, that this Meeting highly approves of the conduct of Mr. Parker, in accepting the above-mentioned office, and of his general conduct in Parliament, and therefore pledges itself to use every exertion to promote his re-election, feeling convinced that the present unexampled prosperity of the country is materially dependant upon the stability & continuance of Lord Melbourne's Government.
- . Decease of Wm. Ibbitt, aged 75, one of the oldest silversmiths in the town.
- 15. Officers of the Cutlers' Company for the ensuing year. Master, Thomas Blake, Esq. Wardens, Mr. G. Wragg and Mr. Thomas Deakin. Searchers, Messrs. Richard Jessop, John Greaves, Samuel Parker, Samuel Smith, James Moorhouse, and Thomas Wilkinson. Assistants, Messrs. John Spencer, John Sansom, Thomas Shepherd, Thomas Ellin, Samuel Hadfield, Thomas Staniforth, Wm. Nowell, Wm. Broadhurst, Samuel Saynor, Joseph Hobson, Thomas Loxley, Thos. Turton, Wm. H. Jackson, Samuel Marshall, Geo. Shortland, John Bland, Geo. Johnson, Jph. Bramall, Ralph Bateman, Thos. Makin, Chas. Carr, Wm. Willey, Wm. Holmes, and John Skelton.
- 19. Election.—John Parker, Esq., proposed by Dr. Knight, and seconded by Wm. Ibbotson, Esq. Mr. John Bell, proposed by Mr. James Levick, and seconded by Mr. Richard Sorsby. Show of hands in favour of Mr. Bell, and poll demanded.
- 20. Polling booths kept open during the day. Several hundred electors voted for Mr. Parker, but not one for Mr. Bell, who had resigned. Public Dinner given to Mr. Parker in the evening.
- 22. John Parker, Esq., declared duly elected for the Borough; 414 votes having been recorded for him, and none for Mr. Bell.
- 27. Deposits at the Savings' Bank during the week, amounted to £1,100.
- 29. Match between the Yorkshire and Norfolk Cricket-Clubs, at Hyde Park. Yorkshire, first innings, 60; second, 88. Norfolk, first innings, 73; second, 76. Majority for Norfolk, one, and one wicket to go down.
- . Mr. Buckingham addressed his constituents at the Music Hall.
- 30. Piece of Plate presented to the Rev. P. Bowen, M.A., head Master of the Sheffield Grammar School, by his pupils.

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- Aug.* 31. The Rev. W. B. Landells ordained Minister of Mount Zion Chapel.
- . Soirée to Mr. Buckingham, at the Music Hall.
- Sept.* 1. Cutlers' Feast. Lord Howard of Effingham; Lord Wharnccliffe, the Earl of Surrey, the West-Riding and Borough Members, W. B. Wrightson, Esq., M. P., J. W. Childers, Esq., M. P., and the Hon. John S. Wortley, the principal guests.
- 5. Day Police established.
- 14. Grand Exhibition of Flowers, Fruits, and Vegetables, at the Botanical Gardens.
- 15. Prizes distributed by Lord Wharnccliffe, and Public Dinner at the Tontine.
- 20. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall, passed resolutions in favour of obtaining an Act to make two new streets.
- 23. Public opening of the Collegiate School; Lord Wharnccliffe in the Chair.
- 28. First Stone of the Church of St. John the Evangelist laid by Lord Howard of Effingham. The cost, £3,440, raised by voluntary subscription, and the site given by the Duke of Norfolk.
- 30. Decease of Mr. John Leaf, painter, aged 83.
- Oct.* 10. Meeting of Legal Gentlemen, resolved to establish a Law Library.
- 12. Lecture by Mr. Wm. Ibbotson, on the Corn Laws.
- . Thirty-ninth Anniversary of the Infirmary.
- 15. Prospectus of the Tilt and Rolling Mill Company; capital, £30,000; shares, £100 each.
- 27. Ordination of the Rev. J. A. Miller, as Copastor of Queen-street Chapel.
- 31. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall; resolved in favour of a Union Railway, from Sheffield to the North Midland, at Woodhouse Mill; capital, £150,000, in shares of £50 each.
- . Decease of Mr. Francis Sykes, Highfield, aged 84.
- Nov.* 1. Decease of Samuel Shore, Esq., of Norton Hall, aged 75. His memory will be cherished with grateful recollection by those who were most intimately acquainted with him, and by his numerous tenants and dependants, to whom he was known as a gentleman of strict integrity, of universal kindness, and of liberal indulgence. His retired habits, and unconquerable modesty, kept him from taking the public station, for which his rank, and especially his talents and attainments, qualified him. He was an accurate and profound thinker, well read in history and general literature, and possessed large and comprehensive powers of mind. Though he had arrived at an advanced period of life, yet, in the year 1832, Mr. Shore served the office of High Sheriff for the county of Derby. As a politician, he was a decided Whig, in the true sense of that term, apprehending no evil in great political changes, when in accordance with the spirit of the British Constitution, and when in themselves necessary and beneficial.

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- Nov.* 6. The Northern and Central (Branch) Bank entered by thieves, but no booty obtained.
- . Much embarrassment in the Money Market, owing to the contraction of the currency, to correct the exchanges. Funds down, and Exchequer Bills at a discount.
- 8. Provisions rising in price. Wheat in to-day's market rose 6s. per quarter. Sheffield average, 63s. 8d.
- 15. Sheffield average price of Wheat, 67s. 9d.
- 19. Interest on Exchequer Bills raised to 2½d. per cent. per day, in order to relieve the Money Market.
- 21. Revision of the West-Riding lists of Voters, for the Sheffield district.
- 22. Sheffield average price of Wheat, 66s.
- . Decease of Mr. Samuel Moore, aged 57, of the Town-head Brewery.
- 23. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall: resolved, that Dr. Younge should be invited to a public dinner, and to allow his portrait to be painted, (by subscription,) in compliment "for his valuable services to this town and neighbourhood, during a period of half a century."
- 23. Revision of the Borough Lists.
- 26. Decease of Mr. Jph. Slater, Rockingham street, aged 66.
- 29. Joseph Farmer, butcher, Fargate, committed to York, charged with the wilful murder of Joseph Wilks, his step-son.
- . Sheffield average price of Wheat, 60s. 7d.
- . A hurricane of wind did immense injury south of Sheffield, but was not violent here.
- Dec.* 2. Northern and Central Bank obtained assistance from the Bank of England, to the extent of £500,000, to avert a stoppage.
- 6. Sheffield average price of Wheat, 64s. 5d.
- 7. Subscription Concerts. Principal vocalists, Mrs. Wood, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Pearsall.
- . Police Commissioners appointed a Committee, to consider the propriety of applying for an amended Act.
- 11. Decease of Mr. Edwin Moulson, aged 36, of the firm of Moulson Brothers.
- 12. Savings' Bank. Annual Meeting. Deposits during the year, £41,641. Payments to depositors, £24,997. Total number of depositors, 4791, and 36 Friendly Societies. Total amount of deposits, £147,136.
- 20. Sheffield average price of Wheat, 62s. 6d.
- 22. Public Dinner to Dr. Younge, at the Cutlers' Hall. Lord Wharnccliffe in the chair.
- 24. Northern and Central Bank obtain another loan of £500,000, from the Bank of England.
- . Commencement of a snow-storm. The snow was so heavy, and drifted so much, that most of the roads were choked up, and the coaches for several days were unable to travel.
- 26. Most of the shops closed to afford the shopkeepers a holiday in lieu of Christmas day, which fell on Sunday.
- 27. Decease of Thomas Sanderson, Esq., merchant, aged 62.
- 28. Decease of Mr. Thomas Nowell, aged 78.

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- Jan.* 2. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall (J. Montgomery, Esq. in the chair) to consider the wrongs of the Caffres. Addressed by Jan Tzatzoe, a Caffre chief, and the Rev. James Read, Missionary. Subscription to present the Kat River Missionary Station with a press and printing materials.
- 4. The severest snow-storm known for many years, which commenced on the 24th December, began to break up.
- 5. Anniversary of the Tee-Total Temperance Society. Number of members, 1420.
- 6. Literary and Philosophical Society: The Rev. J. Blackburn appointed president; and Mr. S. Bailey, Rev. H. H. Piper, Mr. Abraham, and Mr. R. Younge, vice-presidents.
- . Death of Mr. G. Rawlins, scissor manufacturer, aged 63.
- . Pitsmoor Sabbath and Day School opened.
- 8. Paupers in Sheffield Workhouse, 196; in Town Gaols, 87; Paid, during the week, to out poor. £84. 17s. 6d.
- . Decease of Mr. Aaron Allott, in his 78th year. He bequeathed £50 each to the Infirmary, the Dispensary, and the Boys' and Girls' Charity Schools.
- . Decease of Mr. John Hawksworth, of Attercliffe, pen and pocket knife manufacturer, aged 74.
- 10. Average price of wheat, in Sheffield market, 63s. 10d.
- . Decease in London of Mr. James Linley, of Sheffield, merchant, aged 49.
- 14. Bill of mortality for the parish of Sheffield, for 1836, published, as follows:—

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	BAPTISMS.			BURIALS.		
	Males.	Fem.	Both.	Males.	Fem.	Both.
Par. Church,	1260	1266	2526	410	401	811
St. Paul's,..	5	3	8	156	145	301
St. James's..	0	2	2	21	26	47
St. George's.	3	5	8	344	319	663
St. Philip's..	5	7	12	1115	95	210
St. Mary's,..	4	6	10	26	110	236
Attercliffe, .	37	27	64	70	67	137
Ecclesall, ..	15	23	38	81	73	154
Total, ..	1329	1339	2668	1323	1236	2559

- Jan. 16. Public meeting at the Town Hall, to petition for the abolition of church rates; Thos. Blake, Esq., Master Cutler, in the chair.
- . Sheffield Public Baths (Glossop road) opened.
- 19. Decease of Mr. John Hanson, of the Bay Childers, Bridge street, aged 75. He was a scissormith by trade, and made for the show-room of Messrs. Joseph Rodgers and Sons, a dozen perfect and beautiful scissors, which do not all weigh one grain.
- 20. Decease of Mr. Wm. Dawson, Solly street, aged 61.
- 24. Mechanics' Institute: the Rev. R. S. Bayley commenced four lectures, on English History.
- 27. Meeting of the Sheffield Banking Company. Dividend of 8 per cent. declared.
- . The influenza prevailing very greatly in Sheffield, and generally throughout the kingdom.
- . Decease of Rowland Hodgson, Esq., of Highfield, in the 64th year of his age.
- 28. Decease of Mr. John Crich, late of the Black Swan Snighill, aged 67.
- . Decease of Mr. John Woollen, Westbar, aged 61.
- 29. Poorhouse Report: 209 paupers on the books; 70 in the gaols; week's allowance to the out-poor, £79. 4s.
- 31. Average price of wheat, in Sheffield market, 60s. 7d.
- Feb. 1. Meeting of Sheffield and Rotherham Banking Company. Dividend of 15 per cent.
- 4. The influenza continues to rage to a fearful extent. It is calculated that in this town there are 15,000 persons under medical treatment; and the number of deaths is about three times the ordinary average.—*Independent.*
- . Decease, a few days ago. of Mr. John Swinden, of Dixon lane, solicitor, aged 62.
- . Decease of Mr. Wm. Parker, merchant, aged 53.
- 6. Decease of Mr. Matthew Hobson, of South street, Sheffield moor, aged 76.



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- Feb.* 6. Decease of Mr. Thomas Roebuck, Haymarket, aged 57.
- 8. Decease of Mr. Thomas Pierson, of Norfolk street, aged 82, formerly an eminent and highly respected bookseller, in King street.
- 9. Fire on the premises of Messrs. Whitham and Co., Coulston crofts, which did considerable damage.
- . Decease of Mr. Thos. Hawksworth, of Attercliffe, aged 70.
- 13. Interment of Mr. Wm. Parker, at the Cemetery. The male members of the church and congregation worshipping at Nether Chapel, of which the deceased bore the office of deacon, preceded the body; the merchants of the town, to the number of more than one hundred, followed the last carriage. It is calculated that not less than 1500 persons were on the ground.
- 14. Publication of a letter from Mr. Buckingham, M.P., announcing his intention to resign his seat.
- 15. Meeting of the Reform Association, at which it was resolved to convene, by circular, a meeting of the Liberal electors, to decide who should be invited to succeed Mr. Buckingham.
- 16. Meeting of Licensed Victuallers, at the Yellow Lion, Haymarket, resolved to co-operate with the National Association of Victuallers, and to subscribe towards its expenses.
- . Decease of Mr. Wm. Brown, teacher of dancing, aged 42.
- 18. Decease of Mr. Francis Chambers, Sycamore street, aged 49. He was the first president of the Licensed Victuallers' Friendly Association.
- 19. Meeting of Tories, at the "Operative Conservative News Room," at which Mr. Thomas Sands, of Liverpool, was talked of as a Tory candidate for the borough.
- . The works on the Sheffield and Rotherham railway commenced at Brightside, where the only considerable cutting on the line occurs.
- 22. Large meeting of electors at the Town Hall; Dr. Knight in the chair. Mr. Palfreyman stated that Mr. Samuel Bailey had decided not to become a candidate again. Since the meeting on the 15th, communications had been held with the London Reform Association, with M. D. Hill, Esq., late M.P. for Hull; and with Col. Torrens, and T. B. Wrightson, Esq., Matthew Talbot Baines, Esq., and George Hadfield, Esq., of Manchester, had also been mentioned. The committee of the Reform Association had, however, come to the conclusion, that the fittest man was Henry George Ward, Esq., M.P. for St. Albans; and on Mr. Palfreyman proposing to the electors to adopt him, the motion was seconded spontaneously, and carried unanimously.
- 22. Meeting of the subscribers to Dr. Younge's portrait.

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Resolved, that the price be 120 guineas, and Mr. John Moore, of London, the artist.

- Feb.* 23. Decease of Mr. James Millington, saw manufacturer, Isle Works, aged 62.
- 26. Poorhouse Report: Paupers in the house, 194; in the town gaols, 77; week's payment to the out poor, £88. 12s. 2d.
- 28. Average price of wheat in Sheffield market, 60s. 4d.
- March* 3. A requisition having been forwarded to H. G. Ward, Esq., to become a candidate for the borough, he replied, accepting the invitation.
- . Decease of John Hobson, spring-knife cutler, aged 68. He worked for Messrs. Thomas Nowell and Son 56 years, and, as a maker of fancy knives, was considered almost unequalled.
- 4. Notice given of an application to Parliament for the Sheffield Union Railway, to connect the Sheffield and Manchester with the North Midland, at Woodhouse mill.
- . Decease of Mr. George West, of Sharrow Moor School, aged 45.
- 8. True bill found at York, against Mr. Spilling, surgeon, of Ecclesfield, for the manslaughter of Isabella Turner. Mr. Spilling not having been taken, was not tried.
- 9. Meeting of the inhabitants of Darnall resolved to commence a subscription to erect and endow a church, to contain 300 sittings, (one third free,) and to build a national school.
- 10. Decease of Mr. Dibb, St. James' street, late supervisor of excise, aged 66.
- 13. Wm. Newsome tried at York for the murder of Robert Marshall, at Sheffield, in July, 1836. Found guilty of manslaughter. One years' imprisonment.
- . Joseph Farmer, tried for the murder of Joseph Wilks, his step-son, by stabbing him, on the 28th Nov. 1836. Acquitted, on the ground of insanity.
- . Joseph Romasarte, tried for maliciously stabbing Levi Roebuck, at Sheffield, and found not guilty.
- . Thomas Green, acquitted of the manslaughter of Abraham Gill, at Sheffield, on the 2nd August, 1836.
- 17. Thomas Froggatt, a basket maker, working for Mr. Moore, Silver street head, murdered by Thos. Williams, a fellow workman. As Froggatt sat at work, Williams cut him across the top of the head with a bill-hook.
- 19. Poorhouse Report: Paupers in the house, 179; in the gaol, 73; week's payment to out-poor, £85. 1s. 9d.
- 20. Mr. Ward addressed at length a crowded meeting, in the Town Hall. It was resolved (only two or three hands being held up against it) that Mr. Ward was

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a fit and proper person to represent the town, and that he be returned free of expense.

- Mar.* 21. Mr. Ward addressed the inhabitants of the out-townships, at the Corn Exchange.
- 24. Report that Henry Walker, Esq., of Clifton, was to be the Tory candidate for the borough, in opposition to Mr. H. G. Ward.
- . Decease of Mr. Simeon Tingle, land valuer, Loxley, aged 86.
- 25. Election of overseers and surveyors. The townships of Sheffield and Brightside again elected boards of directors. Ecclesall Bierlow returned to the old plan of having surveyors. *Overseers for Sheffield*: Messrs. F. Colley, Alfred Broadhead, Richard Yeomans, and John Timm. *Ecclesall Bierlow*: Messrs. Thomas Ellin, jun., John Hill, Thomas Smith, and Samuel Smith. *Brightside Bierlow*: Mr. Thomas Porter, Mr. Geo. Roebuck, and Mr. John Ragg. *Nether Hallam*: Messrs. William Warburton and William Egborough. *Upper Hallam*: Messrs. George Fitchford and James Ogden. *Attercliffe-cum-Darnall*: Mr. John P. Shaw and Mr. Joseph Charlesworth.
- 27. Decease at Handsworth, of Mr. Thomas Birtles, builder, late of Sheffield, aged 59.
- 28. Average price of corn in Sheffield market, 58s. 5d.
- 29. Meeting of the inhabitants of Attercliffe-cum-Darnall, petitioned in favour of the Ministerial plan to abolish church-rates.
- . First stone of the Wesleyan Proprietary Grammar School, laid by the Rev. G. Marsden.
- . New fire-engine and fire-escape ladders, procured by the Sheffield Fire Insurance Company, tried in the Haymarket.
- 30. Decease of Mr. Joseph Hobson, clerk to the Canal Company, aged 70.
- 31. Decease of Mr. Cam, merchant, of Norfolk street.
- April* 2. Decease of Mr. Thomas Milnes, of Bolsterstone, aged 78.
- 5. Public meeting at Cutlers' Hall commenced a subscription to relieve the distress prevailing in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.
- . Thomas Froggatt, wounded on the 17th of April, died at the Infirmary.
- 6. Inquest on Froggatt. Verdict of Wilful Murder against Williams: committed to York.
- 8. John Thornely, Esq., of Dodworth green, talked of as a Tory candidate for Sheffield.
- . Churchwardens:— The following gentlemen are churchwardens for the ensuing year: For the Parish Church, Mr. Joseph Wallis and Mr. George Holden have been re-appointed; St. Paul's, Mr. Alfred Green and Mr.

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James Judd; St. James's, Mr. John Shepherd and Mr. Edward Bingham; St. George's, (re-appointed,) Mr. Wm. Butcher and Mr. J. S. Hawksworth; St. Philip's, (re-appointed) Mr. J. K. Straw and Mr. Chas. Elliott.

- April 8.* The Rev. T. D. Gregg, curate of St. George's Church, left Sheffield this week, having been presented by the congregation of the church with a purse, containing £160.
- 11. Adam Newton committed to York, charged with maliciously stabbing, on the 25th March, Isaac Pearson, at Crookes, and Joseph Barker, of Western bank.
  - . Accounts of Sheffield Highway Board allowed. Amount collected in the year, £8665; total receipts, £9,692. 3s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; total expenditure, £8923. 9s. 6d.
  - 12. A corn and a hay stack, in Brightside lane, belonging to Mr. Wm. Stones, burnt.
  - 13. Overseers' accounts laid before the ratepayers. Expenditure of the year, £10,548. "The rates have not exceeded 1s. 6d. in the pound, on the value of real property, or threepence per head on the population."  
— *Independent.*
  - . Sheriff's Court held to assess the value of land belonging to the Duke of Norfolk, the River Dun Company, the devisees of the late Thomas Walker, Esq., and Joshua Walker and Co., required for the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway.
  - 15. Commercial difficulties intensely severe. Several large American houses in London assisted by the Bank of England. Liverpool merchants applied to Government for relief by issue of Exchequer Bills, "as the only means of averting a general suspension of payments."
  - . William Wilkinson, a grinder, died of hydrophobia, having been bitten on the 28th of February, by his own dog.
  - 16. James Ibbotson also died of hydrophobia, having been bitten on the same day as Wilkinson, and by the same dog. Several other persons, bitten at the same time by the dog, were not affected.
  - 17. Private meeting of Tories, at the Angel Inn, resolved to get up a requisition to Mr. Thornely.
  - 22. Trade of the town much depressed. One third of the table-knife hands out of employ. Many men in other branches on short work, or unemployed.
  - . The Dissenting congregations petition in favour of the Ministerial Church-rate Bill.
  - . News received of extensive failures in America.
  - 23. Decease of Mr. Thomas Dewhirst, governor of Ecclesall Workhouse, aged 55.
  - 24. Meeting at the Town Hall, in consequence of the recent

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cases of hydrophobia, resolved to destroy all dogs found at large, and a subscription was raised to pay the expenses.

- April* 25. Average price of corn in Sheffield market, 59s. 1d.  
 — 27. Decease of Mr. Jas. Laycock, Portobello, aged 47.  
 — 29. The number of Dogs destroyed this week is 1122.  
 — 28. Decease of Mr. John B. Scantlebury, of Hillfoot, aged 48.  
 — News received of the United States and other American banks having issued their bonds to relieve the mercantile pressure.  
 — 30. Poorhouse report : Paupers in the house, 182; in the gaols, 89; week's payment to the out-poor, £83. 8s. 6d.
- May* 3. Public meeting in Paradise square, to petition for the repeal of the Poor Law Amendment Act.  
 — Tory requisition presented to Mr. Thornely, and accepted. It was said to have been signed by 600 persons.  
 — Police meeting. Committee appointed to prepare draft of a new bill made their report, and it was ordered to be printed.  
 — 4. Annual meeting of the Canal Company. Dividend of 5 per cent. The income exceeded by £1000 that of any previous year.  
 -- 5. Decease of Joseph Swinden, aged 82, "well known as an excavator by trade, and a zealous reprovor of sin."  
 — Meeting at the Town Hall, to elect three new Town Trustees, in the room of Messrs. John Shore, Francis Fenton, and Rowland Hodgson, deceased. The attendance was unprecedentedly large; and the result of the voting was as follows:—Mr. Joseph Levick, 212; Mr. J. W. Hawksworth, 143; Mr. William Vickers, 142; Mr. James Creswick, 103; Mr. Thos. Porter, 89; Mr. Edwin Unwin, 78; Mr. Robert Sorby, 50; Mr. Thomas Deakin, 43; Mr. John Sykes, 34. The first three were declared to be elected.  
 — 6. Dogs destroyed, 1541; and 400 entered by their owners to pay duty.  
 — Decease of Mr. George Wells, solicitor, aged 32.  
 — 8. Decease of Mr. Peter Frith, optician, aged 74.  
 — 10. Meeting at the rooms of the Mechanics' Institute, to establish a Physiological Society.  
 — 12. Private meeting at the Angel Inn, to receive Mr. Thornely's answer to the requisition.  
 — 14. Decease of Mr. William Atkinson, New George street, Sheffield moor, aged 72. He left by his will the following legacies:—To the London Missionary Society, £100; to the Bible Society, £100; to the Lancasterian Infant School, £60; to the Nether Chapel Sunday school, £60; to ten poor widows connected with Nether Chapel, £60; and £60 to a parish in Yorkshire, where a poor relative of his formerly received assistance.

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- May* 15. Opening of the Mechanics' News Room in George street. A guarantee fund of £160 subscribed by the Reformers to make up any deficiency in the subscriptions.
- . Subscription of £200 raised to erect a monument, at the Cemetery, to the memory of the late Mr. Wm. Parker.
- 17. Meeting of Overseers, and past Overseers, at the Town Hall, to meet Mr. Gulsob, Assistant Poor Law Commissioner, who announced the intention of the Board to put the new system into operation here.
- 18. Decease of Mr. James Best, of the firm of J., T., and J. Best, merchants.
- 19. Mrs. George Wells elected librarian of the Sheffield Library, *vice* Miss Hatfield, resigned.
- 20. The petition agreed to at the meeting on the 3rd inst., transmitted for presentation, with 16,000 signatures.
- 24. The attainment of her majority (18 years) by the Princess Victoria, celebrated by a procession and a public dinner.
- . Decease of Mr. Robert Ritchie Mitchell, aged 27, chemist, Glossop road, in consequence of being thrown from his horse on Whit-Monday, the 15th.
- 25. Announcement that the King had had an attack of asthma.
- 27. Decease of Mr. Robert Todd, merchant, aged 73.
- 28. Poorhouse report: Paupers on the books, 203; in gaols, 90; week's payment to the out-poor, £85. 14s. 6d.
- 30. Average price of wheat in Sheffield market, 61s. 3d.
- . Intelligence of the failure of some of the American banks received.
- June* 1. Mr. Thornely introduced by Charles Brownell, Esq., to a select meeting at the Music Hall. He declared himself a candidate for the borough; and his claims were urged by Mr. Samuel Cocker, the Rev. S. D. Waddy, the Rev. G. B. Macdonald (Wesleyans) and the Rev. W. H. Vale, perpetual curate of Ecclesall. In the evening, the party dined together at the Angel Inn; Henry Walker, Esq. in the chair.
- 2. Subscription for the distressed Highlanders amounted to £720. 19s. 8d.
- 3. The number of dogs destroyed amounted to about 2040.
- . Intelligence received of the stoppage of three of the largest American houses in London, the Bank of England having refused to continue its assistance.
- . Decease of John Powweather, aged 82, having been for seventeen years beadle to the Honourable Rodney Sick Society, and the last native of Sheffield who was with the gallant Rodney at the taking of De Grasse, on the 12th April, 1782.
- 4. Opening of the organ in Carver street chapel.
- 5. Report of the Aged Female Society. Receipts, £314.13s.; relieved, 398 aged females.

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- June* 6. Orders from the Poor Law Commissioners for the formation of the Sheffield, Ecclesall, and Rotherham Unions.
- Rev. James Howe, a native of Sheffield, and missionary at Berbice, died there, aged 34.
- 9. Meeting of the Overseers and past Overseers of Sheffield, held at the Poorhouse, at which it was resolved to call a public meeting, for the nomination of guardians.
- 10. Decease of Mr. Thomas Batt, of Broomhill, aged 78.
- 12. New Gas Company begin to supply gas.
- —. Bulletins of the state of the King's health began to be published.
- News from the United States to the 15th of May, when all the American banks had suspended payment.
- 14. Public meeting in the Town Hall. Resolutions passed recommending the Overseers not to obey the precept of the Poor Law Commissioners, until the town had memorialized the Privy Council; and giving a pledge to hold the Overseers harmless. The townships of Attercliffe and Brightside subsequently had meetings, and passed resolutions to the same effect.
- 19. Meeting of the ratepayers of Ecclesall agreed to nominate guardians, but also to memorialize the Privy Council against the new law.
- 20. Death of King William IV.
- —. Decease of Mr. Joseph Peach, aged 52.
- 21. The Sheffield Overseers submitted to a meeting of past Overseers a communication from the secretary of the Poor Law Commissioners, to the effect that the order for the formation of the union must be obeyed. It was therefore resolved to take the necessary steps for the election of guardians.
- 22. Meeting of the friends of the Church, to form an association to protect its interests.
- 25. Poorhouse report: Paupers in the house, 234; in the gaols, 79; week's payment to out poor, £101. 9s. 3d.
- 26. Lord Morpeth and Sir G. Strickland issued addresses to the electors of the West Riding.
- —. Meeting of the friends to the connexion of Church and State, in the National School Room.
- —. Money market began to revive.
- 27. Proclamation of Queen Victoria. Procession, and collation at the Cutlers' Hall.
- 27. Average price of wheat in Sheffield market, 61s.5d.
- 29. Meeting of the Commissioners of the Court of Requests, and regulations adopted to facilitate the business of the Court.
- 30. Guardians of the Poor for Sheffield Union elected.
- July* 1. Registration and Marriage Acts came into operation.
- 3. Guardians of the Poor for the Ecclesall Union elected.

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- July 3.* The Hon. J. S. Wortley issued an address to the West Riding electors.
- 5. John Parker and H. G. Ward, Esqrs, published addresses to the electors of Sheffield.
- . H. M. Greaves, Esq., of Ecclesall, qualified as a Magistrate, at Rotherham Sessions.
- 8. Interment of King William IV.
- 10. Mr. Thornely declared himself, in a published address, a candidate for the borough.
- 13. Mr. Parker and Mr. Ward addressed many thousands of people in Paradise square, and the same evening they addressed the inhabitants of Attercliffe, at the Parish school.
- . Decease of Joseph Read, Esq., of the Mills, aged 62.
- 14. The Liberal candidates address the Ecclesall electors at the Bazaar; and the Upper Hallam electors at Fullwood.
- . Thomas Shaw found guilty, at York, of setting fire to the stacks of Mr. William Stones, Brightside lane.— Judgment of death recorded.
- . Decease, in London, of Mr. William Henry Woolhouse, late of Hyde Park Cricket ground, aged 46.
- 15. Decease of Mr. William Jewitt, manufacturer, Duke street, Park, aged 64.
- . Lately, at Southwingfield, Mr. Matthew Hopkiuson, formerly of the Peacock Inn.
- . Williams tried and sentenced to death for the murder of Froggatt.
- 16. Workshops of Messrs. Alcock, in Eyre street, destroyed by fire.
- 17. The Queen went down in person and prorogued parliament, which was dissolved by proclamation.
- . Mr. Thornely spoke at Ecclesall Bazaar and at Attercliffe. He was closely catechised and much derided. In returning from the Bazaar, his flags were torn, and his friends dispersed.
- . Adam Newton, found guilty of maliciously wounding Joseph Barker, and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.
- 18. Mr. Ward delivered a lecture on Colonization before the members of the Mechanics' Institute.
- . The Hon. G. H. Cavendish and William Evans, Esq. addressed the North Derbyshire electors at the Tontine Hotel.
- 19. Mr. Buckingham delivered his farewell address to the electors in the Theatre.
- . Mr. Thornely addressed the electors at Fullwood and a Owlerton.
- 20. Mr. Buckingham delivered a lecture, in the Music-Hall, on Temperance.



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July 21. A few of Mr. Buckingham's friends gave him a farewell dinner at the Angel Inn; after which he left for London.

———. First annual meeting of the Sheffield and Hallamsbire Banking Company. Dividend of six per cent. declared.

— 24. Meeting at the Music Hall, to discuss the Poor Law. Mr. Ward answered the objections against it, and an unanimous vote of thanks was passed for his "frank, honourable, and enlarged explanation" of the law.

— 25. Mr. Wortley spoke from the windows of the Exchange Inn.

———. Decease of Mr. Bussey, Castle-street, aged 62.

———. Average price of wheat in Sheffield market, 62s. 6d.

— 26. Lord Morpeth and Sir George Strickland addressed an immense meeting in the Haymarket.

———. Old Gas Company held their annual meeting—no dividend was declared.

— 27. Nomination day: Dr. Knight and Mr. John Sykes proposed John Parker, Esq.; C. Brownell, Esq., and Mr. John Jones proposed John Thornely, Esq.; Benj. Sayle, Esq., and Mr. Wm. Ibbotson proposed Henry George Ward, Esq.; Mr. Sorsby, (Albion Hotel,) and Mr. Duffy proposed Mr. Joseph Crabtree, of Barnsley. The show of hands was in favour of Mr. Ward and Mr. Parker. A poll demanded by Mr. Brownell.

— 28. Polling day.—The following is the result of each hour's poll:—

	PARKER.	WARD.	THORNELY.
9 o'clock... ..	134	127	59
10 $\frac{1}{4}$ .....	958	885	409
11 .....	1119	1027	427
12 .....	1450	1320	510
1 .....	1655	1515	567
2 .....	1781	1632	582
3 .....	2004	1836	611
4 ... ..	2233	2028	667

— 29. Master Cutler declared the result of the poll to be— for Mr. Parker, 2,186; for Mr. Ward, 1,976; for Mr. Thornely, 655. The members returned thanks, and in the evening a public dinner, to celebrate the victory, was given at the Tontine. The expense of the Committee of the Liberal candidates was £464. 11s. 6d., defrayed by subscription.

———. Poorhouse Report.—Paupers in the House, 226; in the gaol, 86; week's out payments, £104. 4s. 6d.

— 31. Nomination at Wakefield interrupted by a riotous fight, in which many persons were much hurt. Two afterwards died.

Aug. 2. Police Commissioners discussed and agreed to several of the heads of the proposed new Act.

———. Decease of Wm. Hanson, aged 85, the oldest scissor forger in the Corporation.

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- Aug.* 3. First day's polling for the West Riding.—Result at Sheffield: Morpeth, 962; Strickland, 917; Wortley, 753. General result of the day: Morpeth, 10,442; Strickland, 10,097; Wortley, 9,578.
- 4. Second day's polling, Sheffield: Morpeth, 1,284; Strickland, 1,205; Wortley, 929. The expense incurred by the Sheffield Committee for Morpeth and Strickland, was £520. 17s. 5d.
- 7. Declaration by the High Sheriff of the result of the election. Morpeth, 12,576; Strickland, 11,992; Wortley, 11,489. A corrected return afterwards appeared as follows:—Morpeth, 12,627; Strickland, 12,037; Wortley, 11,427.
- 9. Annual meeting of shareholders in the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway. It was stated that the expense of applying for the act in 1835, was £6,630; in 1836, £4,991; & the Company had paid for land, £19,802.
- 11. Decease of Mr. Ralph Merrill, of Harvest lane, aged 87.
- 12. Williams executed at York, for the murder of Froggatt.
- 14. John Greaves, Esq. chosen Master Cutler; and Messrs. Geo. Wostenholme and Samuel Smith, wardens.
- 16. Foundation stone of Christ's Church, Fullwood, laid.
- 19. Some prospect of the revival of the Sheffield trade. The cotton trade of Lancashire improving.
- 23. Annual meeting of the Cemetery Company; dividend of 4s. per share declared.
- 24. Decease of Mr. Samuel Thompson, aged 29.
- 26. Amount subscribed for Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham's annuity, £3,414; of which £2,657 had been invested securing for Mr. Buckingham an annuity of £100; and for Mrs. Buckingham, of £80.
- . Poorhouse report: Paupers in the house, 255: in the gaols, 84; week's out-door relief, £97.
- 29. Average price of Wheat in Sheffield market, 59s. 11d.
- . Decease of Adamson Parker, Esq., at Longley.
- 30. The Rev. John Thorpe accepted the invitation to become minister of Lee-croft chapel.
- 31. Rotherham Church-rate meeting. Resolved to adjourn for twelve months. Poll demanded.
- Sept.* 1. The harvest going on rapidly. Weather fine, and crops, notwithstanding the almost unexampled lateness of spring, abundant.
- . Decease of Mr. William Eels, Mulberry street, aged 46.
- 2. Close of the poll on the Rotherham Church-rate. For the adjournment, 346; against it, 244; majority, 102.
- 6. Police Commissioners agreed upon several other clauses of their new bill.
- . Committee of the Collegiate School presented to John Staniforth, Esq., an elegant antique massive silver tripod candelabrum, to mark their sense of the value of his services to the school.

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- Sept. 7.* First marriage under the new law, celebrated in Nether Chapel, by the Rev. T. Smith. Mr. H. Crowther to Miss Sarah Jane Marsh.
- . Cutlers' feast. Among the guests were the Earl of Scarborough, Earl of Effingham, Lord Chief Justice Denman, Lord Milton, Lord Howard, Hon. John and James Stuart Wortley; the Hon. Mr. Wentworth Fitzwilliam; H. G. Knight, Esq., M.P.; Sir Thomas White, &c.
- 8. Inquest on Charles Musgrave, who died in Scotland street gaol. The jury found that he died of effusion on the brain, but were of opinion, that the gaol allowance of food should be increased, as recommended by Dr. Knight and Mr. Jackson.
- . Decease of Mr. G. Rock, of Lowfield, aged 71. He left by his will, to the Boys' and Girls' Charity Schools, and to the Infirmary, £50 each.
- 13. Last Floral and Horticultural Exhibition, at the Botanical Gardens. A dispute arose about the adjudication of the prizes for flowers. Agreed to be referred to the Committee of the Metropolitan Society.
- 14. George Eastwood and Catherine Walker, of Great Houghton, married by the Superintendent Registrar of the Ecclesfield district; the first marriage so celebrated in this neighbourhood.
- 15. Revising Barristers held their court at Sheffield. The Tories had made 284 objections, of which all but 12 were disallowed, because the objector had wrongly described his residence.
- . Silver Cup presented to Mr. Charles Clegg, jun., by the Band of the South West Yorkshire Yeomanry Cavalry.
- 22. Decease of Mr. Poles, aged 66, of the firm of Furness, Poles, and Co., silver platers.
- 23. Mild and damp weather prevailed, to the injury of the corn in Lancashire and Derbyshire.
- 25. Mr. Geo. Thompson and Dr. Palmer detail the state of the Negro Apprentices to a numerous meeting in the Bath Saloon.
- . Decease of Mr. Hunt, cutlery manufacturer, aged 39.
- 26. Large meeting at the Music Hall, resolved to petition Parliament on behalf of the Negroes.
- . Average price of wheat in Sheffield market, 61s.
- 27. Mrs. Graham made an ascent in her balloon from the Botanical Gardens. It was to have taken place on the 26th, but the balloon was not sufficiently inflated.
- 28. Mr. Simpson (author of 'The Philosophy of Education,') commenced a course of six lectures on National Education.
- . Analysis of the prisoners for debt in Sheffield and Ecclesall gaols chargeable to Sheffield:— Number

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without a child, 32; with one child, 12; with two children, 12; with three children, 13; with four children, 3; with five children, 1.

- Sept.* 30. Poorhouse report—Paupers in the house, 247; in the gaols, 73; week's out-payments, £119. 6s.
- Oct.* 2. Mrs. Graham made a second ascent in her balloon from the Botanical Gardens.
- 3. Decease of Mr. Robert Woollin, Moor hall, aged 79.
- 4. Mr. Geo. Thompson commenced a course of three lectures on American Slavery.
- . Fortieth Anniversary of the Infirmary; Michael Ellison, Esq., in the chair.
- . Meeting of Police Commissioners.—Adjourned the further discussion of the new bill for six months.
- 5. Earl Fitzwilliam presided at the annual meeting of the Bible Society.
- 12. Decease of Mr. Micah Gould, formerly of Fargate, flax dresser.
- 13. Public meeting at the Music Hall, to establish an Anti Slavery Society.
- . News from America that to relieve trade Congress would issue treasury notes for 12,000,000 dollars; and the United States Bank bills for 5,000,000.
- 16. Formation of the Sheffield Ladies' Association for the Universal Abolition of Slavery.
- 18. Public meeting to petition for national education. The Vicar proposed an amendment, which was rejected.
- 19. Meeting at Cutlers' Hall, to petition Parliament for protection against the fraudulent marks of foreign cutlery manufacturers.
- . Meeting of ratepayers of Rotherham, attended by Earl Fitzwilliam and the Earl of Effingham, called by the churchwardens, to relieve them from their difficulties caused by the refusal of a church rate; resolved to have another meeting on the 27th. Clock set agoing.
- 23. First general meeting of shareholders of the Sheffield and Manchester Railway. Directors appointed, but resolved that before the next meeting no call should be made, nor any expense incurred in furtherance of the undertaking.
- 24. The Rev. R. S. Bayley delivered, in Howard street Chapel, a lecture on National Education.
- . Lately, decease of Mr. Samnel Tompkin, aged 37.
- 26. The revised rate for the township of Sheffield confirmed by the Court of Quarter Sessions, at Sheffield.
- 27. Rotherham church-rate meeting; rate supported by Earl of Effingham and Earl Fitzwilliam, and granted.
- . John Wainwright indicted for refusing to sign the information he had given to the Registrar of births and deaths, of the birth of his child. Lord Wharncliffe to

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defendant—"You are a great fool for your pains."  
Fined 6d., with a warning.

Oct. 28. Lately, decease of Mr. Henry Booth, hatter.

———. Dr. Corbett, lately appointed Archdeacon of York, refused to call a meeting, at the requisition of some of the clergy, "To vindicate and maintain the rights and privileges of the Church of England."

— 29. Poorhouse report—paupers in the house, 268; in gaols, 42; week's payment to out-poor, £124. 18s.

— 31. Average price of wheat in Sheffield market, 56s. 2d.

———. The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, curate of the parish church, summoned for not giving the registrars sufficient information of the interments made by him without certificate. Recommended by the magistrates to give to the registrars not only the names of the persons interred, but their places of abode.

Nov. 2. Meeting in the Music Hall of the friends of the amendment proposed by the vicar, on the 18th of October. Meeting interrupted and broken up, because the clergy and their friends would not allow an amendment to be proposed. Resolutions published as having been carried, and a petition praying that *if* Parliament should provide a national education, the reading of the Scriptures, &c., might be made "an essential and integral part" of the system.

— 9. Decease of Mr. Joseph Atkinson, aged 35, of the firm of W. and J. Atkinson, drapers.

— 10. Private meeting at the National School, when Dr. Favell, the Rev. James Dixon, the Rev. S. D. Waddy, the Rev. James Knight, and others, who had been prevented from speaking at the Music Hall, delivered their sentiments on national education.

———. The petitions for national education signed by near 12,000 persons,

———. Mr. Dawson's concert—M. Thalberg, Miss Fanny Woodham, Mr. Parry, jun., Mr. Lavenu, and Mr. Mori, principal performers and vocalists.

— 14. Inquest at the Brown Cow, Radford street, on the body of John Hobson, who died in consequence of having been beaten, in Peacroft, on the 6th instant. Verdict, Wilful murder against some persons unknown.

— 18. A requisition presented to the directors of the Sheffield and Manchester Railway, signed by the holders of 2,200 shares, for a special meeting to abandon the undertaking.

———. Mr. John Waterfall appointed bailiff of Hallamshire and governor of the Sheffield gaol, *vice* Mr. Joseph Kirk, resigned.

— 21. Three express editions of the *Sun*, received by Mr. Wiley, Haymarket, with the Queen's speech and the debates on the address.

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- Nov.* 25. Town Trustees' Accounts from May, 1836, to 1837, published—year's income, £1,566; expenditure, £753.
- . Notice by the Town Trustees of an application to Parliament for power to make certain improvements of streets.
- 26. Poorhouse report: paupers in the house, 271; in the gaols, 63; week's pay to the out-poor, £127. 3s. 6d.
- 27. Dr. Knight delivered a lecture at the Town Hall, in reply to the aspersions of the Rev. Thomas Best, upon the advocates of national education.
- 28. Average price of wheat in Sheffield market, 58s. 1d.
- Dec.* 1. First poor's rate on the new valuation and rack rental signed by the magistrates.
- . Petition presented to Parliament from 638 inhabitants of Sheffield, praying that the payment of £10 a year rent, though to different landlords, might qualify a borough elector.
- 4. Sheffield and Manchester railway.—Having taken the opinion of Sir John Campbell on the requisition presented on the 18th November, the directors declined to call a special meeting for the purposes stated.
- 6. Accident at the New Gas Works from the failure of one of the supporters of the condensers. Company unable to supply gas till the 9th.
- 7. Ratepayers of part of Nether Hallam adopt the provisions of an act of the 3rd and 4th William IV. as to lighting.
- 8. John Green, John Swift, and William Johnson committed to Derby, charged with several burglaries.
- 11. Miss Mary Fentem elected matron of the Infirmary, *vice* Mrs. Blake, resigned.
- . Savings Bank—yearly meeting—accounts up to Nov. 20, shew 4,827 depositors, and total of deposits and interest, £146,302. 2s. 10½d.
- 14. Meeting at the Town Hall to petition for the Ballot. An amendment adding universal suffrage and annual parliaments, proposed but negatived. H. G. Ward, Esq., M.P. present.
- 16. Decease of Mr. William Aldam, Uppertorpe, aged 85.
- 19. Publication of the names of the Sheffield subscribers to the Spottiswoode fund.
- 22. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall, originated a requisition to the Master Cutler for a public meeting to decide whether the town should petition her Majesty for a charter of incorporation.
- 23. Poorhouse report—paupers in the house, 296; in gaols, 53; week's payment to out-poor, £150. 8s.
- 26. Average price of wheat in Sheffield market, 56s. 10d.

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- Jan.* 1. Annual meeting of Temperance Society. Number of members, 2000; of whom, 400 are reformed drunkards.
- 3. Public meeting: Resolved to petition the Queen for a charter of incorporation, and a committee appointed to take the necessary steps.
- 5. Annual meeting of the Literary and Philosophical Society. Officers elected—President, Dr. Favell; vice-presidents, Rev. J. Blackburn, Dr. Knight, S. Bailey, Esq., Wilson Overend, Esq.; secretaries, Rev. W. R. Smith, Mr. Boulton; curator, Mr. William Jackson; treasurer, Offley Shore, Esq.; council, Messrs. James Montgomery, T. A. Ward, T. R. Barker, William Lucas, John Ward, R. J. Gainsford, Henry Jackson, Rev. H. Farish, Rev. H. H. Piper, Dr. Holland, J. H. Abraham, and E. Greaves.
- . Sheffield Poorhouse—Paupers in the house, 285; in gaols, 45: outpayments for the past week, £126. 8s. 10d.
- 9. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, £2. 16s. 11d. per qr.
- 13. John Richardson and Henry Roe convicted, at Doncaster sessions, of destroying machinery at Messrs. Hudson and Clark's wheel, Furnace hill: To be imprisoned three months each.
- 15. The thermometer 36 degrees below freezing point. Cricket match in skates on Little London dam.
- 18. Decease of Mr. James Hartop Strickland, of the Sportsman's Inn, Westbar, aged 41.
- 20. The thermometer 37 degrees below freezing point.
- 22. Public meeting, at the Cutlers'-Hall, to promote a subscription "to alleviate the distress of the poor, arising from the long continued depression of trade and the inclemency of the season."
- . Town Trustees voted to the Dispensary £100.
- 26. Annual meeting of Sheffield Banking Company: Dividend of 7½ per cent.

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- Jan.* 27. Distress fund (for the relief of the poor) amounted to £1500.
- . The following bequests paid by the executor of the late Rowland Hodgson, Esq.: National Schools, £200; Church Infant School Society, £200; Girls' Charity School, £200; Boys' Charity School, £50; Infirmary, £50; Sheffield Auxiliary Bible Society, £100; Church Missionary Society, £100; Heeley School, £50; Aged Female Society, £19. 19s.; Society for Bettering the Condition of the Poor, £19. 19s.; Park National Schools, £50; Church Tract Society, £19. 19s.; Moravian Missions, £100.
- . Decease of Mr. Thomas Doughty, Shakspeare Tavern, Allen street.
- 28. Decease of Mr. George Radley, chemist, aged 32.
- 29. Decease of Mr. Benjamin Colley, of Norton Lees, aged 67.
- 30. Decease of Mr. John Rayner, aged 37.
- 31. Annual meeting of the Proprietors of the Botanical Gardens: it was reported that the sum expended was £18,562, and that the company were in debt to the amount of £5117. The income of the year was £1897; the expenditure, £1760.
- . A whole sheep roasted upon the ice, on the river Dun, just above the iron bridge.
- Feb.* 1. The Rev. Mr. Kelly, of Melton Mowbray, appointed minister of St. John's Church.
- . Decease of Mr. George Woodcock, Pitsmoor, aged 97.
- 3. Decease of Mr. Jph. Pearce, manufacturer, aged 81.
- 7. Sheffield and Manchester Railway: The directors report, to a general meeting of proprietors, that they had re-examined the estimates, and could speak, with confidence, of the prospect of a net profit of nearly 17 per cent. on the proposed capital of £700,000.
- 9. The town divided into 11 districts, for the more efficient distribution of the distress fund. The committee report that "they have distributed between five and six thousand loaves, 300 loads of potatoes, 245 blankets, and 342 sheets. The sum of £480 has been granted to the visitors of the Society for Bettering the Condition of the Poor, and which has been distributed in personal clothing. The sum of £240 has also been appropriated to the relief of the distressed poor in the out-townships, under the direction of local committees."
- . Decease of Mr. W. Jewitt, cutler, aged 86.
- . Meeting, convened by circular, at the Cutlers'-Hall: Resolved to call a meeting of "householders unfavourable to a corporation," to oppose the application for a charter.
- 12. R. M. Beverley, Esq., delivered a lecture at the Cutlers'-Hall, on the negro apprenticeship.
- 14. Meeting of the opponents of the incorporation of the town, held at the Town-Hall, Jos. Levick, jun., Esq., in the chair: The first resolution being put in the negative, was not carried. The others were not put in the negative by the chairman; but spontaneous shews of



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hands were made against them, that outnumbered those in their favour.

- Feb.* 15. A petition against incorporation, said to have been passed at the above meeting, put forth for signatures. Additional names received to the petition for a charter.
- 17. Decease of Col. Wm. Hinde, late of the 65th Regiment of Foot, aged 71.
- 19. Decease in London of Mr. James Kesteven, aged 81. Mr. Kesteven was born at Neepsend, and his family resided many years at Attercliffe.
- 20. Meeting of Dissenting congregations in Nether Chapel: Resolved to establish a congregational union and town mission.
- 22. Northern and Central Bank: Meeting at Manchester; losses of the Sheffield Branch stated at £27,689. 16s. 6d.; total losses estimated at £312,017.
- 23. Meeting of merchants and manufacturers at the Cutlers'-Hall: Approved a bill brought into parliament by Thomas Hawkes, Esq., M.P. for Dudley, to put an end to the system of exporting from this country to our colonies, as British manufactures, foreign cutlery and hardware, bearing the marks of celebrated Sheffield makers.
- 25. Decease of Mr. George Turton, aged 78.
- 26. Chamber of Commerce petition parliament for enquiry into the causes of the depression of trade; and into the state of combinations among workmen.
- . Meeting of workmen in the Sheffield trade to make arrangements for giving evidence before the parliamentary committee, appointed on the 11th inst. to enquire into the nature, constitution, and extent of combinations among masters and workmen.
- 28. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: meeting of proprietors; authorized the borrowing of £30,000.
- Mar.* 1. Decease in Brightside Poorhouse of Thomas Calver, well known as "Billy Red-Waistcoat."
- 2. Breaking up of a storm that commenced the second week in January. This day, the opening of the canal by breaking the ice, was completed, having employed 20 men and 22 horses four days. The canal had been frozen up for seven weeks.
- 4. Decease of Mr. Henry Milner, Green lane, aged 32.
- 5. Decease of Mr. Samuel Barlow, scissor manufacturer, Arundel street, aged 70.
- . Duputations from the advocates and opponents of a charter of incorporation appeared before the Privy Council; the petition for the charter having received 9,600 signatures, and the opposing petition 15,000.
- 6. John Chadwick, Samuel Ward, and Henry Burrill found guilty at York assizes, of slaughtering a lamb in the field of John Lister, near Cook Wood, on the 21st August, 1837. Sentenced to be transported for life.
- . Decease of Mr. Joseph Basket, accountant, aged 68. He was found, when an infant, in a basket (whence his name), at one of the entrances to Wentworth

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House. The Marquis of Rockingham caused him to be taken care of, and he was afterwards put out apprentice by the liberality of Earl Fitzwilliam.

- Mar. 7.* The Rev. David Rees ordained as pastor of the Baptist congregation in Eldon street.
- 9. Matthew Spilling, surgeon, Ecclesfield, having surrendered himself, was tried and found guilty of the manslaughter of Isabella Turner, of Ecclesfield, by the improper use of instruments to accelerate delivery Sentenced to six months' imprisonment.
- 10. The committee appointed 27th March, 1834, to superintend the revision of the rating of the township of Sheffield, announced the completion of their labours. The valuation by Bishop and Wilkiuson, in 1812, cost from £2000 to £3000. The cost of the revision, "in reality an original valuation," only "£880, or something less than 9s. per £100 of the rack rental."
- . Decease of Mr. James Crawshaw, cutler, High street, aged 61. "Some of his inventions in cutlery effected an important change in that branch of Sheffield manufacture. The lobster knife, or four blades acting upon one spring, and the quadrangular knife (the latter admitting any number of blades), both originated with him, and were introduced without patents. The orreries, made by himself, exhibit beautiful specimens of workmanship and mental power in their production."
- . John Charlesworth, indicted at York assizes for cutting and stabbing his wife, with intent to kill her, found not guilty.
- 12. Joseph Greaves, Joseph Brown, and Henry Coldwell found guilty at York assizes of robbing the cloth store of Joshua Hoyle, Yellow Lion yard, Haymarket, on the 5th Nov., 1837. To be transported for 15 years.
- 20. Decease of Mr. H. A. Bacon, printer, aged 44.
- 23. John and James Jackson and Thomas Owen tried at Sheffield intermediate sessions, on a charge of robbing the warehouse of Mr. Wm. Levick, of a quantity of ivory handles, on the 18th January. Owen not guilty. The Jacksons guilty; to be imprisoned four months.
- 24. Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 337; in gaols, 64: out-payments for the week, £180. 14s. 3d.
- 25. Overseers' Accounts: Amount of rates collected, £13,624; total expenditure, £14,084.
- . Decease of Mr. Wm. Horton, late button manufacturæ, aged 75.
- 28. Special general meeting of the proprietors of the Botanical Gardens: Resolved to increase the number of shares to 1500, and to equalise the value of the old and new shares at £13. 6s. 8d.
- . Petition from Sheffield for the abolition of negro apprenticeship, presented by Mr. H. G. Ward, signed by 18,820 persons, more than 17,000 of whose names were obtained by the Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society.
- . 29. Decease of Mr. Wm. Weldon, Richmond Hill.
- . Decease of Mr. Benj. Hartley, of the Compass Inn, Orchard street, aged 61.

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Mar. 30. Decease of John Tillotson, Esq., aged 73.

April 2. Capt. Jebb, appointed by the privy council to investigate the petitions for and against a charter, arrived in Sheffield, and had an interview with a deputation from each party, to whom he explained his instructions.

— Decease of Mr. John Ward, Wicker, aged 53.

— 3. Sheffield market: Average price of wheat, 62s. per qr.

— 7. Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers on the books, 330; in gaols, 60; out-payments for the week, £157. 17s. 10d.

— 9. Meeting of Waterworks Company: Dividend, 6 per cent.

— 10. Distress Fund: Last meeting of the committee, at which it was reported, that since the 25th January, there had been "distributed, in exchange for tickets, 33,096 loaves of bread, 22,836 pecks of potatoes, 400 blankets, and 300 pairs of sheets." The amount subscribed in money (besides donations of coals, clothes, food, &c.) was £3156. 15s. 8½d.; of which, a balance of £58. 12s. 1d. remained, and was divided between the Bettering and the Aged Female Societies.

— 12. Sheffield and Manchester Railway; The completion of the subscription list and execution of the deed having been proved before the magistrates, was certified by them accordingly.

— 17. Accounts of Sheffield Highway Board: Amount collected, £8001; total receipts, £9,344. 19s.; total expenditure, £8,032. 5s.

— 19. Churchwardens: Mr. H. Atkin, Mr. Wm. Smith, Portobello, *Parish Church*. Mr. Judd, Mr. Joshua White, Park, *St. Paul's*. Mr. Edward Bingham, Mr. Edward Atkins, *St. James's*. Mr. Wm. Butcher, Mr. J. Hawksworth, *St. George's*. Mr. Wm. Primrose, Mr. J. Houldsworth, *St. Philip's*. Mr. Sydney Roberts, Mr. Walter Gilbee, *St. Mary's*.

— 23. Decease of Mr. Michael Ebert, Gell street, aged 67; Mr. Robert Oram, cabinet maker, aged 50.

— 24. Captain Jebb concluded his investigation respecting the petition for and against a charter. His return of the result was: For a charter, 1970 ratepayers, assessed at £46,013 against, 4,589 ratepayers, assessed at £76,741. 10s.

— 30. Meeting in Queen street Chapel, to express regret for the loss of Sir George Strickland's motion to abolish Negro apprenticeship, and petition again for the same object.

May 1. Sheffield market: Average price of wheat, 70s. per qr.

— Decease of Mr. Matthew Coxon, Fargate, aged 46.

— 3. Decease of Mr. Geo. Whitehead, Park, aged 42.

— Sheffield Canal: Annual meeting; dividend of 4 per cent. declared; reason of the diminished dividend being the loss of traffic, during the seven weeks that the canal was frozen up.

— 5. Gas: The two companies announce the price to be 8s. 4d. per 1000 cubic feet by meter, subject to discount of from 5 to 20 per cent., in proportion to the quantity.

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- May 5. The present spring is the most backward that has been known for many years.—*Independent*.
- Renewed petitions for the termination of the negro apprenticeship sent to parliament, to which the Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society had obtained 25,189 signatures: namely, in Sheffield, 18,824; Rotherham, 4,058; Attercliffe and neighbouring villages, 2,307.
- 9. First stone of Mount Tabor chapel, Rockingham street.
- 14. The Rev. B. T. Stannus, on assuming the pastorship of the congregation of the Unitarian Chapel, met his friends in the Bath Saloon, when "a gown was presented to the Rev. gentleman, in a beautiful and feeling address, by Mrs. Palfreyman, on behalf of the ladies; and a Bible and Hymn Book, on behalf of the gentlemen, by T. A. Ward, Esq."
- 16. Mr. Hawkes's bill to protect British hardware manufacturers against the fraud of foreigners, withdrawn, on the pledge of the President of the Board of Trade, that he would introduce a clause effective for the purposes of the bill into the new customs' bill.
- 18. The coroner's jury found a verdict of guilty of the manslaughter of Enoch Johnson, against Alfred Jones and Joseph Herod, as principals, and Thomas Utley, Joseph Greensmith, John Blackburn, and Joseph Beverley, as abettors. Johnson died in consequence of the injuries he received from a party of men who were stealing rooks on the premises of his master, Mr. Thomas Ward, Park-House Farm, on the night of the 11th inst.
- 19. Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 321; in the gaols, 88; week's out-payments, £154. 5s. 6d.
- 21. Decease of Mr. Abram Sansom, of the firm of Thos. Sansom and Sons.
- It having been proposed to erect a Philosophical Hall in the Glossop road, opposite the Bath buildings, the plan of the projectors was laid before a special meeting of the proprietors of the Literary and Philosophical Society, who assented to an arrangement, by which the building would be made to afford suitable accommodation for the society. The subject was discussed on several other occasions, but the project abandoned.
- Decease of Mr. John Lee, clerk of St. George's church, aged 56.
- 22. Josh. Farmer, butcher, who, being insane, murdered his son-in-law, Wilks, was removed from York Castle to St. Luke's asylum, London.
- 23. Decease of Mr. John Gregory, Commercial st., aged 44.
- Decease of Mr. Thomas Bell Alcock, aged 32.
- 25. Decease of Joshua Denton, Esq., of the Hagg, aged 46.
- 30. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall, to arrange for the celebration of the coronation of Queen Victoria in Sheffield, on the 28th June.
- 31. Splendid silver tea service manufactured by Messrs. H. Wilkinson and Co., for presentation by the solicitors of the West Riding to Francis Maude, Esq., as "a

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testimony of their respect and esteem, for the ability and zeal, as a lawyer, and the affability as a gentleman, which he has always manifested to the profession during his long and extensive practice as a barrister."

- June 2. Some symptoms of a revival of trade, in the receipt of money and orders from the United States, by the Great Western and Sirius steamers.
- 7. The Church Burgesses voted £50 to the Dispensary.
- 10. Death of Jonathan Martin, who set fire to York Minster in 1829, in the Bethlehem Hospital, London.
- 11. Royal Assent given to the Sheffield Improvement Bill.
- 14. An enquiry, under a writ of *elegit*, held by Thos. W. Rodgers, Esq. as plaintiff's assessor, to ascertain the extent and value of the freehold property of the Rev. John George Hounsfeld, at the suit of Wm. Henry Malpas. The jury found that the net value of the estate was £360 a year, and that a fair and equitable half to be assigned to the plaintiff was 32a. 1r. 11d.
- June 15. Decease of Mr. Francis Hoole, of Hallam gate, aged 85.
- 16. The season remarkably cold and ungenial.
- . A saviour and purse of gold presented to the Rev. T. Best, by his congregation and other friends, as a memorial of affection and esteem, and "to commemorate the faithful and upright discharge of his duties as minister of St. James's church, during a period of twenty years."
- 23. Decease of Mrs. Mary Rimington, of Hillsbro' House, aged 74, relict of the late John Rimington, Esq., solr.
- 28. Celebration of the coronation: In the morning, a public procession; in the evening, a ball, at the Music-Hall, and soiree at the Cutlers' Hall; and an exhibition of fireworks at the Corn-Exchange. There were many tasteful illuminations and decorations of private premises.
- 30. Decease of Mr. Edw. Law, sculptor, aged 37.
- . Police Accounts: Rates collected, £5319; total receipts, £6790; expenditure, (with balance, £78,) £6790.
- July 4. First stone of a new Baptist Chapel at Portmahon, laid by James Dixon, Esq.
- . Annual meeting of governors of the Dispensary: Dr. Favell and Dr. Harwood re-elected physicians; and Mr. Gregory, Mr. Ray, and Mr. J. F. Wright, surgeons to the charity.
- . Twenty-six children drowned in the day-hole of the Huskar pit, Silkstone, by an inundation of water, caused by a sudden and remarkably heavy storm of rain and hail.
- . Annual meeting of the Sheffield Bath Company: Dividend of 4 per cent. declared.
- 6. Meeting at the Cutlers'-Hall, resolved to procure, by subscription, a full-length portrait of the vicar, by H. P. Briggs, Esq., R.A., to be placed in the Cutlers' Hall, as "a token of grateful acknowledgment from the inhabitants of this parish."
- 7. Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 302; in town gaols, 82; out-payments for the week, £135. 5s. 3d.

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- July* 10. Average price of Wheat in Sheffield market, 72s.  
 — 11. Beverley, Utley, Blackburn, and Greensmith tried at York Assizes for the manslaughter of Enoch Johnson, (see May 18,) and acquitted.  
 — 17. Decease at Pisa, in Italy, of Mr. Samuel Deakin, merchant, formerly of Sheffield, aged 67.  
 — 20. Meeting of the Sheffield and Hallamshire Banking Company: Dividend of 6 per cent. declared.  
 — 25. Annual meeting of the Sheffield Gas Company: No dividend declared.  
 — 26. Opening of the church of St. John the Evangelist, in Sheffield Park: The Rev. E. Kelly, minister.  
 — 27. Decease of Mr. Joseph Foote, accountant.  
 — 29. Decease of Mr. John Beatson, Birdwell Flats, near Rotherham, aged 57.  
 — 30. Decease of Mr. Spurr, Heeley bank, aged 70.  
 — 31. Average price of wheat in Sheffield market, 76s. 9d.
- Aug.* 6. Election of 8 new police commissioners to fill up vacancies. John Crowley, manufacturer, Kelham Island, 136; Corden Thompson, M.D., Norfolk street, 81; Geo. Roebuck, currier, Castle street, 77; William Ash, manufacturer, Norfolk lane, 75; George Turton, surgeon, Townhead street, 75; Richard Kitchen, boot and shoe maker, High street, 72; Charles Hawksworth, silverplater, Nursery, 70; Richard Muncaster, draper, High street, 61.
- . Mr. Charles Brown made his first ascent in his new balloon, from the Botanical Gardens.
- 7. Average price of wheat in Sheffield market, 79s. 4d.
- . Decease of Mr. J. Staniforth, aged 35.
- 8. Opening of the Wesleyan Proprietary Grammar School: Governor, the Rev. John M'Lean; head master, John Manners, Esq., A.M.
- 10. Decease of Mr. Wm. Fielden, Punch Bowl, South street, aged 32.
- 14. The state of the weather causing the certainty of a late, and great fear of a bad harvest. Average price of wheat in Sheffield market. 82s. 3d.
- 15. Cutlers' Company chosen for the ensuing year: *Master*, George Wolstenholme, Esq.; *Wardens*, Messrs. Samuel Smith and James Moorhouse; *Searchers*, Messrs. Thomas Wilkinson, Samuel Saynor, William Broadhurst, Thomas Ellin, jun., William Middleton, and Joseph Mappin; *Assistants*, Messrs. John Greaves, Thos. Blake, John Spencer, Thomas Shepherd, Joseph Hobson, George Wragg, Samuel Hadfield, Wm. Hall, Joseph Elliott, Wm. Taylor, Wm. Nowill, Charles Camm, Chas. Butler, William Bagshaw, Thomas Loxley, George Johnson, William Willey, Lear Wright, George Slack, John Innocent, Thomas Harrison, Samuel Skinner, John Skelton, Joseph Brammall.
- 18. Sheffield Registration District, — July 1837, to June 1838: Population of the township of Sheffield, in 1837, 72,000; do. of the district, including Sheffield, Brightside, Attercliffe, and Handsworth, 90,000. Births in

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Sheffield, 2664; ditto in the district, 3261. Deaths in Sheffield, 1840; ditto in the district, 2248. The births being 36, and deaths 24 per thousand of the population. Informants of births and deaths who wrote their names, 3246; ditto who made marks, 2223. Total marriages, 980; or 11 per 1000 of the population.

- Aug.* 18 Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 308; in gaols, 92; out-payments for the week, £127. 15s. 6d.
- 21. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 86s. 6d.
- 22. Decease of the Rev. John Ward, of Bridgehouses, aged 80. Mr. Ward had been for 31 years a travelling preacher, and 15 years a supernumerary in the Wesleyan Methodist ministry.
- . Second annual meeting of the Cemetery Company: No dividend declared.
- 24. Escape from prison of Samuel Cooper, who, along with James Eyre and Thomas Goulder, was charged with the robbery of Mr. Habershon's house, in Bank street, on the 26th July, and the highway robbery of Mr. Le Tall, the 11th August.
- 25. The weather: The hopes of settled fair weather, which the improvement of last week had pretty generally inspired, have been blighted by a return of the ungenial and boisterous winds which have prevailed during the greater part of the summer, attended by a depressed state of the barometer, and some quantity of rain. Altogether, the prospects of the harvest in the northern part of the island are very gloomy. In the south-eastern counties, a considerable quantity of corn has been reaped and carried.
- . Decease of Joshua Lomas, Union Tavern, Coalpit lane, aged 39.
- 28. A terrific thunder storm, of very great duration, which extended over almost the whole of England, and did much damage. Cusworth Hall struck by lightning.
- 29. Dr. Favell elected physician to the Infirmary in the room of Dr. Younge, resigned.
- . Sheffield and Manchester Railway: The directors report to the half-yearly meeting that half of the line had been staked out, and that the rest was in progress; and that preparations were making for letting the works. Mr. Vignoles reported that he had no doubt of finishing the work in three or four years.
- Sept.* 1. The harvest commencing in the neighbourhood of Sheffield; but in cold situations, the corn far from ripe. Earl Fitzwilliam and other landowners defer the commencement of partridge shooting on their manors for a fortnight, in consequence of the state of the harvest.
- 2. Decease of Mr. Philip Raby, saddler, aged 40.
- 4. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 71s. 1d.
- 5. Decease, during the same night, of Mr. John Mason, builder, Regent Terrace, aged 36, and Sarah, his wife, aged 32.

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- Sept.* 6. The Cutlers' Feast: Thomas Blake, Esq., presiding in the absence of G. Wostenholme, Esq.
- . Silver claret jug presented by the manufacturers of Sheffield, to Thomas Hawkes, Esq., M.P., by a few friends at Sheffield, for his exertions, in Parliament, to protect the trade of the country from the fraudulent imitation of the names and marks of British manufacturers by foreigners.
- . Decease, at Blackpool, of Mr. Peter Linley, merchant of Bolehill, Norton, aged 66.
- 7. H. G. Ward, Esq., M.P., met his constituents in the Town Hall, to explain the proceedings of the past session; Mr. Beale and Mr. Gill, members of the Working Men's Association, proposed a vote of want of confidence; an amendment was moved by Mr. W. Fisher and Mr. L. Palfreyman, thanking Mr. Ward "for his manly and independent conduct in parliament, and for his attendance on that occasion, and for the manly and satisfactory explanations he had given." The amendment carried by a very large majority.
- . Samuel Hadfield, Esq., appointed master in the place of Mr. George Wostenholme, excused from serving, on account of his necessary absence abroad.
- . The aggregate average price of wheat being 70s. 2d., an importation of about 1,500,000 quarters took place, at 1s. per quarter duty.
- . Decease of Mr. Thomas Spooner, aged 50, of the firm of Samuel Parkin and Co., Ecclesall Brewery.
- 10. Marriage, at Dalmahoy Castle, of Lord Viscount Milton, to Lady Frances Douglas, eldest daughter of the Earl of Morton.
- 11. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 68s. 7d.
- 14. Aggregate average price of wheat sunk to 64s. 2d., and duty rose to 2s. 8d.
- 21. Aggregate average price of wheat, 61s. 10d.; duty, 10s. 8d.
- 23. Decease of Wm. Brittain, Esq., of Norton Lees, aged 67.
- 25. Meeting in Roscoe field, in support of the Working Man's Charter.
- 26. Foundation-stone of a new church at Gleadless, laid by H. Parker, Esq.
- 29. Much corn out in this neighbourhood, and in many parts of the country the crops still unripe.
- Oct.* 1. London mail bags arrive in Sheffield at 4 minutes past 11 a. m., being brought as far as Birmingham by the railway.
- . Ground broken, near Woodhead, for the Sheffield and Manchester railway, by Lord Wharcliffe.
- 2. Decease of Mr. Wm. Sansom Rayner, aged 36.
- 3. Annual meeting of the governors of the Infirmary: The erection of a House of Recovery, for fever patients, suggested, and referred to the consideration of a special general board.
- . The produce of the harvest reckoned, by Messrs. Sturge, of Birmingham, one-fourth less than the average.



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- Oct. 4. Consecration of Fullwood Church, (built and endowed by Miss Phœbe Silcock,) by the Archbishop of York.
- 7. An exchange of chapels took place between the Rev. John Thorpe, with the Lee cleft congregation, and the Rev. W. B. Landells, with the Mount Zion congregation.
- 9. Commencement of disturbances among the English and Irish labourers, on the North Midland railway, near Rotherham, which continued for several days.
- 10. Marriage at Wentworth House, of James John Randal Mackenzie, Esq., only son of Sir James W. Mackenzie, Rosehaugh House, near Inverness, to Lady Ann, fourth daughter of Earl Fitzwilliam.
- 13. Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 340; in the gaols, 98; the week's out-payments, £134. 14s. 9d.
- 20. Ecclesall Bierlow Registration District: Population, 1837, 30,000; births, 899; deaths, 557; marriages, 30. Number of informants who wrote their names, 1000; ditto, who made marks, 456.
- 22. Meeting of the ratepayers of Attercliffe resolved not to sell or let the workhouse, from which the paupers had been removed by the board of guardians.
- 27. Decease of Mr. John Broadhead, Tinsley, aged 71.
- 29. Ecclesall Union: Paupers in workhouses, 175; out-payments for the week, £49. 17s. 1d.
- 30. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 74s. 2d.
- 31. Opening of the Sheffield and Rotherham railway.
- Nov. 2. Decease of Mr. J. Knowles Rawlins, of Caver st. aged 24.
- 6. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 75s. 7d.
- . Decease of Mr. G. Hawksworth, jun., of High st., aged 29.
- 7. Special meeting of the governors of the Infirmary—agreed to allow a Fever Hospital to be erected in connexion with the Infirmary, on condition that the expense of the building should be raised by subscription.
- 8. Meeting, at the Cutlers' Hall, resolved to procure by subscription a portrait of the Duke of Wellington, to be placed in the Cutlers' Hall.
- 9. Decease of John Henson, aged 35, maker of 24 pairs of scissors, to be seen in Messrs. J. Rodgers and Sons' shew-room, which weigh only one grain.
- 10. Sudden decease of Wm. Younge, Esq., M.D., in his garden, at Sharrow grange, aged 76.
- 14. Public meeting at the Cutlers' Hall to promote a subscription for the erection of a Fever Hospital.
- 16. Aggregate average price of wheat, 73s. 10d.; duty, 13s. 8d.
- 17. Last publication of the *Sheffield Chronicle* newspaper, which was commenced in February, 1837.
- 19. The congregation of St. James's Church presented to the Rev. R. E. Roberts, (who had been curate to the Rev. Thomas Best for five years,) a purse of gold, as a token of their affectionate regard and esteem."
- 20. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 79s. 6d.
- 21. The Rev. Dr. John Harris (author of "Mammon") and the Rev. Dr. Raffles, of Liverpool, preached in Mount

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Zion Chapel, on the occasion of its re-opening by the Rev. John Thorpe, and the congregation from Lee Croft Chapel.

- Nov. 24. Decease of Mr. John Walker, of the firm of Walker Eaton, and Co., aged 32.
- 27. Decease of Mr. Geo. Armitage, of Eldon street, aged 48.
- 30. Returns made by the clerks of the Unions of Sheffield and Ecclesall of the number and capacity of the places of worship, and children attending school, in the two Unions. *Sheffield Union*:—Sheffield township: No. of Established Churches, 8, seating 11,170; Sunday Scholars connected with do., 1658; Day Scholars, 1303; Scholars attending both Sundays and week-days, 1472;—No. of Dissenting Chapels, 18, seating 16,095; Sunday Scholars connected with do., 6251; Day Scholars, 1420; Scholars attending both Sundays and week-days, 206. The Attercliffe and Brightside chapelry contains 1 church, seating 2000; has 100 Sunday scholars, and 720 Sunday and day scholars, connected with the Establishment;—8 Dissenting chapels, seating 3520, and having 1652 Sunday scholars, and 252 day scholars connected therewith. The parish of Handsworth contains 1 church, seating 600, and has 266 Sunday scholars, and 226 day scholars, connected with the Establishment; 4 Dissenting chapels, seating 1080, and having connected with them 170 Sunday scholars. *Ecclesall Bierlow Union*: The townships in this Union contain 5 churches, seating 2,300; 12 Dissenting chapels, seating 6599; and a total of 2900 Sunday Scholars, and 2629 day scholars.—In addition to these, there are 1102 day scholars, in the Sheffield Union, connected with the British and Foreign Society; and the scholars educated in private schools are computed at 4104.
- Dec. 1. Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 349; in the gaols, 92; week's out-payments, £121. 17s.
- 2. Decease of Mr. Joseph Moulson, aged 47, of the firm of Moulson Brothers.
- 7. Aggregate average price of wheat, 75s. 6d.; duty, 1s.
- 10. Decease of Mr. Thos. Bradbury, Arundel street, aged 75.
- —. Ecclesall Union: Paupers in the workhouses, 166; out-payments, £47. 12s. 7d.
- 11. Samuel Cooper, who had escaped from prison on the 24th August, having been retaken in Hull, examined and committed to York.
- 14. Adjourned meeting, in Sheffield, of the committee for the centenary of Methodism; total sum subscribed in the Sheffield district, £9,300.
- 26. Decease of Mr. Thomas Turton, of Spring Works, aged 59.
- 29. House of Recovery for fever patients: Subscriptions amount to £5224s 19s. 6d.
- 31. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Passengers in November, 37,876; in December, 43,630: total of first two months, 81,506.

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- Jan.* 1. Silver tea-service presented to the Rev. T. Smith, A.M., Minister of Nether Chapel, "on occasion of his having completed the period of twenty years as a Minister of the Gospel, at that place of worship, and as a testimony of sincere respect," &c.
- 3. Mr. Paulton lectured, at the Town Hall, on the Corn Laws.
- 4. Literary and Philosophical Society: the Rev. H. Farish elected president; Dr. Favell, S. Bailey, Esq., Rev. J. Blackburn, and J. Montgomery, Esq., vice-presidents.
- 5. Savings' Bank Accounts published: received during the year ending 20th Nov., 1838, £33,706. 7s.; total deposits, £152,560; individual depositors, 4993; societies depositing, 53.
- Canvass for new subscribers to the Dispensary.
- Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Number of passengers in Nov. and Dec., 81,506.
- 6. Dreadful hurricane, commenced during Sunday night, and continued during Monday. The Pennsylvania, Saint Andrew, and Lockwoods, American packets, wrecked in the Mersey, the floating light having been driven from its moorings. At Sheffield, part of the Cholera Monument was blown down, and various buildings were damaged, but no lives lost.
- 9. D. Urquhart, Esq., addresses two meetings of the merchants and manufacturers, on the subject of our foreign relations.
- 11. Import duty on wheat, 1s. per quarter.
- 12. Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 362; in the gaols, 128; week's payments to the out-poor, £135. 13s. 2d.
- 14. Ecclesall Union Poorhouse: In the house, 176; week's payments, £45. 14s. 8d.
- 17. Decease of Mr. John Kirk, gentleman, Victoria street.
- Meeting of the ratepayers of Nether Hallam, to consider how the Workhouse of the township should be disposed

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of, the guardians having resolved to erect a Union Workhouse. The subject adjourned for 12 months.

- Jan.* 18. Meeting of the Ecclesall ratepayers, on the same question, respecting their Workhouse: Resolved, that the Guardians be recommended to purchase and alter it for a Union Workhouse; but if they should refuse to do so, then that it should be sold by auction.
- Aggregate average price of wheat, 79s. 8d.; duty, 1s.
- 19. Sheffield Cemetery: Interments—1836, 19; 1837, 106; 1838, 172.
- Upper Hallam ratepayers met on the same subject as those of Nether Hallam and Ecclesall, and adjourned the subject for twelve months.
- 22. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 80s. 11d. per quarter.
- 23. Ecclesall Guardians resolved that the present buildings could not be made into an efficient Union Workhouse, but suspended proceedings for three months.
- 24. Meeting of the Medical Profession, to present a silver snuff-box to Dr. Robert G. Holland, on the occasion of his leaving the town, "as a memorial of the sincere esteem his strictly honourable professional career deserved and obtained from his medical brethren at Sheffield."
- 25. Sheffield Banking Company: Annual meeting—dividend of 8 per cent. declared, and 20 per cent. of the profits transferred to the reserved fund.
- 28. George, John, and William Liversedge, of Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, arrested, charged with several burglaries.
- Anti-Corn Law meeting, convened at the Town Hall, but adjourned to Paradise square, attended by Colonel P. Thompson. The Chartists moved an amendment on the first resolution, but the amendment was negatived by a majority of two to one.
- 30. Half-yearly meeting of the Old Gas Company: No dividend declared, and none having been made for three years.
- 31. Decease of Mr. John Wooffinden, of Sheaf bank, aged 42.
- Feb.* 2. Sheffield Anti-Corn Law petition sent off, with 13,000 signatures.
- Decease of Mr. John Ashmore, aged 81.
- Sheriffs' Court, held at the Tontine Hotel, to assess the value of two pieces of land required by the North Midland Railway Company.
- 4. Decease of Mr. Middleton Hoyland, Gell street, aged 42.
- B. B. Pegge Burnell, Esq., of Beauchief, appointed Sheriff of Derbyshire.
- 6. Sheffield and Rotherham Banking Company: Annual meeting; dividend of 10 per cent., and 40 per cent. of the profit added to the reserved fund.
- 7. Decease of Mr. Isaac Bunting, Broom Spring lane.
- Dr. Holland read a paper before the proprietors of the Literary and Philosophical Society, "on the Social,

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Intellectual, and Moral Condition of the Industrious Classes; with Réflexions on the Abuses and Evils of Medical Charities."

- Feb. 7. Mr. Ward, on presenting the Sheffield petition against the Corn Laws, raised the question of the right of Members to speak generally on the subjects of petitions, on their presentation.
- 8. The rule, against Mr. Ward's claim, laid down by Mr. Speaker, affirmed by 186 to 44.
- London mail arrives, *via* Birmingham, at five minutes past eleven, A.M.
- Aggregate average price of wheat, 78s. 11d.; duty, 1s. per quarter.
- 9. Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 390; in the gaols, 129; payments to the out-poor, £133. 12s. 6d.
- Ecclesall Union Workhouses: In the houses, 166; out-payments, £56. 9s. 3d.
- 11. Decease of Mr. John Woodcock, Bridge Hill, aged 83.
- 13. Wesleyan Centenary meeting, in Carver street and Brunswick chapels: £526. 19s. subscribed, in addition to £4003. 17s., at the adjourned meeting of the general committee, held some time ago.
- 16. Births and Deaths in the Sheffield Registration District, from the 1st July to the 31st December: Births, 1718; deaths, 1159.
- 18. Decease of Mr. Joseph Benson, Little Sheffield, aged 71.
- 19. Anti-Slavery meeting and Bazaar, at the Cutlers' Hall.
- 20. Decease of Mr. John Middleton, cooper, St. James's street, aged 84.
- Mr. William Ibbotson, Globe Works, and Mr. William Vickers, Dun Works, appointed delegates of the Sheffield Anti-Corn Law Committee, to London.
- 23. Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 388; in the gaols, 88; week's payments to out-poor, £133. 1s. 6d.
- 25. Ecclesall Union Workhouses: Paupers in the houses, 166; week's outpayments, £60. 7s. 2d.
- Decease of Mr. Francis Cluley, aged 61, registrar of births, marriages, and deaths, and for many years an eminent surgeons' instrument maker.
- 26. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 74s. 11d. per qr.
- Decease, at Naples, of Mark Skelton, Esq., late of the Yews.
- 27. George Thompson, Esq., lectures at the Music Hall, on the condition of the people of British India.
- Sheffield and Manchester Railway: Half-yearly meeting at Manchester; a favourable report presented.
- 28. Public dinner at Rotherham, to Col. Fullerton, to present to him his portrait, painted by Mr. John Moore. The inscription on the frame is, "Presented to John Fullerton, Esq., of Thrybergh Park, by the gentry, tradesmen, and inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of Rotherham, as a memorial of their respect and esteem."
- Died, at the Three Cranes Inn, Queen street, Mr. Chas. Fentem, aged 36.

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*Feb.* 28. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway : Average daily number of passengers, during the first three months, 1202, producing  $7\frac{3}{4}$ d. each. The parliamentary estimate was for the conveyance of 150,000 a year.

*March* 2. Sheffield Poorhouse : Paupers in the house, 389 ; in the gaols, 87 ; week's outpayments, £134.

— 4. Decease of the Rev. Abel Bywater, Minister in the Methodist New Connexion, aged 38.

— Ecclesall Union Poorhouses : In the two houses, 167 ; week's out-payments, £60. 1s. 3d.

— 5. Commencement of a three nights' discussion, between Mr. Pallister, of Leeds, against, and Mr. Lloyd Jones, for, Owenism, in Coalpit lane Chapel.

— 7. Mr. Ebenezer Elliott proposed as a member of the Literary and Philosophical Society, and blackballed ; there being eight votes for his admission, and five against it.

— 8. Aggregate average price of wheat, 73s. 6d. ; duty 1s.

— 12. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 75s. per quarter.

— 13. James Eyre, Wm. Skinner, and Samuel Cooper, tried at York, for the highway robbery of John Le Tall, on the 11th August, in the Park. Skinner, not guilty ; Eyre and Cooper, guilty—to be transported for life.

— 16. John and Wm. Liversedge, of Rawmarsh, found guilty of a burglary, in the house of Jon. Whitaker, of Thrybergh, on the 7th January. To be transported for life. George Liversedge, their father, acquitted.

— 19. Wm. and Henry Swaine, and Henry Palfrey, acquitted of shooting at Joseph Wilson, gamekeeper of the Duke of Norfolk, on Bradfield moors, on the 13th August.

— 21. Opening of the Exhibition of the Mechanics' Institute at the Music Hall.

— John Slinn found guilty of maliciously stabbing Dennis Binney, on the Ecclesall road, on the 25th August.

— Decease of Mr. Wm. Rowley, maltster, Union street, aged 69.

— The ratepayers of Attercliffe resolve to adopt the provisions of the Lighting and Watching Act, 4 Wm. IV.

— 22. Decease of Mr. Jehoida Skidmore, accountant, aged 42.

— 23. The *Sheffield Independent* takes the name of the *Sheffield and Rotherham Independent*.

— 23. Decease of Mr. Alban Booth, Change alley, aged 50.

— 27. Decease of Mr. H. W. R. Norman, painter.

— 28. Cutlers' Company authorise the Master Cutler to attend the next meeting of the Literary and Philosophical Society, and give the vote of the Company in favour of the admission of Mr. Ebenezer Elliott as a member.

— 30. Prospectus of the Borough Bank of Sheffield, to issue only Bank of England notes ; capital, £300,000, in shares of £50 each.

— 31. Decease of Mr. John Senior, Castle folds, aged 81.

*April* 1. Decease of Mr. Charles Pinder, aged 22, of the firm of Pinder and Sons, Edward street.

— First stone of a new church and school laid at Darnall, by W. Jeffcock, Esq.

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- April* 1. Paupers in Ecclesall Union Workhouses, 170; week's payments to the out-poor, £55. 5s. 8d.
- Sheffield Auxiliary of the London Missionary Society: At the public meeting, an additional subscription of £100 was raised for the missionary cause, as a token of the regard of the churches in Sheffield, for the Rev. James Boden, the last survivor of the founders of the Parent Society.
- The Rev. James Boden resigned the office of pastor to the Congregational Church, Queen street, which he had filled for 42 years. Succeeded by the Rev. J. A. Mil-lee, who, for the last two years and a half, had been co-pastor.
- 4. Mr. E. Elliott unanimously elected a member of the Literary and Philosophical Society, at a numerous meeting.
- Mr. L. Langley, of Brampton Academy, committed to York, on two charges of forgery.
- Churchwardens elected. Parish Church: Mr. Ballans, Angel street, and Mr. Wm. Marshall, Westbar. St. James's: Messrs. E. Atkin and Henry Colley. St. Paul's: Mr. White and Mr. Fenton. St. George's: Mr. J. S. Hawksworth and Mr. Butcher. St. Mary's: Messrs. Parkin and W. Gillbee. Park: Messrs. Carr and Crossland. St. Philip's: Mr. Primrose, Westbar; and Mr. Houldsworth. Ecclesall Chapel: Mr. W. Ellin.
- 5. Decease of Joseph Holmes, sawmaker, St. Philip's road, aged 36. For several years, he had been secretary to the Sawmakers' Union, in which office "he gave the greatest satisfaction, and exercised the most beneficial influence on the affairs of the Association." "His employers (the Messrs. Groves,) and representatives of all the united trades of the town," followed him to the grave.
- 6. Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 381; in the gaols, 84; week's payments to the out-poor, £133.2s.6d.
- 8. New bridge over the river Dun, at Philadelphia: Public meeting to promote. £1000 subscribed towards the expense.
- 10. Application to Pontefract Sessions, to sanction the new bridge, with a view to a future application for a grant towards the expense of erection, rejected.
- Opening of Portmahon (Baptist) Chapel. The Rev. D. Rees, minister.
- 12. Duke of Norfolk: Public meeting to originate a subscription to provide a portrait of his Grace, to be placed in the Cutlers' Hall.
- 14. Died, in the Sheffield Poorhouse, where he had been nearly eight years, aged 53, John Blackwell, tailor, *alias* Jackey Blacker, well-known in the early part of his life as "King of the Gallery" of the Sheffield Theatre. On Tuesday, the 3rd of December, 1816, Jackey distinguished himself in a cheap bread riot, by carrying on

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a pole a loaf smeared with blood. Being observed by Mr. Wortley, (now Lord Wharncliffe,) that gentleman dashed into the crowd, and himself apprehended him. He was committed to York Castle, and tried on the 19th March, 1817, found guilty, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Blackwell was also charged, at the York Summer Assizes of 1820, for behaving in a riotous manner at Sheffield, and encouraging other disorderly persons to riot, and having in his possession a loaded pistol, a pike, and other unlawful weapons. For this offence, he was imprisoned two years and a half.

- Apr.* 16. Decease of Mr. Joshua Jervis, grocer, Snighill, aged 70.
- 19. Decease of the Rev. B. Birkett, Master of the Free Grammar School, Rotherham, aged 67.
- 20. Sheffield Highway Accounts published: Expenses of the year, £856l. 15s. 3½d.; total receipts, £9007.17s.5½d.
- 22. Decease of Mr. John Eyre, Wicker, formerly an extensive corn merchant.
- Decease of Mr. Samuel Saynor, cutlery manufacturer, Edward street, aged 53.
- 25. Meeting of Rotherham ratepayers: Proposed to grant a rate of £240, for the police expenditure for the ensuing year. Amendment proposed and carried, granting a rate of £20. A poll demanded.
- 28. Sheriff's Court held at the Tontine Hotel, on this and the two following days, to assess the value of several pieces of land required by the Sheffield and Manchester Railway Company.
- Decease of Mr. Septimus Parker, aged 78.
- 31. Daniel Hague and George Froggatt committed to York, charged with a rape on Harriet Hopkinson, at Attercliffe.
- May* 1. Public meeting; resolved upon the erection of a Temperance Hall.
- 2. Literary and Philosophical Society: Monthly meeting; Mr. Elliott declined to become a member.
- Sheffield Canal: Annual meeting; gross income of the year, ending April 20, £9,376. 11s. 5d. Dividend, £,3,872 on £70,000.
- 4. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Passengers from 1st Nov., 1838, to 1st May, 1839, 203,037.
- Two town missionaries engaged by the Sheffield Congregational Union, commence their labours in Sheffield.
- 7. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 73s. 6d. per qr.
- 10. Rotherham police: Close of the poll, for rate of £240, 205; for rate of £20, 134.
- 11. Decease at Meersbrook, of Lydia, relict of the late venerable Samuel Shore, Esq., having herself attained the still more advanced age of 92.
- Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 391; in gaols, 101; week's out-payments, £129. 11s. 6d.
- 14. Decease of Mr. Joseph Hobson, file manufacturer, Hirst, aged 72.
- 15. Decease of Mr. John Waterfall, Fargate, aged 67.



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May 16. Sheffield Barracks the head-quarters of the 1st Royal Dragoons, commanded by Col. Marten.

- 18. Opinion of Counsel on the Rotherham police rate poll; it being stated that the opponents, instead of voting for the amendment, a rate of £20, had voted against the grant of any rate at all; the opinion was given "That the opposition, instead of voting against the act altogether, ought to have voted for a sum of money, however small, and for the appointment of certain persons as Inspectors; and not having done so, their votes are of no effect."
- 20. Simultaneous meetings of the Chartists throughout the kingdom. Mr. Wm. Gill, the delegate of the Sheffield Chartists to the Convention, resigned, because "he was resolved not to represent a disunited people."
- 22. Aged Female Society: Twenty-ninth-annual meeting; income, £307. 7s. 6d.; expenditure, £306. 17s.
- 24. Decease of Mr. Thomas Murfin, Victoria hotel, High street, aged 46.
- 26. Decease of Mr. Charles Ibbotson, Edge End, aged 79.
- 27. Decease of Mr. Joshua Gregory, aged 67.
- 29. News of the Chancellor of Exchequer's declaration, that Government would adopt Mr. Hill's plan of a penny postage.
- 30. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall, Archdeacon Corbett in the chair, to promote education according to the principles of the Established Church. The meeting was addressed by several of the local clergy, by the Rev. F. Close, of Cheltenham, and the Rev. H. Stowell, of Manchester.
- Decease, at Bawtry, of Mr. Wm. Staley, late of Sheffield, aged 47.
- 31. Meeting of Inspectors of Rotherham police: Order made on the overseers for a rate of £240.

June 1. Close of the Exhibition of the Mechanics' Institution, having been opened ten weeks.

- Overseers accounts published: Collected in rates during the last year, £17,774. Their payments to the out-poor were, in the first quarter, £1585 in money, and £533 in kind; second quarter, £1457 in money, and £407 in kind; third quarter, £1417 in money, and £385 in kind; fourth quarter, £1461 in money, and £414 in kind. The cost of provisions, for the house, was £5013. The average number in the house, exclusive of gaol cases, 349; and the average cost of maintenance, 2s. 7½d. The total expense of the year, including £500 for the new offices, has been £15,516. 8s. 1d. The balance paid to the incoming overseers is £2,811. 17s. 2d.
- Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the poorhouse, 348; in gaols, 101: week's payments to out-poor, £135. 1s. 6d.
- 3. Ecclesall Union Poorhouses: In the houses, 164; out-payments, £52. 1s. 6d.
- 4. Decease, at Maltby, of Mr. Richard Thompson, of the firm of Thompson and Lindley, button manufacturers, Sheffield.

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*June 4.* Decease of Mr. George Arundel, aged 54; the last surviving member of the late firm of Robinson, Lamb, and Arundel.

— Corn averages at Sheffield: Wheat, 70s. 3d. per qr,  
— 6. Meeting at Sheffield of the West Riding Geological and Polytechnic Society.

— 8. Rotherham Police: Opinion of M. T. Baines, Esq., against the legality of the police rate made public.

— 11. Joseph Lenton committed to York, charged with stabbing George Glossop, at the Omnibus beerhouse, in the Brocco.

— The spring has been one of the coldest and driest known for some years. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 70s. 10d. per qr.

— 14. Aggregate average price of wheat, 70s. 3d. per quarter; duty, 10s. 8d.

— 19. After several discussions, the Police Commissioners found it necessary to pay the Gas Company an advanced price for lighting the public lamps, computed to amount to about £800 a year.

— Decease of Mr. N. Burgin, late of the firm of N. Burgin and Sons, tailors.

— 21. London letters, via Birmingham, arrive at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10, A. M.

— 25. Decease of Mr. William Rayner, merchant, St. James's street, aged 64.

— 26. Annual Meeting of the Sheffield Fire Office: Dividend 10 per cent. Resolved to provide a water tender to accompany the engines.

— 27. Explosion at Rotherham gas works; damage about £100.

— 30. Decease of Mr. John Waterfall, aged 67, for many years one of the constables of Sheffield.

*July 1.* Annual Meeting of Mechanics' Library: J. Montgomery, Esq., chairman, gave his "deliberate opinion, that excepting a few contraband books of comparatively harmless character, there did not exist a public library of miscellaneous books in the kingdom containing a smaller proportion of exceptionable volumes than this." Vote of censure on the late committee, for their conduct in reference to the coffee-room, carried by a large majority. By another vote, the thanks of the meeting were withheld from the late secretary, Mr. Isaac Ironside; and Mr. E. Hebblethwaite appointed to succeed him. Meeting adjourned.

— 5. Fifth annual meeting of the New Gas Company: Dividend of 18s. 6d. per share.

— 6. Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 295; in the gaols, 84; week's out-payments, £116. 11s. 6d.

— 8. Adjourned meeting of Mechanics' Library: Censured late committee for having admitted some books "subversive of the principles of the Christian religion;" and "recognized the exclusion of novels, romances, and plays, as a fundamental principle of the Institution."

— Ecclesall Union Workhouse: Paupers in the two houses, 159; week's out-payments, £50. 12s. 9d.

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- July 9.* Rotherham Sessions: License for a lunatic asylum in the Workhouse of Sheffield refused; application to be renewed at Pontefract sessions.
- 10. Sheffield and Manchester Railway: Call for fourth instalment of £5 per share.
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 71s. 5d. per qr.
- 13. Joseph Lenton convicted at the assizes of stabbing George Glossop on the 29th of May; 12 months imprisonment.
- Decease of Mr. Joseph Taylor, Union inn, Furnace hill, aged 60.
- 15. Meeting of Chartists in Paradise square: Elect James Wolstenholme (vice Mr. Wm. Gill, resigned), as the delegate of Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster, Chesterfield, and Brampton, to the Convention. Nightly meetings, and preachings on the Sunday in the open air, commenced by the Chartists.
- 16. Daniel Hague and George Froggatt found guilty at York, of the rape of Harriet Hopkinson, at Attercliffe, on the 14th of April, sentenced to death.
- 17. Henry Whitehead pleaded guilty of a burglary in the house of Mr. Stevenson, Orchard street; to be transported 10 years.
- Marples v. Plant: Seduction at Sheffield; verdict for the plaintiff, damages £100.
- Annual meeting of the Proprietors of the Baths: Dividend of 6s. per share.
- 19. Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank: Third annual meeting; dividend of 7½ per cent.; £1976 added to reserved fund.
- Aggregate average price of wheat, 68s. 6d.; duty, 16s. 8d.
- 20. Publication of Police Accounts: Receipts, exclusive of last year's balance, £6692; expenditure, £6858; balance, £528.
- On the representation of certain householders, that the nightly meetings of the Chartists caused alarm, the Magistrates issued a warning to the inhabitants not to attend such meetings.
- 21. Decease, at Rotherham, of Mr. Charles Fleck.
- 22. Hague and Froggatt sentenced to death on the 16th, reprieved.
- 24. Decease of the Rev. Thomas Richard Rider, vicar of Ecclesfield, aged 45.
- Ratepayers of Rotherham grant a church rate amounting to £155. 4s. Committee appointed to consider the question of closing the church yard, and making a new entrance to the belfry.
- 27. The nightly meetings of the Chartists continued: The names of tradesmen, who contributed or refused to contribute to their fund, read over at the meetings.
- Birth: In Grosvenor square, London, Lady Milton, of a son and heir.
- Publication of table of births and deaths for the Sheffield Registration district, 1st Jan. to 30th June, 1839; births, 1899; deaths, 1291.
- 31. Archibald Bolam found guilty at Newcastle, of the man-

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slaughter of Joseph Millie, on the 6th December; to be transported for life.

July 31. Meeting of the Sheffield Gas Company: Dividend of 22s. 9d. per share declared.

---. Great flood, nearly equal to that of the 19th July, 1834. The wooden centres used in the erection of the North Midland Railway, over the Dun, carried down against the wooden bridge of the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway with great force, but the shock was received without injury.

Aug. 1. Literary and Philosophical Society: Paper read by Mr. Palfreyman, "on the History, Constitution, Policy, and Importance of Friendly Societies."

— 2. Aggregate average price of wheat, 69s. 2d.; duty, 13s. 8d. per quarter.

— 3. Nightly meetings of the Chartists continued.

— . Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 300; in the gaols, 114; week's out-payments, £119. 9s.

— 5. Meeting of manufacturers at the Cutlers' Hall, formed "a society for protecting the marks of manufacturers from fraudulent and spurious imitations."

— . The Chartist Convention having referred the fixing of the "sacred month" to the people, a meeting was held in Paradise square: resolved, "That this meeting, while we believe that nothing less than an universal stand can get the Charter, we believe that this town and district are not as yet sufficiently organised for the adoption of the "*Sacred Month*," but, nevertheless, we wait the decision of the General Convention; and pledge ourselves to adopt and carry out all measures UNCONDITIONALLY, recommended by them for securing the People's Charter."

— . Ecclesall Union Workhouses: Paupers in the two houses, 151; week's out-payments, £45. 2s. 1d.

— . Decease of John Fisher, Esq., Clifton, near Rotherham, aged 71.

— 6. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 75s. 7d. per quarter.

— . Decease of Mr. Charles Senior, Sheffield Wire Works, aged 44.

— 7. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Annual meeting; dividend of 20s. per share declared; directors authorised to apply for an act to create additional shares to the amount of £70,000, thus making the capital £200,000, including £30,000 borrowed. After the meeting, the shareholders proceeded to open the coal branch from the Holmes to Greasbro' Canal.

— 8. Meeting of the ratepayers of Rotherham, receive and adopt the report of the committee appointed 24th July, in favour of the total enclosure of the church-yard, and vote £60 for the purpose.

— . Committee of the House of Recovery adopt the plans of Mr. Wm. Flockton.

— 9. Joseph Pike committed to York on the coroner's warrant, for the manslaughter, at Rotherham, of William Shackleton.

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- Aug. 10. Nightly meetings of the Chartists continued, but the attendance small.
- 12. Convention having recommended that three days be devoted to solemn processions, &c., instead of keeping the "Sacred Month," meetings and processions were held this day, morning, afternoon, and evening.
  - 13. Magistrates issued a proclamation, forbidding Chartist meetings: Peter Foden, charged as concerned in the unlawful and riotous proceedings of the previous day, and Charles Fox, charged with seditious language; were arrested, brought before the magistrates, and remanded to the next day (Wednesday.) In the evening, a riot took place, and the streets were cleared by the military and police. No lives were lost, nor any serious injury done. Between 70 and 80 persons taken into custody.
  - 14. Foden and Fox again examined, and bail required for their appearance at York. Till bail should be completed, they were remanded to the House of Correction, at Wakefield. Most of the prisoners taken on the 13th were discharged unconditionally, or on their recognizances. Several were remanded to Friday. Much excitement in the town. In the evening, the streets were cleared by the police.
  - —. Cutlers' Company: Officers for the ensuing year: *Master*—Samuel Smith, Esq. *Wardens*—Messrs. James Moorhouse and Thos. Ellin, jun. *Searchers*—Messrs. Thomas Wilkinson, Wm. Broadhurst, Joseph Mappin, George Wragg, Wm. Steer, and George Wostenholme. *Assistants*—Messrs. Samuel Hadfield, John Greaves, Thomas Blake, John Spencer, Thos. Shepherd, Joseph Hobson, Wm. Middleton, Wm. Hall, Joseph Elliott, Charles Cam, W. Nowell, Thomas Loxley, George Johnson, Joseph Levick, Samuel Parker, Fras. Newton, James Hall, Henry Atkin, Henry Mort, William Butcher, George Savage, John Hawksley, Thos. Staniforth, and Thomas Moulson.
  - 15. Decease of Mr. Wm. Wilkinson, Grimesthorpe, aged 62.
  - 16. Moses Farrar and Samuel Nall, concerned in the riot of the 13th, committed for trial to the Sessions, and John Marsden to York. Magistrates warn the public against unlawful meetings, and "express the gratification it has afforded them, in receiving the voluntary offers of many thousands of the working classes, to be sworn in as special constables, to assist in preserving the peace, and in preventing offences against the persons and properties of her Majesty's subjects." Sheffield Yeomanry called out, in consequence of the principal part of the troops in the barracks being called to Macclesfield.
  - —. Decease at Southport, of Mr. Edward Haslehurst, table-knife manufacturer, Washington Works, in the 31st year of his age.
  - 18. Decease of Mr. John Woolhouse, aged 61, late joiner and builder, Sheffield Park.

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- Aug.* 18. Chartists attend the Parish Church in considerable numbers, having requested the Vicar to preach from a particular text. The Vicar announced that he would do so the next Sunday.
- 25. The Vicar preached to the Chartists from the 5th chapter of the Epistle of James, the 1st to the 11th verse.
- 26. Cricket match at Hyde Park, between eleven Sheffield and eleven Leicester players. After three days' play, the Sheffield players scored 209; and the Leicester 163.
- 27. Decease at Boulogne, of Josh. Parkin, Esq., formerly a merchant of Sheffield. He was Master Cutler in 1814.
- 28. Sheffield and Manchester Railway: half-yearly meeting at Sheffield; a very favourable report of the state and prospects of the works was given.
- Decease at Warwick, of Thomas Dunn, Esq., in the 65th year of his age, of the firm of Hounsfeld, Wilson, and Co., the Sheffield Coal Company. Mr. Dunn was Master Cutler, in 1832, and acted as returning officer at the first election for Sheffield.
- Sept.* 1. Guardians of the Poor cease to relieve the debtors in Sheffield and Ecclesall Gaols.
- Chartists again at Church.
- 2. Ecclesall Union Workhouses: Paupers in the houses, 172; week's out-payments, £48. 3s. 8d.
- Borough Bank opened for business.
- 3. Mr. Ebenezer Elliott and Mr. James Wolstenholme accepted as bail for Peter Foden.
- 4. General Quarterly and Special Board of the Governors of the Infirmary: Income of the year less than outlay by £1111. The resolution of the House of Recovery Committee, adopting Mr. W. Flockton's plans for that building, was confirmed by a majority of 7 to 6.
- Meeting of delegates from the various united trades of the town; resolved that they could not, as trades' unions, support the Chartists or any other political party.
- Hackney Coach regulations adopted, by agreement between the Police Commissioners and the hackney coach proprietors.
- 6. Cutlers' Feast: Principal guests: Earl Scarborough, Lord Edward Howard, Lord Morpeth, M.P., Sir Geo. Strickland, M.P., and John Parker, Esq., M.P.
- Decease of Mr. Thos. Elliott, merchant, Victoria street, aged 55.
- 7. Wadsley and Langsett road: Tolls let for £1465; thirteen years ago, they let only for £150.
- Town Trust accounts published: Receipts, £3867; paid into banks, £1846. 15s. 1½d.; expenditure, £2020. 11s. 8d.
- Explosion of the boiler of the High Hazles Colliery; boy killed.
- Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 298; in gaol, 104; week's out-payments, £120.
- 8. Chartists attended Church in considerable numbers, and a disturbance took place.

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- Sept. 9. Meeting to establish a Mechanics' News Room, in connexion with the Reform Association.
- Silent meeting of the Chartists in Paradise square.
- 10. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 75s. 11d. per qr.
- The Vicar, the Rev. J. Gibson, and Churchwardens of the Parish Church, wait upon the Magistrates, at the Town Hall, "to claim the protection of the law against a recurrence of the painful scene which happened in the Parish Church on Sunday," arising out of the attendance of the Chartists.
- 11. William Martin, an Irishman, charged with sedition, in a lecture delivered to the Chartists, in their meeting room, Fig-tree lane, on the 6th September. He was charged with having said, among other things, "If any Magistrate dare issue a warrant against him or his brothers, he would assassinate him, by day or by night; and he further asked, 'Is there a man amongst you who cannot make a blade that will draw blood?'"— Committed to York.
- Another silent meeting of the Chartists in Paradise square; pistol fired, and some panes of glass broken.
- 12. Decease of John Carr, Esq., Springfield house, aged 63.
- Another silent meeting of the Chartists in Paradise square; dispersed by the military and police; assembled again at Doctor's field, and again dispersed; much throwing of stones, but no lives lost, nor any seriously hurt; 36 prisoners taken.
- 14. Accounts of the Society for Bettering the Condition of the Poor: Receipts, £334; expenditure, £287; relieved in clothing, 1878 cases; in money and food, 1162; sick, 892; depositors, 177; total, 4109 cases.
- Wesleyan Centenary Fund: Treasurer acknowledges, among the first instalments of the Centenary Fund, £3827. 17s. from the Sheffield district.
- The prisoners taken on Thursday night (12th,) examined by the Magistrates; Robert Cox, George Gallimore, Joseph Lingard, James Bartholomew, Joshua Clayford, and Thomas Powell, committed to York, but allowed bail; a number of others were required to enter into recognizances, and find sureties to keep the peace. Thomas Mason, charged with the disturbance in the Church on Sunday, was held to bail to appear at the Sessions.
- 15. Armed policemen stationed at the Churchyard gates, and in the Church, to prevent disturbance. In the afternoon and evening, the Chartists met at Sky Edge.
- 16. The remaining rioters of the 12th examined: William Robinson and Joseph Jowitt committed to the Sessions; the rest required to find sureties for their keeping the peace.
- In the evening, the Chartists had another meeting at Sky Edge.
- Revising Barristers' Court at Sheffield: County lists; new claims: Reformers, 178; Tories, 92; doubtful,

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10. Struck off: Reformers, 187; Tories, 47; doubtful, 10.
- Sept, 18. Another Chartist meeting to be held at Sky Edge, but preparations having been made to disperse it, and it becoming known that ball cartridge had been served out to the troops, the meeting did not take place.
- Revising Barristers' Court at Rotherham: New claims: Reformers, 31; Tories, 21. Struck off: Reformers, 33; Tories, 26.
- 19. Decease of Mr. William Mosely, aged 77.
- Rain: The following table shows the fall of rain that has taken place this year, compared with the years 1837 and 1838, up to the 19th September in each year. From the 1st June to the 19th September, 1839, there fell 12.90 inches of rain, or nearly 13 inches; whilst in the same month of last year, wet as the summer was, there only fell 6.18 inches—less than one-half. In the month of September this year, there has fallen *sixteen* times as much rain as in the same month of last year:—
- |                       | 1837.     | 1838.     | 1839.    |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| January .....         | 0.25in .. | 1.83 in.. | 1.08 in. |
| February .....        | 0.74 ..   | 2.80 ..   | 1.00     |
| March .....           | 0.80 ..   | 1.44 ..   | 1.22     |
| April .....           | 0.14 ..   | 1.61 ..   | 0.50     |
| May .....             | 0.14 ..   | 3.65 ..   | 0.56     |
| June .....            | 1.15 ..   | 2.07 ..   | 3.20     |
| July .....            | 1.11 ..   | 2.05 ..   | 4.40     |
| August .....          | 1.46 ..   | 1.89 ..   | 2.56     |
| September, up to 19th | 1.04 ..   | .17 ..    | 2.74     |
| Total quantity ..     | 6.83 ..   | 17.51 ..  | 17.26    |
- 20. Aggregate average of wheat, 71s. 3d.; duty, 1s. per qr.
- 21. Very little progress made in this neighbourhood with the harvest, in consequence of its lateness, and the wetness of the season.
- Prospectus for the formation of a Cemetery Company in Rotherham; capital, £2500, in £10 shares.
- 23. Martha Bagshaw, servant of Mr. John Marshall, inn-keeper, Grimsthorpe, committed to York, charged with the murder of her new-born illegitimate child.
- Rotherham Cemetery: Plan approved by a public meeting, and a committee appointed.
- Decease of Mr. Geo. Pinder, saw manufacturer, aged 24.
- 2 Wolstenholme, late delegate of the Sheffield Chartists to the Convention, and ——— Chatterton, their secretary, sailed for the United States.
- 30. Decease, at Broomhead Hall, of James Rimington, Esq., A.M., one of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace and Quorum, and Deputy Lieutenant for the West-Riding of the county of York.
- Oct. 1. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 75s. 8d. per quarter.
- Mr. James Jackson, Regent terrace, and Mr. Isaac Ironside, accepted as bail for Charles Fox.



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- Oct. 2. Annual meeting of the Infirmary, Earl Fitzwilliam in the chair. The committee of the House of Recovery having declined to proceed with the work, unless their adoption of Mr. Flockton's plans were approved by a greater majority than at their last meeting, (Sep. 4,) the former resolution was confirmed by 20 to 9; an amendment having been negatived by 19 to 7. No anniversary dinner this year.
- 3. Decease of Mr. Samuel Woodcock, brush maker and timber merchant, aged 51.
  - 5. Decease of Mr. John Pagdin, of the firm of Pagdin and Sons, Howard street.
  - Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 333; in gaols, 54; week's out-payments, £111. 2s. 9d.
  - 6. Decease of Mr. Samuel Goodison, grocer, Castle street, aged 60.
  - 7. Ecclesiastical Union Workhouse: Paupers in the house, 176; out-payments for the week, £47. 17s. 5d.
  - 12. Address to the public, from the committee of the Mechanics' Institute, soliciting aid to build a Mechanics' Hall.
  - The crops in this neighbourhood, excepting barley, are now secured; but in high and cold situations, the harvest is still in progress.—*Independent*.
  - 15. Decease of Mr. John Johnson, Gibraltar street, aged 77 years. Mr. Johnson was the oldest carrier in Sheffield, having conveyed goods to and from Manchester and Liverpool nearly sixty years.
  - 17. Annual dinner of the Sheffield Licensed Victuallers' Society, held at Mr. Oldfield's, Pheasant Inn, Park. Mr. Saville, president.
  - 18. Decease of Mr. Ward, late of the firm of Bawer and Ward, High street.
  - 19. Decease of Mr. James Briggs, Newcastle-on-Tyne, formerly of Sheffield.
  - 21. Meeting at the National School to form a Church of England Mutual Instruction Society.
  - 22. Sheffield Sessions: License granted to Messrs. Gedge and Lacy, for the Theatre, Mr. Hammond, the late lessee, having taken Drury lane, London. License refused to Mr. Parish, for the Circus.
  - 24. Moses Farrar found guilty of rioting on the 13th August; Samuel Nall and Wm. Robinson, the first on the 13th August, the other on the 12th September; Farrar sentenced to three months imprisonment; Nall and Robinson to one month each; each of the three to find sureties for their good behaviour for one year. Mason, held to bail for the disturbance at the Church, did not appear, to take his trial. No evidence offered against Joseph Jowitt.
  - 25. Sheffield and Manchester Railway: Special meeting to determine on the expediency of enforcing the payment of arrears on the calls already made. After a statement of the circumstances, by Lord Wharnccliffe, the chair-

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man, it was resolved to leave the matter to the discretion of the directors.

*Oct. 25.* Celebration, by devotional services, of the centenary of Methodism.

— Excessive rain for several days.

— 28. Decease of Mr. John Hall, merchant, aged 43.

— Annual meeting of the Mechanics' Institute, reported that the building fund amounted to £1400: resolved to have another exhibition next year, to augment this fund.

— 29. Thomas Mason given up by his sureties, and brought before the magistrates, on a bench warrant. Committed for trial at Doncaster Sessions.

*Nov. 1.* Harvest deficient in quantity and quality; but the bad quality of much of the corn keeps down the averages. Aggregate average of wheat, 67s. 8d.; duty, 18s. 8d.

— London morning papers arrive at half past five, P.M.

— 2. Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 363; in the gaols, 8; week's out payments, £103. 5s. 6d.

— 4. Ecclesall Union Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 180; week's out payments, £50. 19s. 3d.

— 7. Meeting of working men, connected with the different trades of the town, formed an Anti-Corn Law committee.

— 8. Decease of Mr. Joseph Andrews, grocer, Furnace hill.

— *Marples v. Plant*: Rule for a new trial in this case (tried at the Summer Assizes) obtained.

— 9. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Number of passengers carried from November 1st, 1838, to October 31st, 1839, both days inclusive:—1838.—November, 37,876; December, 44,614. 1839.—January, 28,071; February, 27,729; March, 30,034; April, 38,109; May, 50,325; June, 37,500; July, 43,358; August, 39,882; September 41,801; October, 36,076: making a total of 455,375. Average of the year's traffic, nearly 1250 per day. The greatest number carried in one day, 7350. The stamp duty for the last half year's passengers amounted to £641. 19s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., being at the rate of 1d. for every eight passengers carried one mile. The stamp duty return for the month of October last, is 169,636 passengers conveyed one mile. Taking intervals of three successive days in every month of last year, on which the greatest number travelled, exclusive of the public weeks mentioned below, will shew as follows: November, 8948; December, 5262; January, 4105; February, 5211; March, 7493; April, 5798; May, 5048; June, 5536; July, 6301; August, 6177; September, 5449; October, 6133. Five of the largest weeks were—1838.—November (Sheffield winter fair), 11,233; December (Christmas), 20,725. 1839.—May (Whitsuntide), 19,141; ditto (Sheffield summer fair), 14,212; September (Doncaster races), 11,215.

— 12. Decease of the Rev. E. W. Miller, formerly a travelling preacher among the Wesleyans, and of late years stationed as a supernumerary in the Sheffield West Circuit.

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- Nov. 13. Meeting in the Music Hall, of the Protestant and Reformation Society; addressed by the Rev. R. J. M'Ghee, of Dublin, and the Rev. Hugh M'Neill, of Liverpool.
- 15. Sheffield Gas Company: Shares sold by auction at £37.
- 17. Decease of Mr. G. Hunter, Golden Fleece Inn, New Haymarket, aged 51.
- 20. Sheffield and Manchester Railway Company make a call (the fifth) of £5 per share.
- Decease of Mr. Joseph Smith, aged 76, of Uppertorpe, many years an edge tool manufacturer, in Carver street.
- 23. The Queen declares to her Privy Council her intention to marry Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha.
- Decease of Mr. Timothy Millington, formerly of Holly street, hat manufacturer, aged 66: Bequeathed the interest of £300, to be annually paid to the minister of St. Philip's church, for the benefit of the British and Foreign Bible Society.
- 25. Decease of Mr. Thomas Hammerton, Ben Lomond tavern, aged 76.
- Chartist meeting announced to be held in the room, Fig-tree lane, to elect a delegate to a new convention, at Newcastle, but prevented by the Magistrates.
- Attempt to set fire to St. Mary's Church, by throwing through one of the windows inflammable materials.
- Presentation to the Rev. H. H. Piper, of Norton, of a magnificent silver inkstand, and 100 sovereigns, "contributed by several of his Unitarian friends in Sheffield and the neighbourhood, as a mark of the high opinion they entertained of his talent in the late controversy with the Rev. Thomas Best." The controversy consisted of a series of letters in the *Mercury* and *Iris*, on Unitarianism.
- 26. Torch-light meeting at Sky Edge, but broke up before the Magistrates and the military reached the place. Torch lights afterwards seen at Spital hill, and three persons apprehended.
- 28. Decease, at Edge Bank, of Matt. Furniss, Esq., aged 72.
- 29. Three young men charged with having been at the meetings at Sky Edge, or Spital hill, on the 26th: Examined by the Magistrates, but discharged.
- John Bradshaw charged as a fraudulent bankrupt: After several examinations, required to find bail to answer the charge at York assizes.
30. H. S. Stanhope, Esq., of Cannon Hall, appointed Commissioner of Bankrupts, vice the late James Rimington, Esq.
- Dec. 1. Decease of Mr. Wm. Norman, of Rotherham, chemist, aged 47.
- Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Passengers during the month, ending this day, 29,541.
- 2. Mr. Sydney Smith, lecturer on the corn laws, delivered the first of two lectures at the Town Hall.
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 65s. 9d. per quarter.

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- Dec.* 2. Ecclesall Union Poorhouses: Paupers in the houses, 186; week's out payments, £53. 14s. 8d.
- 3. Mr. Smith's second lecture: Some opposition made by the Chartists to the resolutions proposed afterwards, but they were out-numbered by an immense majority.
- Decease of Mr. Thomas Walker, butcher and farmer, Ecclesfield, aged 36.
- 5. General reduction of Postages, above fourpence, to that sum, preparatory to the adoption of the Penny Postage.
- 6. Aggregate average price of wheat, 67s. 5d.; duty, 18s. 8d. per quarter.
- 7. Decease of Mr. John Heppenstall, of Upperthorpe, aged 55.
- Sheffield Poorhouse: Paupers in the house, 327; in gaol, 1; out-payments, £124. 3s.
- 9. Mechanics' Institute adopt a rule "excluding lectures and discussions on controversial theology and party politics," for the sake of embodying in an express rule, a principle acted on from the first formation of the Institute.
- 13. First sitting of the Rotherham Court of Requests, for debts not exceeding £15. Steward, Fras. Maude, Esq.
- 14. Sheffield and Hallamshire Saving Bank: Accounts published; total deposits to 20th November, £152,354. Individual depositors, 5008; societies depositing, 40.
- Address of the Working Men of Sheffield to the Working Classes of the United Kingdom against the Corn Laws.
- 15. Decease of Mr. Samuel Frith, of the Barrack Tavern, aged 60.
- 16. Meeting of Sheffield manufacturers to memorialise the government on the subject of admitting American flour, duty free, for 12 months. It was stated that the Americans owed to the manufacturers of Sheffield, £600,000, and "that in consequence of the present deranged state of the Money market, of which there is no early prospect of improvement, the debtors in America are wholly unable to pay off the amounts they owe, and dare not order further supplies of English goods, although such are wanted, and the consequence is, that your memorialists, in common with other manufacturers throughout the kingdom, are compelled to cease to employ their workmen, and to lose their profits on their capital invested in buildings and machinery; and the masses of the working classes are necessarily driven to have recourse to parochial relief—a state of affairs which, unless speedily remedied, must bring loss and ruin to the capitalist and manufacturer, and daily increasing want and misery to the lower ranks of society."
- Decease of Mr. Ebenezer Rhodes, in the 77th year of his age. Mr. Rhodes was Master Cutler in 1808, and to the time of his death, took an active part in the affairs of the Cutlers' Company. He was distinguished as a

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literary man, being the author of "Peak Scenery," (embellished with views by his friend, Sir Francis Chantry,) "The Palace of the Peak," and other works. He was an occasional contributor to a few of our periodicals, and edited the *Sheffield Independent* for several years, soon after its establishment. As a connoisseur in the fine arts, Mr. Rhodes was much distinguished.

- Dec. 19. Decease of Mr. George Hall, New George street, Sheffield moor, aged 54.  
 —. Decease of Mr. Thomas Cooper, tanner and grocer, High street and Neepsend.  
 — 30. Sheffield Infirmary: Mrs. Hannah Barker elected matron, vice Miss Fentem, resigned.

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CONTINUATION

OF THE

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- Jan.* 1. Anti-Corn Law Meeting, in the New Circus, adjourned to Paradise square. Opposed by Chartists; but the resolutions, and a petition, [for the repeal of the Corn Law, were adopted. Meeting attended by the Members for the borough.
- Interments in Sheffield Cemetery: 1838, 172; 1839, 202.
- 2. Public Dinner to the Borough Members.
- 3. Sheffield Union: Paupers in the house, 373; week's payments to casual poor, £52. 7s.
- 3. Literary and Philosophical Society: Dr. Knight, president; Messrs. H. Boulton and W. Lucas, secretaries.
- 6. Ecclesall Union: Paupers in the houses, 225; week's payments to out-poor, £50. 5s. 4d.
- 7. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, £3. 7s. 9d.
- 8. John Frost found guilty, at Monmouth, after six days' trial, of high treason.
- Decease of the Rev. W. Moorhouse, aged 61, late of West Melton.
- Thomas Mason found guilty, at Doncaster Sessions, of disturbance in the Parish Church of Sheffield, arising out of the attendance of the Chartists, in great numbers, at the church, on the 8th of September. Two months' imprisonment.
- 10. Decease, at Wincobank, of W. F. Rawson, Esq., aged 66.
- Penny Postage came into operation.
- 11. Chartist conspiracy to take and burn the town, during the night, frustrated. The Magistrates, police, and military, were on the alert, and at midnight, the leader of the insurrection, Samuel Holberry, was apprehended in his house, in Eyre lane, where a quantity of hand grenades and other combustibles were found. Some of the party, however, mustered, and encountered single watchmen, two or three of whom were wounded, but not fatally, and others were shot at. A number of prisoners were taken by the military and police.
- 12. Decease of Mr. Joshua Gillatt, druggist, Market place.
- 13. Great muster of Anti-Corn Law Delegates, at Manchester.
- Samuel and Mary Holberry, Thomas Booker, and William his son, Samuel Foxall, and Samuel Thompson, exa-

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mined by the Magistrates on a charge of high treason. The table of the Court was covered with spears, daggers, fire-arms, bomb-shells, hand grenades, ball cartridges, and fire-balls.

- Jan. 14. Examination of the prisoners resumed, when Samuel Thompson, son of the prisoner of the same name, gave evidence of the designs and plans of the Chartist, of whom he had been one of the class leaders. The charge of high treason was then limited to Holberry and Thomas Booker, who were committed on the charge, and, at the close of the examination, sent under a military escort to York Castle. Mary Holberry and Thompson, sen., were discharged. Wm. Wells, a young man respectably connected, was admitted to give evidence; but as he appeared not to speak the truth, he was remanded.
- 16. John Frost, Zephaniah Williams, and Wm. Jones, convicted of high treason, at Monmouth, were sentenced to death; but a point of law was reserved for the consideration of the Judges.
  - 17. Resumed examination of the Chartists, when Wells appeared as a prisoner, and Samuel Foxall was admitted as a witness. The prisoners were again remanded to Monday.
  - 18. In consequence of the excitement produced by the Chartist alarms, the number of the *Independent* printed this day was 4,600.
  - Decease of Mr. Henry Osborne, Attercliffe, aged 37.
  - 20. Resumed examination of the Chartists; Earl Fitzwilliam presiding. John Clayton, Wm. Booker, John Marshall, Thos. Penthorpe, Joseph Bennison, Wm. Wells, and James Duffy, were committed to York, charged with conspiracy.
  - Registered Births, in the Sheffield Union, from July to December, 1839, 1709; deaths ditto, 1416.
  - 24. Ann Law committed to York, charged with an attempt to murder her daughter, a little girl, by throwing her into the water, near Rivelin Mill.
  - 25. The Anti-Corn Law petition sent to Parliament, with 11,500 signatures.
  - 29. A majority of the Judges decided that the legal objection in the case of Frost, Williams, and Jones, would have been good if made in time, but was not in time when made. The sentence was commuted to that of transportation.
- Feb. 1. Sheffield Union: Paupers in the house, 408; week's payment to casual poor, £100.
- 3. Ecclesall Union; Puapers in the houses, 238; week's outpayments, £69.
  - 4. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 55s. 10d.
  - 5. The salary of Mr. Raynor, the Surveyor of the Police, raised from 200 to 300 guineas a year. Thanks were



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also voted to the Royal Dragoons, to the West Riding Yeomanry, and to the constables, police, and watchmen, for their services in the late disturbances.

- Feb.* 10. The Marriage of the Queen celebrated by a Soirée, at the Cutlers' Hall, a ball, and other entertainments. The same night, stacks belonging to Mr. Wm. Vickers, Firs hill; Miss Genn, Skinnerthorpe; and Mr. Fearnley, of Norwood, were set on fire by incendiaries, and burnt.
- 10. Decease, at Barbadoes, of the Rev. Joseph Hellewell, a native of Sheffield.
- 12. Half-yearly Meeting of the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: dividend of 15s. per share.
- 18. Decease of Mr. Richard Holdsworth, of Old Park Mills, aged 69.
- Mr. James Pringle, clerk to the Collector of Excise, examined before the Magistrates, on a charge of forging the receipts of pensioners, to defraud the Chelsea Hospital.
- 19. Examination of James Pringle concluded. Committed for trial at the Assizes, but allowed bail.
- 23. Decease of John Mellor Sheldon, Esq., of Machon bank.
- 27. Sheffield and Manchester Railway: Directors report that, in consequence of a misunderstanding with Mr. Vignoles, the engineer of the line, he had resigned, and had been succeeded by Mr. Locke.
- March* 2. Ecclesall Union: Paupers in houses, 259; week's out-payments, £62.
- 4. Resolutions of the Magistrates communicated to the Police Commissioners, suggesting an application to Government to propose a bill, authorizing the appointment of a Police Magistrate and Commissioner, and a police office, for the borough. The Watch Committee were requested to confer with the Magistrates on the subject.
- 5. Anti-Corn Law Meeting held at Rotherham.
- 7. Sheffield Union: Paupers in the house, 436; week's out-payments, £111.
- Decease, at Bombay, in the 33rd year of his age, Francis Darling Bagshawe, Esq., Captain of the 5th Regiment Bombay N.I., Sub-Assistant Commissary General, 7th son of the late Sir W. C. Bagshawe, of the Oakes.
- George Jenkinson found guilty, at York, of the highway robbery, with violence, of Peter M'Kinnell. Sentence of death recorded.
- 11. Discussion at the Theatre, between Wm. Ibbotson, Esq., and Dr. Holland, on the Corn Laws.
- 13. Martha Bagshaw found guilty of concealing the birth of her illegitimate child. Twelve months' imprisonment.
- 14. Dr. Holland, in the public papers, challenges H. G. Ward, Esq., M.P., to a discussion on the Corn Law, on several days, with an interval of three weeks between each.

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- Mar. 14. James Pringle found guilty of the forgery of pensioners' receipts. Fourteen years' transportation.
- 16. Samuel Holberry, Thomas Booker, Wm. Booker, and James Duffy, found guilty of a seditious conspiracy, at Sheffield.
- 17. Wm. Wells, John Clayton, John Marshall, Thomas Penthorpe, and Joseph Bennison, pleaded guilty of riot and conspiracy, at Sheffield, in January. Charles Fox pleaded guilty of a similar offence, in August. Robert Cox, Geo. Gallimore, James Bartholomew, Joseph Lingard, Thos. Powls, and Joshua Clayford, charged with riot and conspiracy, at Sheffield, on the 12th September, were acquitted. John Marsden pleaded guilty of riot, at Sheffield, on the 13th August: one week's imprisonment, and to be bound over to keep the peace. Wm. Martin, found guilty of using seditious language, at Sheffield, on the 6th September. Feargus O'Connor, also, was found guilty, on an *ex officio* information, of publishing a seditious libel.
- 18. Meeting of Police Commissioners: Resolutions, agreed to at the conference of the Watch Committee with the Magistrates, were reported with the heads of a proposed Bill; ordered to be printed, and considered at the meeting in April.
- 21. Mr. Ward, M.P., declines Dr. Holland's challenge, on the ground that the discussion could do no public good, and that all the inconveniences would be on his side.
- 21. Sentences on the Chartists at York: Samuel Holberry, four years; Thomas Booker, three years; and Wm. Booker, two years' imprisonment in Northallerton House of Correction; and then to find sureties to keep the peace. Clayton, Marshall, Penthorpe, and Bennison, two years' each, at Northallerton, and then bound over to keep the peace. In Beverley House of Correction, James Duffy, three years, and then sureties; and William Wells, one year, and bound to keep the peace. Martin, 12 months at Northallerton, and bound to keep the peace. Fox, one week's imprisonment, and bound to keep the peace. All the recognizances for three years.
- Ann Law found guilty of an attempt to murder her child. 18 months' imprisonment.
- 25. Accounts of Highway Surveyors: Receipts, £8920; balance to new Board, £668.
- 28. Thirty-four Anti-Corn Law petitions sent to parliament from Sheffield and the neighbourhood, with 19,000 signatures.
- 30. Meeting of those friendly to Church Extension to petition in its favour.
- 31. Passengers of the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway, for three months ending this day, 86,558; same three months of 1839, 85,328.

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- April 1.* Police Commissioners, on the motion of James Montgomery, Esq., resolve that it is not expedient, under existing circumstances, to adopt the course recommended by the Magistrates.
- After a long cold and wet season, the weather became very fine, and vegetation during this month and May advanced in great rapidity.
- 2. Decease of Mr. Robert Brightmore, aged 66.
- 7. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 65s. 10d.
- Ecclesall Union: Paupers in the houses, 246; week's out-payments, £65.
- 8. At Pontefract Sessions, the subject of the adoption of the Constabulary Force for the West-Riding, was adjourned to the 22nd Sept. Lord Wharnccliffe deprecated its adoption until the opinion of the ratepayers should have been expressed.
- 11. Sheffield Union: Paupers in the house, 441; week's payments to the casual poor, £120.
- Decease of Mr. James Graham, Mill Sands, aged 64.
- 13. Decease of Mr. Henry Woodward, of Burgess street, aged 57.
- Decease of Mr. Benjamin Wild, pearl scale cutter, of Scotland street, aged 50.
- 16. Decease of Harry, second son of Mr. J. H. Abraham, F. L. S.
- 19. Decease of George Henry, only son of Verdon Brittain, Esq., aged 25.
- 22. Public Meeting to petition against Church Extension.
- 23. Decease of Mr. Joseph Spooner, of Walkley, aged 52.
- 25. Meeting of Ratepayers of Rotherham elect police inspectors, and grant a rate of £200.
- 27. Decease of Mr. Hewan Houlst, aged 67; formerly of the firm of Tate, Houlst, Smith, and Tate, silver platers.
- 28. Decease of Mr. Henry Fenton, of the firm of Fenton and Marsden, aged 52.
- May 2.* Sheffield Union: Paupers in the house, 467; week's payment to casual poor, 177. Great distress prevalent. Many destitute workmen employed on the Duke of Norfolk's property, and by various gentlemen in the neighbourhood.
- 4. Ecclesall Union: Paupers in the houses, 256; week's payments to out poor, £71.
- 5. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 64s. 5d.
- 6. Postage Stamps and Covers come into use.
- 7. A piece of plate presented to Lieut.-Col. Marten, of the Royal Dragoons, in acknowledgment of the services rendered by himself and his troops during last winter.
- 11. The North Midland opened from Derby to Masbro'.
- Feargus O'Connor sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment in York Castle, and then to find sureties for his good behaviour for two years.
- 13. Special General Meeting of the Proprietors of the Botani-

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cal Gardens, to consider the propriety of rescinding the rule that keeps them closed on the Sunday. A motion to that effect was lost by 193 to 132.

- May* 18. Decease of Mr. John Stevenson, aged 78. He was a zealous advocate for the instruction of the poor, and for more than forty years a teacher in Sunday Schools.
- Wm. Bowdler committed to Derby Assizes for the highway robbery of Reuben Rodgers, of Norton, in Derbyshire lane. (Transported for ten years.)
- 20. Decease of G. F. Karstadt, Esq., aged 53.
- Fire in the south-west tower of York Minster.
- 21. Decease of Mr. John Hasland, aged 74, of the firm of Hasland and Berley, Upper Heeley.
- 24. Decease of Mr. Wm. Oxley, late of Furnace hill, iron-founder, aged 66.
- 25. Decease at Islington, of the Rev. James Mather, formerly minister of Howard street Chapel.
- 28. Decease at Heeley, of Mr. W. Stanley, aged 71.
- 30. Decease at Mearsbrook, of Lieut.-Colonel Bohun Shore, late of the 4th Dragoons, aged 77.
- June* 1. Opening of the second Exhibition of the Sheffield Mechanics' Institute.
- 6. Sheffield Union: Paupers in the house, 459; week's payments to casual poor, £179.
- Ecclesall Union: Paupers in the houses, 236; out-payments, £79.
- Fine weather causes decline in the price of corn.
- 8. Decease of Mr. Wm. Rodgers, formerly of the George Inn, aged 52.
- 9. Decease of Mr. Thomas Booker, Change alley, collector.
- 10. The Queen and Prince Albert shot at by Edward Oxford, in Hyde Park.
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 60s. 3d.
- 12. John Lee committed to York on a charge of destroying machinery at the Old Water wheel, Blomk street.
- 13. Decease of Mr. Spilling, surgeon, Ecclesfield, aged 54.
- 17. The London mail due at 8 h. 15 m., a.m., and despatched at 6 h. 45 m. p.m.
- 19. Courvoisier found guilty of the murder of his master, Lord William Russell.
- 21. Decease of Mr. Joseph Ingall, surgeon, Gell street.
- 22. Special Meeting of members of the Mechanics' Institution resolved to purchase a site for building upon, and elected trustees.
- 23. James Martin committed to York, charged with breaking into the Industry Inn, in the Park.
- 24. Church rate granted at Rotherham.
- Decease of Mr. Robert Hunter, Intake, aged 79.
- 27. Unfavourable weather depressing the hopes of a good harvest.
- 29. Decease of Mr. Wm. Major, saddler, Corn Exchange, aged 52.

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*June 30.* Opening of the entire line of the North Midland.

*July 1.* Decease of Mr. Owen, draper, aged 63.

- Annual Meeting of the Dispensary: Patients during the year, 3045; cured, 1779, and many relieved. The Earl of Surrey elected president. Resolved to appoint an assistant surgeon-accoucheur.
- Births registered in the Sheffield district, from January to June, 1943; deaths, 1194.
- 2. Decease of Mr. John Wild, Brown Bear, Norfolk street, aged 53.
- 3. New Gas Company: Dividend declared of 29s. on each share; £22 paid up.
- 4. Sheffield Union: Paupers in the house, 452; week's payments to the casual poor, £148.
- 6. Annual Meeting of Mechanics' Library—resolved to expel certain books that had been found to be subversive of the principles of the Christian religion.
- Execution of Courvoisier.
- Ecclesall Union: Paupers in the houses, 227; week's out-payments, £73.
- 7. Decease of Mr. John Worrall, land valuer, of Ughill, aged 61.
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 63s. 3d.
- 10. Oxford found guilty of high treason, being insane.
- 11. In answer to a petition from certain inhabitants of Sheffield, praying for commutation of sentence, in the case of James Pringle, the Secretary of State expresses his inability, after consulting the presiding Judge, to recommend the prisoner to the mercy of the Queen.
- 15. Decease of Mr. Jas. McMoran, merchant, Glossop road.
- 17. James Martin found guilty, at York, of the robbery of the Industry Inn, Park. 15 years' transportation.
- John Lee found guilty of breaking machinery at Sheffield. One year's imprisonment.
- Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank: Dividend of 7½ per cent.
- 20. Decease of Samuel Younge, Esq., Brindcliffe edge, in the 80th year of his age.
- 23. Wm. Hargott found guilty, at York, of stabbing Samuel Cutler, at Sheffield, sentenced to two years' imprisonment.
- 24. Decease of Mr. Joseph Snidall, of Wellington street, aged 62.
- 25. Sheffield Police Accounts: Receipts, £7390; balance, £18.
- 28. Decease of the Earl of Durham.
- 29. Mr. Turton elected assistant surgeon-accoucheur to the Dispensary.
- 30. Harvest commenced in the south with favourable weather.
- Aug. 3.* Ecclesall Union: Paupers in the houses, 235; week's outpayments, £75.
- Messrs. Jon. Roebuck, John Nanson, Wm. Warburton, Joseph Mappin, Thos. Jessop, E. B. Schofield, Josiah Davy, Robt. Daff, Joseph Stevenson, Charles Fox, John

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Fordham, Geo. Holden, and Wm. Jenkinson, elected Police Commissioners.

- Aug.* 4. Decease of John Stansfield, M.D., aged 60 years.  
 —. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 66s. 9d.  
 — 6. James and Aarou Hibbert found not guilty, at Derby Assizes, of the murder of Wm. Coggin, tenter to Sir George Sitwell.  
 — 7. Action for libel, by Mr. Holworthy, of Hathersage, against the *Sheffield Iris*, tried at Derby Assizes. The defence was abandoned, an apology given, and a verdict recorded of 40s. damages, with all costs.  
 — 8. Sheffield Union: Paupers in the house, 447; week's payments to casual poor, £162.  
 —. Decease of Mr. Edward Jackson, of the Highway Office, aged 45.  
 —. Harvest proceeding favourably.  
 — 11. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Dividend of 15s. per share, on the old shares, declared.  
 —. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 71s. 4d.  
 — 13. James Moorhouse, Esq., chosen Master Cutler for the ensuing year; Messrs. T. Ellin, jun., and G. Wostenholme, Wardens.  
 — 22. Decease of Mr. Wm. Barber, of Barber Nook, cattle dealer, aged 62.  
 —. Decease of Mr. James Taylor, of Eldon street, scissor manufacturer.  
 —. Decease of Mr. Wm. Pearson Slack, aged 50, for more than 30 years coachman on the Doncaster road.  
 — 22. London mail arrives at 6h. 4m. a.m., and despatched at 7h. 45m. p.m.  
 — 25. Discussion on Teetotalism, at Rotherham, between the Rev. James Bromley and Mr. F. R. Lees, of Leeds.  
 — 28. The harvest proceeding favourably, but the duty on foreign wheat brought down, by the intrigues of the dealers, to 2s. 8d. per quarter.  
 -- 28. James Dawson, as principal, and John Marton and Wm. Backs, as seconds, found guilty of the manslaughter of Felix Gallaghy, in a pitched battle near Hyde park.  
 — 30. The Rev. S. Langston's farewell sermon to the congregation of St. George's Church, after fifteen years' ministrations. Succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Mercer.  
 — 31. Sheffield and Manchester Railway: Half-yearly Meeting. John Parker, Esq., M.P., becomes Chairman of the Company, in consequence of the resignation of Lord Wharnccliffe.
- Sept.* 1. Presentation to the Cutlers' Company of a Portrait of the Duke of Norfolk, by the subscribers to the purchase of the painting.  
 — 2. Commencement of a discussion on Socialism, between Mr. Brindley and Mr. Campbell, the Socialist missionary.  
 —. Decease, at Moor Lodge, Ackworth, of Mr. Favell, aged 73, many years surgeon in Sheffield.

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- Sept.* 2. Annual Meeting of the Governors of the Infirmary. The year's expenditure had exceeded the receipts from all sources, by £275.
- 3. Cutlers' Feast: Principal guests, the Earls Fitzwilliam and Scarborough; Sir Geo. Strickland, M.P., John Parker, Esq., M.P., and H. G. Knight, Esq., M.P.; the Hon. J. S. Wortley, the Hon. Mr. Thompson, and the Rev. Mr. Simpson.
- 7. Ecclesall Union: Paupers in the houses, 244; week's outpayments, £97. The corresponding week of last year, £47.
- 8. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 60s. 11d.
- 12. Sheffield Union: Paupers in the house, 429; week's payments to casual poor, £160.
- 9. Decease of Mr. Zechariah Belcher, of Bright st., aged 76.
- 12. Able-bodied men chargeable to the township of Sheffield: Spring knife cutlers, 91; table knife hafters, 37; forgers, 11..48. File cutters, 20; forgers, 4..24. Pen blade grinders, 12; forgers, 7..19. Scissor grinders, 6; strikers, 5; forgers, 3; filers, 2..16. Scale cutters, 14; pressers, 2..16. Scale and spring makers, 9. Razor smiths, 3; blade grinders, 3; maker, 1..7. Fork grinders, 5; maker, 1..6. Comb makers, 5. Edge tool hardners, 4. Castors, 3. Saw makers, 3. Whitesmiths, 3. Fender smiths, spectacle frame makers, scissor borers, silver hafting cutlers, silver-smiths, and white metal smiths, of each 2. Brace bit makers, brace bit grinders, turners, ivory cutters, stove grate fitters, stove grate grinders, German silver buffers, spoon makers, die dressers, button turners, saw handle makers, teapot handle makers, carver fork guarders, and nail cutters, of each 1..14. Labourers, 8. Joiners, slaters, grocers, and coopers, of each 1..4. — Total, 292.
- 13. M. Deneux killed on the North Midland, near Bull Bridge, by an accident caused by the breaking of an axle. A Mr. Wright, of London, died a few days afterwards, from the effects of the same accident.
- 16. Revising Barristers' Court, at Sheffield: New claims by Liberals, 199; Tories struck off, 60; total, 259. New Claims by Tories, 88; Liberals struck off, 161; total, 249. Balance in favour of the Liberals, 10.
- 18. Decease of Mr. Joseph Elliott, aged 83, of the late firm of Blagden, Hodgson, and Co., silver platers.
- 19. Decease of Mr. John Richardson, aged 91, formerly Master of the Park Free School, and Paymaster Sergeant of the Sheffield Volunteers.
- Close of the Mechanics' Exhibition, having been visited by 61,631 persons.
- 21. Decease of Mr. Thomas Goulden, gent., Hoyle street, aged 58.
- 22. Special Sessions at Wakefield: Many petitions presented

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against the adoption of the Constabulary Force Bills, in the West Riding. Resolutions of Lord Wharnccliffe, to apply the bills to the populous and manufacturing parts of the Riding, carried, and a Committee appointed to consider the extent and boundaries of the police division.

- Sept.* 24. Decease of Mr. Antipas Stevens, aged 63, of the firm of George Drabble and Co.
- 28. An excursion train, of about 70 carriages, with 5 engines, and several thousand passengers, went to Leeds, and returned in safety.
  - 30. Opening of the organ of St. Philip's Church, with Cathedral services.
- Oct.* 3. Decease of the Rev. Francis Parker, perpetual curate of Dore, aged 79.
- 3. Workmen of Messrs. Joseph Rodgers and Sons: 521 men having been in their employ from 2 to 55 years, making a total of 4600 years.
  - 5. Ecclesall Union: Paupers in the houses, 252; week's outpayments, £82.
  - 6. Average price of wheat, in Sheffield, 64s. 11d.
  - 7. Meeting of Police Commissioners. Letter read from H. Parker, Esq., pointing out the effect of the resolutions of the Magistrates, on the 22nd September, and recommending measures to obtain a Charter of Incorporation for Sheffield. Resolved to request the Master Cutler to call a public meeting.
  - 9. Decease of Mr. Joseph Girdler, of Stand House, Park, aged 68.
  - 10. Town Trustees' Accounts published, for year ending 10th May, 1840. Balance of last year's accounts, £2769. 19s. 2d; receipts of year, £3777. 18s. 9d.; total, £6545. 17s. 11d. Payments of the year (including £4183 to owners of property, for improvements,) £5675. 1s. 4d. Balance in hand, £870. 16s. 7d.
  - 10. Sheffield Union: Paupers in the house, 464; week's casual pay, £152.
  - 12. Mr. Acland, lecturer of the National Anti-Corn Law League, commences a course of six lectures in Sheffield, each lecture followed by discussions with Chartist and Socialist opponents.
  - 16. Decease of Mr. Thomas Woofinden, aged 77, formerly of the Bull and Mouth Inn.
  - 18. Decease, at Ashford, aged 74, of Mrs. Sterndale, formerly of Sheffield, authoress of the "Panorama of Youth," "The Life of a Boy," and "Derbyshire Vignette."
  - 19. Decease of Mr. Wall Lynn, aged 52, manager of the Pond street Brewery.
  - Decease of Mr. John Gallimore, aged 73, formerly of the firm of John and Josiah Gallimore, Bridge street.
  - 21. Public Meeting, adjourned from the Town Hall to Paradise square; resolved to petition for a Charter of Incorporation.



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- Oct.* 21. Decease of Mr. Wm. Marshall, of the firm of Marshall and Roberts, accountants, aged 25 years.
- 23. Meeting of the ratepayers of Ecclesall refused to grant a church rate. Earl Fitzwilliam had been invited to preside; but the meeting called to the chair Mr. R. T. Taylor, of Sheffield Moor. Poll demanded.
- 24. An Anti-Corporation petition handed about for signature, not authorized by any public meeting.
- 26. Decease of Mr. George Addey, Upperthorpe, aged 76.
- 27. Discussion on this and two following evenings, at the Theatre, between Mr. Acland and Dr. Holland, on the Corn Laws.
- Close of the Poll for the Ecclesall Church rate: For the rate, 94; against it, 639.
- 30. Decease of Mr. Joshua Chambers, draper, Market place, aged 40.
- 31. Decease of Mr. George Morton, Castle street, aged 67.
- Fine weather during the month. Crops secured in good condition.
- Nov.* 3. Commencement of the second discussion between Mr. Acland and Dr. Holland, at Doncaster.
- Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 65s. 9d.
- 6. Mr. Acland delivers a farewell address, on the Corn Laws, to the people of Sheffield, in the Town Hall.
- 7. Sheffield Union: Paupers in the house, 438; week's payments to casual poor, £113.
- 9. Decease of John Shepherd, Esq., Western bank, aged 72.
- Ecclesall Union: Paupers in the houses, 242; week's outpayments, £70.
- 10. Decease of Mr. James Newton, Bailey street, aged 60.
- Decease of Mr. Joseph Levick, aged 87.
- Decease, in London, of Mr. Samuel Walker, aged 44, of the firm of Samuel Walker and Co., silver platers.
- 21. Birth of the Princess Royal.
- 24. A silver cup "Presented to Messrs. Joseph Rodgers and Sons, by their workmen, as an humble testimonial of gratitude and respect for their liberality in rewarding labour; and for their enterprising spirit in raising the staple manufacture of Sheffield to its present high state of excellence."
- 27. Jelinger C. Symons, Esq., arrived in Sheffield, deputed by the Government to examine the moral and physical condition of children employed in manufactures, not under the factory act.
- 29. Decease of Mr. John Alsop, Sheffield moor, aged 87. He left £1400 in legacies to various religious and benevolent institutions.
- Decease of Mr. Thos. Clifford, Palace Inn.
- 30. Decease of Mr. Wm. Chadburn, aged 54.
- Dec.* 1. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 62s. 7d.
- 2. Decease, in the Workhouse, of John Knott, author of the songs, "Tom Topsail," "Bill Block," &c.

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- Dec. 3. Second annual meeting of the Protestant Association ; chief speaker, the Rev. R. J. M'Ghee.
- Decease of Mr. Thos. Hague, brassfounder, West street, aged 55.
- 5. Sheffield Union — paupers in the house, 429 ; week's payments and casual poor, £95.
- The Rev. J. M. Muir, of Spalding, Lincolnshire, accepts the office of pastor of Queen street chapel.
- 7. Ecclesall Union : paupers in houses, 222 ; week's outpayments, £67.
- 9. Special sessions: the Magistrates adopt a police district, including Sheffield.
- 15. Peter Foden apprehended in the town on the 14th. Committed to York on a bench warrant, not having answered to the indictment against him at the spring assizes, for conspiracy, sedition, and riot.
- Decease of Mr. George Sharp, Waingate, aged 43.
- 21. Decease of Mr. Samuel Crookes, razor manufacturer, aged 50.
- 24. Accounts of Savings Bank, for year ending 20th Nov., 1840: deposits during the year, £32,647; payments to depositors, £31,967; balance due, £160,536. Number of depositors, 5248, and 36 societies.

## CIRCULATION OF NEWSPAPERS.

STAMPS ISSUED TO NEWSPAPERS IN SHEFFIELD AND NEIGHBOURING TOWNS, FOR 1839 &amp; 1840.

	1839.	Weekly	1840.	Weekly
	Jan. to Dec.	Avrg.	Jan. to Jn.	Avrg.
Sheffield Independent	108,500	2086	60,500	2,326
Sheffield Mercury .....	90,750	1745	45,000	1731
Sheffield Iris .....	44,000	846	20,000	769
Sheffield Patriot.....	29,000	557	9,000	346
Doncaster Gazette ....	120,000	2307	58,000	2230
Nottingham Review ....	98,000	1884	53,000	2038
Nottingham Journal....	95,000	1826	16,000	625
Derby Mercury.....	67,300	1294	35,000	1346
Nottingham Mercury ..	53,000	1019	36,000	1384
Derby Reporter. ....	57,000	1096	30,000	1153
Doncaster Chronicle....	42,000	807	27,000	1038
Hull Packet .....	51,354	987	17,500	673
Hull Times.....	40,000	773	25,000	961
Chesterfield Courier....	39,500	759	23,000	884
Halifax Guardian .....	38,000	730	18,000	692
Hull Rockingham .....	35,000	673	20,000	769
Chesterfield Chronicle ..	40,000	769	15,000	576
Wakefield Herald.....	35,000	673	18,000	692
Halifax Express.....	20,500	394	10,700	411

## PROGRESS OF THE INDEPENDENT.

	1838.	1839.	1840.
Stamps.....	74,140	108,500	113,500
Advertisements	2,738	2,960	3,326

CONTINUATION  
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SHEFFIELD LOCAL REGISTER,  
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- Jan.* 1. Literary and Philosophical Society: James Montgomery, Esq., elected president; Messrs. E. Smith, S. Bailey, Dr. Knight, the Rev. H. H. Piper, vice-presidents; Messrs. Boulton and Lucas, secretaries.
- 2. Announced that the petition for the Incorporation of the Town had received 12,000 signatures.
- 3. Dispensary Patients on the books, 986.
- 3. Violent storm of thunder passed over a great extent of country.
- 5. Sheffield average price of wheat, 63s. 3d.
- 9. Thomas Booth and John Gregory committed to York for rattening in the Spring Grove Wheel. John Hammon Sutton, an American, committed to York, charged with procuring to be forged, Mexican dollars.
- Sheffield Workhouse: paupers in house, 467; payments to regular poor, £79. 11s.; to casual poor, £105.
- Decease, at Machon Bank, of Mr. Robert Barber, aged 64.
- 11. Meeting of Chartists, at the Town Hall, to petition for the pardon of Frost, Williams, and Jones.
- B. R. Haydon, Esq., commences a course of lectures on painting, before the Literary and Philosophical Society.
- Appeal of the Socialists against the rating of the Hall of Science, on the ground that it was a place of religious worship, tried at the Quarter Sessions. The rating confirmed.
- 13. Wm. Davies sentenced to seven years' transportation, for the robbery of the Shrewsbury Tavern.
- 16. Prospectus of a Railway, from Doncaster to the North Midland, at Swinton: capital, £200,000: estimated net income, £20,241.
- 17. Decease of Mr. Montague Jessop, of the firm of Jessop and Sons, steel merchants, aged 38.
- 18. Mr. H. G. Ward, M.P., delivered his annual address to his constituents, in the Town Hall. He was opposed by Mr. Ironside, Mr. Otley, and Mr. Gill. A vote of thanks to Mr. Ward was carried by a very narrow majority.
- 19. Public dinner to the borough members.
- 20. Decease of Mr. Benjamin Damms, aged 84, formerly manufacturer of plated wire, Norfolk street.
- 24. George Belk killed by George Reaney, who was committed to take his trial for manslaughter.
- 29. Botanical Gardens: annual meeting: receipts of the year, £848; expenditure, £922. Announced that his Grace

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the Duke of Norfolk designed to plant and throw open to the public, a park of 40 or 50 acres.

- Feb.* 1. John Clayton, one of the Chartist prisoners from Sheffield, died in Northallerton House of Correction, aged 55.
- 2. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 63s. 4d.
- 4. Decease of Mr. John Waterfall, governor of Scotland street gaol.
- 5. Sheffield Poorhouse: paupers in house, 503; weekly payments to ticket poor, £77. 14s. 6d.; to casual poor, £124. 4s.
- 6. Births and deaths registered 1st July to 31st December, 1840: males born, 782: females, 798 males dead, 663; females, 555.
- 10. Rural Police: in Special Sessions, at Wakefield, the Magistrates resolve, by a majority of 27 to 21, to recommend the application of the Constabulary Force Acts to the whole Riding.
- 11. Decease of Mr. Robert Henderson, carver and gilder, aged 63.
- 16. The Earl of Cardigan tried before the House of Peers, for shooting at Captain Harvey Tuckett, in a duel, but acquitted on a technicality.
- 17. Half-yearly meeting of Sheffield and Manchester Railway: 219 shares having paid, on an average, £9. 14s. 1½d. each, forfeited: receipts, £169,239; expended, £173,522. The directors authorized to borrow £233,000.
- 21. Decease of Mr. William Taylor, aged 65, for twenty-one years the landlord of the Commercial Inn.
- 23. Anti-Poor Law meeting called by the Tories, at the Town Hall. The Chartists moved an amendment that the petition be sent to Mr. Fielden, instead of Sir Francis Burdett, which was carried to the great embarrassment of the managers, who, at several previous public-house meetings, had passed resolutions to send the petition to Sir Francis Burdett. They moved that "Old Glory's" name should stand with Mr. Fielden's, but it was negatived.
- 24. Meeting of delegates of the Trades' Unions, to vindicate their right to combine, but to protest against being supposed to approve such proceedings as had taken place at Ashton-under-Lyne, where a man had been murdered for violating the rules of the Sawyers' Union.
- Feb.* 25. The Cutlers' Company petition for a reduction of the duties on the produce of the Brazils.
- 26. Two manufacturers convicted of paying wages in stuff, and fined.
- Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 65s. 10d.
- Mar.* 2. Decease of Mr. W. Horrax, surveyor, Carver street, aged 53.
- 3. Police Commissioners make a contract with the Old Gas Company, for three years, at 46s. 6d. per batwing burner, (a reduction of 7s.,) for 2200 hours; the Commissioners to purchase the Company's lamps and appendages above ground, for £700.

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- Mar.* 3. Decease of Mr. Thomas Bell, Westfield Terrace, a retired officer of the excise, in his 79th year.
- 6. Sheffield Poorhouse: paupers in the house, 494: week's payments,—ticket poor, £78. 12s. 6d.; casual poor, £105. 15s. 6d.
- 8. York Assizes: Action of Gillott *v.* Habershon; Verdict for plaintiff, £357. 10s. 10d.
- Decease of Mr. Charles Hitchen, Coulston street, aged 78.
- Explosion in Sheffield Coal Company's pit, near the Soap House. Four men and three boys were burnt,—Samuel White so severely, that he died during the day.
- Dispensary: 893 patients on the books.
- 10. The Ecclesall Guardians petition for a reduction of the number of Assistant Poor-Law Commissioners, for the limitation of the commission to five years, and for other changes in the proposed new act.
- 11. The President steamer left New York, and was no more heard of.
- 14. Decease at Endcliffe House, of Robert Rodgers, Esq., solicitor, in the 63rd year of his age.
- 15. James Dawson, John Morton, and Wm. Back, convicted of manslaughter of Felix Galoghy, in a pitched battle, were fined 1s. each.
- George Reaney found not guilty of the manslaughter of George Belk.
- 16. Peter Reaney found guilty at the Assizes, of stabbing Wm. White, at Sheffield. Two months' imprisonment.
- Decease of Mr. John Gascoyne, sheriff's officer, Norfolk st.
- 17. Thomas Booth and John Gregory convicted of destroying machinery in Spring Grove Wheel, near Oughtibridge. Seven years' transportation.
- Wm. Epworth and George Eastwood sentenced to two months' imprisonment, for the manslaughter of Ann Schorah, at Swinton.
- 18. John Hammon Sutton, charged with forging Mexican dollars, at Sheffield, acquitted.
- Decease of Mr. Matthew Habershon, of the Holmes, near Masbro', aged 83.
- 19. John Mitchell found guilty of the murder of Mr. George Blackburn, farmer, Bank Top, near Barnsley. Sentenced to death.
- 20. Peter Foden, pleaded guilty of riot and seditious conspiracy, at Sheffield. Having been three months in prison, he was sentenced to imprisonment for one year and nine months more.
- Mr. John Kiriland, a commercial traveller, from London, committed suicide at the George Inn, first taking laudanum, and then cutting his throat.
- 24. Her Majesty was pleased to confer the honour of knighthood on Arnold James Knight, Esq., M.D., who was presented at her levee.
- Election of Guardians. — Sheffield Union: Messrs. John Newton, John Owen, Jph. Woodcock, John Spencer, John Stevenson, Charles Elliott, Isaac Mitchell, and T. B.

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Turton, for Sheffield; Messrs. John Brown and Robert Waterhouse, for Brightside; Mr. John Gaunt, for Attercliffe; and Mr. Wm. Cadman, for Handsworth. Ecclesall Union: Messrs. H. Wilson, Wm. Ellin, W. Page, and W. Tyzack, Ecclesall; Mr. F. Marriott and Mr. Jos. Hawksley, Nether Hallam; Mr. John Hodgson, Upper Hallam; Mr. R. Booker and Mr. C. Green, Norton; D'Ewes Coke, Esq., Totley; Mr. John Hancock, Dore; Mr. George Fox, Beauchief.

Mar. 26. Decease of Mr. S. W. Battie, veterinary surgeon, aged 27.

— 30. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 67s. 3d.

April 1. Cutlers' Company petition for a revision of the Import Duties.

— 3. The punishment of John Mitchell commuted to transportation for life. He had made a full confession.

— 7. Mr. John Marsden, of Wakefield, elected Riding Solicitor, *vice* Mr. Robert Rodgers, deceased.

— 8. Sheffield Waterworks: Dividend of £7 per share.

— 8. Publication of Highway Accounts: £7,906 expended.

— 10. Sheffield Poorhouse: Inmates, 498; week's payments to regular poor, £80. 18s. 6d.; to casual poor, £130. 11s. 6d.

— 12. Temperance Festival, at the Music Hall and the Catholic School.

— Decease at Clough House, of Bartholomew Hounsfield, Esq., in his 67th year.

— 13. Special Sessions, at Wakefield: The Magistrates negatived the report of the committee, as to the force necessary for the whole Riding, but the resolution of the 10th February, for applying the Constabulary Acts to the Riding remained unrescinded.

— 17. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall: Resolved to petition for a revision of the Commercial Tariff. It was stated, "that although the number of registered electors of the borough had progressively increased from the passing of the Reform Bill to 1838, the number in the register made out in 1837, being 4085, and that in the register, of 1838, 4559; yet since that time, the numbers have decreased to 4451, in the register of 1839, and to 4347, in the present register of 1840."

— 17. Decease of Mr. Rowland Hibberd, of Handsworth Woodhouse, aged 58.

— 19. Lieut. Colonel Maunsell, and the Third Dragoons, left Sheffield Barracks, for Nottingham.

— 21. Public dinner, given by the medical profession, to Sir Arnold J. Knight, M.D. Dr. Corden Thompson, president; Dr. Favell, and Jas. Ray, Esq., vice-presidents.

— Sheffield Barracks occupied by the 2nd Dragoons or Queen's Bays, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Charlton.

— Decease of Mr. W. Kitchen, silver-plater, Gell street, aged 50.

— 30. George Burkinshaw, late president of the Norfolk Sick Society, meeting at the Royal Hotel, committed to York, charged with robbing the club box of £130.

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- April* 30. Lord John Russell gave notice of a motion for the consideration of the Corn Laws; and the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed to reduce the duties on foreign Sugar and Timber.
- Decease in Sheffield Workhouse, of Hannah Brammall, aged 93.
- May* 1. Sheffield Poorhouse: Inmates, 575; weekly payments to regular poor, £78. 14s.; to casual poor, £151. 11s. 1d.
- B. J. Wake, Esq., appointed Commissioner in fiats in Bankruptcy, for this district.
- 4. Average price of wheat, in Sheffield, 67s. 6d.
- 10. Anti-Corn Law petitions, with 13,800 signatures, transmitted for presentation.
- 12. Decease of Mr. Joseph Atkinson, of Hanover square, aged 78.
- 15. Several of the Corn Mills of this neighbourhood are not more than half employed, while some are almost wholly unemployed. In a time of good trade and abundant food, they have to work almost night and day.—*Independent*.
- Decease of Mr. George Wragg, aged 50, of the firm of Wragg, Long, and Co.
- 18. Decease of Mr. Wm. Pearson, aged 26, cashier to the Yorkshire District Bank, Sheffield.
- 19. Great open air Meeting, in Paradise square, held at a few hours' notice, to address the Queen in favour of the abolition of all Monopolies.
- Decease of Mr. Thomas Clayton Slater, joiners' tool manufacturer, Rockingham street, aged 35.
- 21. Sir George Strickland announces his intention to retire from the representation of the Riding, and Lord Milton complies with a requisition to become a candidate.
- 22. Sheffield and Wakefield Road: Tolls so much reduced by the operation of the railway, that the treasurer has ceased, from the commencement of the year, to pay interest to the bondholders.—*Independent*.
- 26. Private Meeting of the Tories to prepare for the Election: reinforced by Dr. Holland, the Whig of January, and by Mr. Lomas, the Chartist of 1838.
- Mr. Wortley issues his address to the electors of the Riding.
- 29. Decease of Mr. M. Shirtcliffe, table knife manufacturer, Garden street, aged 52.
- 31. Meeting in Paradise square, called by the Chartists, who challenged the Corn Law Repealers to meet them, alleging that the last meeting was not fairly called. The Repealers proposed an amendment to the Chartists' resolution, and both parties claimed a victory.
- Mr. E. B. Denison becomes a candidate for the Riding, along with Mr. Wortley.
- June* 1. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 64s. 8d.
- Excursion Train, by the North Midland, to Derby: 1000 passengers.
- 3. Joseph Bates and John Richardson, engine-man and stoker, in the employ of the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway Company, killed; their engine being overturn-

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ed in consequence of the breaking of an axle of the tender, which was running before it.

June 4 Sir Robert Peel's no-confidence motion, carried by 312 to 311.

— Decease at Chesterfield, of the Rev. James Boden, aged 84. From November, 1796, to April, 1839, he was pastor of the dissenting church and congregation of Queen street, Sheffield.

— 7. Decease of Mr. Jas. Bromley, shoemaker, Market place, aged 55.

— Decennial census:      HOUSES.                      POPULATION.

	HOUSES.			POPULATION.		
	Inhabited.	Uninhabtd.	Blding.	Males.	Females.	Total
Sheffield .....	14,101	2209	95	33,574	34,393	67,967
Brightside .....	2,064	250	18	4,926	5,163	10,089
Attercliffe .....	880	84	3	2,128	2,028	4,156
Ecclesall Bierlow ..	4,035	498	51	9,829	10,176	20,005
Nether Hallam ..	1,416	159	25	3,654	3,621	7,275
Upper Hallam ..	25	23	0	681	718	1,399
	22,753	3,223	192	54,792	56,099	110,891

— 8. Lord Morpeth addresses the electors.

— 9. Mr. Parker and Mr. Ward publish addresses to the electors.

— David Urquhart issues an address to the electors of Sheffield.

— 10. Mr. John Parker promoted to the Secretaryship of the Admiralty.

— 13. Decease in London, of James Holworthy, Esq., of Hathersage.

— 14. Mr. C. Attwood, of Newcastle, with Cardo and Warden, two Chartists, arrive to the assistance Mr. Urquhart.

— 16. Mr. C. Attwood attempts to address a meeting in Paradise square, in favour of Mr. Urquhart, but is laughed off the stage.

— 18. Decease of Gamaliel Milner, Esq., of Thurlstone, aged 61.

— 21. Mr. Ward addresses the people in the Old Haymarket, and by adjournment in Paradise square, where he encounters and defeats Mr. Attwood, whom, with Mr. Urquhart, he had challenged to meet him.

— Decease of Mr. Henry Hardy, surgeon, aged 35.

— 22 Mr. Parker and Mr. Ward address the public in the New Haymarket

— The address of Mr. Wm. Sheppard, a second Tory candidate for the borough, is published He had suddenly run away from Durham, where he had been a candidate along with Captain Fitzroy

— 23 Mr. Parker and Mr. Ward addressed a meeting at Attercliffe, where Mr Ward was accosted by a Col. Pringle Taylor, Mr Attwood, and Mr. Westmacott. Col. Taylor delivered to Mr. Ward letters from Mr Urquhart on his own behalf, and that of Mr Sheppard, requiring explanations of some expressions which Mr Ward was misreported by the *Patriot* to have used on the previous evening Mr. Ward disavowed the report.

— Parliament dissolved.

— 24. Mr. Urquhart and Mr. Sheppard, as candidates, address a meeting at the Music Hall Mr. Wm. Barker, a



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moral-force Chartist, exposed the secret manœuvres that had been used to enlist the Chartists in support of the Tory candidates.

June 26. Sheffield Poorhouse: Inmates, 437; weeks' payments to regular poor, £80. 17s.; ditto, to casual poor, £132. 12s.

— Mr. Wortley and Mr. Denison address the inhabitants of Sheffield.

— 28. Lords Morpeth and Milton visit Rotherham and Sheffield.

— 30. Borough Nomination.—Mr. Parker, proposed by Sir A. J. Knight and Mr. John Sykes; Mr. Ward, by Mr. W. Fisher and Wm. Ibbotson; Mr. Urquhart, by Mr. H. Newbould and Mr. Walker, surgeon; Mr. Sheppard, by Mr. Page and Mr. Wm. Beet; Mr. Richard Marsden (Chartist,) by Mr. Joseph Harrison and Mr. Otley. The show of hands was for Mr. Parker and Mr. Ward. The Tories demanded a poll, but Mr. Marsden retired. Blue placard published with a declaration, signed by eighteen of the clergy, that "the interests of religion were essentially involved in the issue of the election," and that they should "support Messrs. Urquhart and Sheppard."

July 1. Polling day.—The result:—

	Parker.	Ward.	Urquhart.	Sheppard.
9 o'clock..	337	331	121	117
10 .....	705	684	264	244
11 .....	1046	1010	351	325
12 . . . . .	1276	1239	401	370
1 .....	1452	1404	437	402
2 .....	1598	1559	464	428
3 .....	1700	1661	470	432
4 .....	1853	1812	509	460

— Urquhart and Sheppard no more seen.

— Lord Howard, of Effingham, returned for Shaftesbury.

— 3. Sheffield Workhouse: Inmates, 439; weeks' payments to regular poor, £83. 18s. 6d.; to casual, £119. 16s. 6d.

— Decease, at Worksop, aged 75, of Mr. William Lowrie, many years secretary to the Sheffield Infirmary.

— 5. Mr. Buckingham delivers two lectures on Free Trade, at the Music Hall.

— West-Riding Nomination.—Lord Morpeth, proposed by F. H. Fawkes, Esq., and Jos. Lees, Esq., of Delph; Mr. Wortley, by Godfrey Wentworth, Esq., and John Brooke, Esq.; Lord Milton, by Chas. Wood, Esq. M.P., and J. B. Garforth, Esq.; Mr. Denison, by the Hon. E. Lascelles and John Rand, Esq.; Mr. Pitkeithley, of Huddersfield, and George Julian Harney, proposed as Chartist candidates. The show of hands in favour of Lords Morpeth and Milton.

— 5. Fifty lives (chiefly of children) lost at Rotherham, by the overturning of a boat, in launching from the yard of Mr G. W. Chambers.

— 6. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 67s. 7d.

— 7. Annual Meeting of Dispensary: Subscriptions increased, from £475, in 1840, to £501. Patients on books, July

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1840, 496; admitted since, 2436: discharged, 2389; dead, 130; remaining, 413. Dr. Favell, Dr. Harwood, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gregory, and Mr. Wright, re-elected physicians and surgeons. Mr. Ray declining to stand again, was succeeded by Mr. Martin.

July 8 First day's Polling—

	Morpeth.	Milton.	Wortley.	Denison,
10 o'clock ..	116 .....	116 .....	188 .....	179
11 .....	350 .....	355 .....	351 .....	331
12 .....	586 .....	591 .....	439 .....	412
1 .....	678 .....	686 .....	560 .....	524
2 .....	722 .....	730 .....	574 ..	537
3 ..	770 .....	780 .....	591 .....	551
4 .....	815 .....	826 .....	612 .....	567

— 9. Second day—

9 o'clock ..	841 .....	853 .....	622 .....	576
10 .....	903 .....	914 .....	649 .....	600.
11 .....	916 .....	927 ..	664 ..	611
12 .....	954 .....	965 .....	677 .....	622
1 .....	979 .....	990 .....	687 .....	632
2 ..	1003 .....	1014 .....	701 .....	644
3 .....	1032 .....	1041 .....	711 .....	650
4 .....	1059 .....	1064 .....	722 .....	656

Sheffield majority of Morpeth over Wortley .....

Do. do. do. Denison .....

Do. do. Milton over Wortley .....

Do. do. do. Denison .....

— 9. Decease of Miss Rawson, of Wardsend, aged 90. Her legacies were as follows: Sheffield Infirmary, £500; Boys' Charity School, £100; Girls' do., £200; Lancelian School, £100; National Schools, £100; Aged Female Society, £100; Female Benevolent Society, £100; Society for Bettering the Condition of the Poor, £100; Ecclesfield Parson Cross School, £100; Ecclesfield Old School, £100; Ecclesfield Infant School, £200; Poor of Ecclesfield, interest of £500; Wadsley Old School, £50; Wadsley New Schools, £50; Wadsley Sick Club, £100; Wadsley Hospitals (additional endowment,) £300; Doncaster Deaf and Dumb Institution, £100.

— 12. Decease of Mr. N. Smith, of Stanton Broom, Glossop road, aged 55.

— Declaration of the result of the Poll for the West Riding; Wortley, 13,165; Denison, 12,780; Morpeth, 12,031; Milton, 12,080; number of electors, 30,998.

— 13. York Assizes: Joseph Turner and Wm. Housley, found guilty of burglary in the house of Mr. Dyson, Ecclesfield: 14 years' transportation. Wm. Smith and James Bailey, for burglary, in the house of Mr. W. Tingle, of Low Ash: Ten years' transportation.

— 14. George Burkinshaw acquitted, under the direction of the Judge, of robbing the Norfolk Sick Society's box.

— 19. Decease of Mr. John Parkin, of the Ship Hotel, Rotherham, aged 41.

— 23. Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank: dividend, 7½ per cent.

— 26. Decease of Mr. George Naylor, Western Bank, aged 72.

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- July* 27. Daniel Kelly, of Bank street, charged with receiving stolen goods, and held to bail to take his trial.
- 29. Foundation stone of new Catholic Chapel laid at Masbro': land given by B. Badger, Esq.
- 30. Decease of Mr. Thos. Powell, of the Raven, West street, aged 42.
- Decease of Mr. John Parsons, of the Three Horse Shoes, Norfolk street, aged 37.
- Aug.* 2. Police Commissioners: Mr. J. N. Ballans, grocer; Mr. John Pitt, Waingate; Mr. Wm. Lockwood, Shrewsbury road; Mr. Wm. Atkinson, Wilkinson street; Mr. J. F. Wright, surgeon; and Mr. Harrison, architect, elected commissioners: vice Mr. T. Woofinden, deceased; and Messrs. E. Foster, Joseph Gurney, T. Wilson, T. Porter, and J. Wild, vacated by non-attendance.
- 2. Decease of Mr. Abner Bunting, wine and spirit vaults, Castle street, aged 27.
- Return match at cricket, in Harewood Park, between the Sheffield and Harewood clubs: Sheffield, first innings, 113; second, 142. Harewood, first innings, 182; second, 76, and six to go in.
- 3. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 72s. 8d.
- 4. Rotherham church rate, —£168. 10s., granted.
- Darnall church and school opened.
- 6. Public dinner of the Tories at Rotherham, to celebrate the return of Mr. Wortley and Mr. Denison.
- Parliamentary Reform Association formed at Rotherham.
- 7. Postmasters: returns of salary, and compensation for loss of perquisites: Sheffield salary, £250; compensation, £266. Rotherham salary, £78; compensation, £7.
- Sheffield Poorhouse: inmates, 412; week's payments to regular poor, £91. 5s. 6d.; casual do., £114. 17s.
- Land near Moorgate purchased for the Rotherham Cemetery.
- Re-opening of Rotherham Unitarian Chapel.
- 9. Decease of Mr. Joseph Senior, Hanover square, aged 75.
- 10. The Fork Grinders appeal to the public, on the ground of their distressed condition, the fatal character of their trade, and the reduction of their wages 30, 40, or 50 per cent. below the statement of 1810.
- The Table Knife Grinders' Union of 800 men have paid, since 1836, upwards of £11,000, to support their unemployed hands.—*Fork Grinders' Appeal.*
- 11. Sheffield Cemetery: dividend of 6s. per share.
- 14. Decease, at Stand House, Endcliffe, of Mr. Wm. Middleton, merchant, aged 51.
- 14. Births and deaths registered: Jan. 1 to June 30—males born, 910; females, 817. Males dead, 616; females, 558.
- Bad harvest weather.
- 17. Temperance Soirée in Hyde Park, addressed by Mr. Buckingham.
- 17. Anti-Corn-Law Conference, at Manchester, of ministers of religion.
- Cutlers' Company chosen: Thos. Ellin, jun., Esq., mas-

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ter; Messrs. George Wostenholme and Thomas Wilkinson, wardens; Messrs. W. Broadhurst, Joseph Mappin, Wm. Steel, Wm. Butcher, Francis Newton, Saml. Parker, searchers; Messrs. James Hall, Wm. Hall, Joseph Elliott, W. Nowell, Thomas Loxley, John Hawksley, James Moorhouse, Samuel Smith, Thomas Shepherd, Joseph Hobson, Thomas Staniforth, T. J. Crawshaw, Samuel Scott Deakin, Joseph Levick, jun., Edward Greaves, John Robert Spencer, Henry Mort, Thomas Moulson, George Johnson, Francis Fenney, T. B. Turton, George Savage, Henry Colley, and John Caterer, assistants.

Aug 18. Postmaster-General consents to appoint receiving-houses in Sheffield.

— 19. The new Parliament met: Mr. Shaw Lefevre unanimously re-elected Speaker.

— 20. Decease of Mr. Abraham Horsfield, West street.

— Privy Council appoint Commissioners to scrutinise the petitions for and against the Charter.

— 21. Capt. Lake, barrack-master, promoted to the Mastership of the Ordnance Depot and Barracks, Weedon, Northamptonshire.

— 23. Sheffield and Manchester Railway: half-yearly meeting: nine calls made; expended, £251,526; 466 shares forfeited.

— 24. Meeting in Nether chapel, to receive the report of the Revs. Thomas Smith, C. Larom, R. S. Bayley, J. H. Muir, H. G. Rhodes, and J. Davies, of the proceedings of the ministerial conference, at Manchester.

— 24. Decease, at Raleigh, North Carolina, of Mr. Joseph Gales, aged 80. In 1787, Mr. Gales established the *Sheffield Register*, which, in 1794, had obtained a circulation of 2,025. In the June of that year, officers were sent to his house to apprehend him, but he made his escape, and after various concealments, got out of the country. After a short stay on the continent, he went to America; and having published for a short time the *Independent Gazetteer*, at Philadelphia, he emigrated to North Carolina, and established the *Raleigh Register*, which he published for forty years.

— 25. Decease of Mr. Joseph Mappin, Leavy Greave, aged 75.

— Mr. Wm. Sheppard, late candidate for the borough, having a second time challenged Captain Fitzroy, who refused to meet him, on the ground that he had run away from the appointment of a former meeting, shakes his whip over Captain Fitzroy, in Pall mall, and bids him "consider himself horse-whipped." Captain Fitzroy knocks Mr. Sheppard down.

— 25. Thomas and William Booker, Bennison, and Pennthorpe, sentenced to imprisonment for their share in the conspiracy of January, 1840, liberated by order of the Home Secretary.

— 25. Charles Thompson, secretary of the Sheffield and Manchester Railway, having been convicted, at Liverpool Assizes, of forgery, sentenced to transportation for life.

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- Aug.* 26. Half-yearly meeting of North Midland Company at Derby: receipts, with balance of last half-year, £125,869; expenditure, £78,044; profit, £47,825. Dividend of £2 on each £100 share, and £1 on each share of £50.
- 26. Feargus O'Connor liberated from York Castle, in consequence of the state of his health.
- Lord Normanby advises the commutation of the sentence of seven years' transportation, upon Thomas Booth and John Gregory, for rattening, in Spring Grove wheel, to one year's imprisonment.
- 27. Ministers defeated on the address, by 360 to 269.
- 28. Announcement that the Vicar of Sheffield had been appointed, about a year ago, to a canonry in York Minster.
- 30. Lord Melbourne and Lord John Russell announced to the Lords and Commons the resignation of Ministers.
- 31. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 73s. 3d.
- Sept.* 1. Captain Jebb, one of the Commissioners appointed by the Privy Council to scrutinize the petitions for and against a Charter, met the Committee on each side at the Town Hall, to communicate his instructions, and arrange for the commencement of the scrutiny.
- Police force for ensuing year:—Two inspectors, at 22s. per week; four serjeants, at 20s.; twenty policemen, at 18s.; forty-four watchmen, for 28½ weeks, at 15s.; thirty-eight, for 23½ weeks, at 12s.; these, with dresses, coats, &c. &c., would make an outlay of £2955, that of the last year being £2984.
3. Cutlers' feast—Thomas Ellin, jun., Esq., Master; Earl Scarborough, Earl Fitzwilliam, Earl Newburgh, Lord Fitzalan, M.P., and H. G. Ward, Esq., M.P., among the guests.
- Decease of James Drabble, Esq., late manager of the Sheffield Banking Company.
- 4. Rotherham: Population of the township, 5361; of the Union, 28,669.
- Analysis of votes at the West Riding election:—
- |               | Wortley.     | Denison.     | Morpeth.      | Milton.       |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Votes .....   | 13,165       | 12,780       | 12,031        | 12,080        |
| £50 tenants . | 3,627        | 3,556        | 1,871         | 1,804         |
|               | <u>9,538</u> | <u>9,224</u> | <u>10,160</u> | <u>10,216</u> |
- Announcement that the next presentation to the living of Sheffield, lately advertised for sale, had been purchased by a few individuals, in order to secure the appointment of a successor of evangelical views.
- 6. Special prayer meetings, morning, noon, and evening, in the Dissenting chapels, on account of the distress of the people, caused by the Food Monopoly.
- 8. New writs moved, in consequence of the acceptance of office by Sir R. Peel, Lord Stanley, Sir James Graham, and others.
- 9. Scrutiny of the Pro and Anti-Charter petitions commenced before Capt. Jebb and Mr. Fanshawe.
- Adjourned half-yearly meeting of Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Passengers for the half-year, 213,794; in-

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come, £10,093; expenditure, £4240; profit, £5852; dividend, on original shares, of £1 each; on new shares, of 5s. 9d. each. Messrs. S. Jackson, G. W. Chambers, and W. Bradley, elected directors.

- Sept* 10. Decease of Mr. Robert Heaton, of the Nag's Head Inn, aged 52.
- 11. Sheffield Poorhouse: Inmates, 397; week's payments to regular poor, £86. 5s. 6d.; to out-poor, £121. 15s. 6d.
- The Cactus *Lanceana* bloomed during the night, and faded before morning, at the Botanical Gardens,—the first plant of this kind that has flowered in England.
- Many Sheffield mechanics emigrating.
- 12. Decease of Mr. Samuel Cocker, Hunter's House, aged 51.
- Decease of Mr. John Armitage, aged 27.
- 14. Decease of Mr. Joseph Mappin, Broomgrove, aged 48.
- 15. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Call of £2. 10s. per half-share, making £10.
- Revising Barristers' Court at Sheffield: New claims by Reformers, 464; Tories struck off, 62; total, 526. New claims by Tories, 218; Reformers struck off, 151; total, 369. Gain to the Reformers, 157.
- 16. Sir R. Peel took his seat, and announced that he should postpone to the next session, his measures of a permanent character relative to the finances of the country.
- New Gas Company: Half-year's dividend of 12s. per share.
- 17. Decease of the Rev. John Strawe, Wesleyan minister in the Sheffield East Circuit.
- 20. The first cab appears in the streets of Sheffield, plying for hire.
- 28. Decease of Mr. Charles Rhodes, Workhouse croft, aged 78.
- 29. Feargus O'Connor pays his first visit to Sheffield after his incarceration.
- 30. Conclusion of the scrutiny of the Pro and Anti-Charter petitions.
- Joseph Turner and Wm. Housley, sentenced to 14 years' transportation for a burglary, pardoned, there being reason to believe that the witness to their identity was mistaken.
- Decease of Mr. Wm. B. Belk, druggist, Fargate, aged 29.
- Oct.* 2. Sheffield Poorhouse: Inmates, 422; week's payments to regular poor, £86. 10s.; to casual poor, £126. 5s. 6d.
- North Midland Railway: Mr. Glyn resigned the chairmanship, to which Mr. Newton, of Derby, was elected.
- The *Sheffield Patriot*, a paper commenced about the end of 1838, as neutral in religion and politics, (but which soon became violently Tory,) having changed hands, the new proprietor announced its publication for Saturday, (this day,) instead of Tuesday. But it did not appear, for, having been printed on one side, the printer refused to work the other. The proprietor announced, in placards, that the "*Patriot* had been smothered by an atrocious conspiracy."
- 4. Mr. Haydon commences a second course of lectures on painting before the Literary and Philosophical Society.

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- Oct 5. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 63s. 8d.
- Lord Morpeth sailed in the *Columbia* for the United States.
- 6. Police meeting: Two proprietors of cabs applied for permission to ply for hire like the hackney coaches. Permitted to do so under the regulation of the surveyor. Before Christmas, the cabs became numerous.
- 7. Decease of Mr. Wm. Stacey, aged 77 years, formerly of the firm of Chapman and Stacey, Westbar green.
- 8. Decease of Mr. James Wright, publican, aged 44.
- 9. The *Patriot* re-appeared, being a second edition of the *Wakefield Herald*, under the Sheffield name.
- 10. Decease of Mr. Thomas Jenkinson, aged 59, formerly of the Cherry Tree hill bowling green.
- 11. Thomas Depledge murdered at Darfield, near Barnsley: Wm. and Joseph Lodge committed on the verdict of the Coroner's inquest, and John Lodge, their nephew, afterwards committed by the Magistrates.
- Decease, at Wingfield Park, of German Wheatcroft, Esq., aged 68, of the firm of Wheatcroft and Sons, corn merchants and carriers.
- The body of Mr. William Broomhead, jun., of Ridgeway, found in a drain, near Arncott, in Oxfordshire. He was on a journey, and left Brill, on foot, on the 30th, on his way to Bicester. The waters being out, he is supposed to have been drowned accidentally. Three men and a boy, who first found the body, were afterwards committed on a charge of robbing it of a considerable sum of money and other things.
- 18. James Bronterre O'Brien, in two lectures at the Circus, explained the objects of the Chartists to be—to divide the lands of the country in small portions among the people, at the death of the present owners, compensating their heirs; and to pay off the national debt by considering each year's interest as principal.
- 19. Shipwreck on Cape St. Antonio, Cuba, of the *John Taylor* emigrant ship, from Liverpool to New Orleans, with about 200 emigrants, and near 60 of them from Sheffield. All saved but one young man.
- 23. Subscription for Mrs. and Miss Cluley, widow and daughter of the late Mr. Francis Cluley, who had been defrauded of their property by Jeremiah Winks, one of the executors under Mr. Cluley's will.
- 25. Sheffield Sessions: Appeal of Mr. Wm. Parker, proprietor of the Park Wheel, against being rated for the unoccupied hulls.—Rate confirmed, but a case granted on the facts.
- Revising Barristers' circuit completed at Rotherham: Gain to Reformers at Rotherham, 65. General result, 990 gain to Orange on new claims; loss on objections, 522; net gain, 468.
- 26. First announcement of the discovery of the forgery of Exchequer bills, to an immense amount, by Beaumon

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Smith, an officer of the Exchequer Bill office, Ernest Rapallo and others.

- Oct. 27. Meeting at Wakefield voted an address to Lord Morpeth.
- 29. Joseph and Ann Heeley tried for the robbery of William Stead, of £125. Joseph Heeley acquitted. Ann Heeley guilty; four months' imprisonment.
- 30. News arrived by the Acadia of the acquittal of M'Leod, at Utica, New York, averting the danger of a rupture between the United States and England, and causing some improvement of trade.
- 30. Destruction by fire of the grand storehouse and small armoury in the tower of London.
- Last publication of the *Sheffield Patriot*.
- Nov. 1.—Publication of Borough Register for 1841—2. Number of electors reduced from 4347, in 1840—1, to 4203.—See April 17.
- Mechanics' Institute: Anniversary meeting; resolved to establish a general library.
- 2. Decease of Mr. Godfrey Machon, Brook place, aged 73.
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 68s. 11d.
- 3. Decease of George Mason, an officer of the police for 11 years.
- 5. Dr. Holland read a paper before the Literary and Philosophical Society, attributing the increase of unoccupied houses to over-production, though it appeared from 1821 to 1831, the population had increased 40½ per cent.; from 1831 to 1841, only 21 per cent.
- Silver cup presented to Mr. Riley Carr by his workmen, as a "token of respect and gratitude."
- 6. Sheffield Poorhouse: Inmates, 453; week's payments to regular poor, £85. 12s.; to casual, £123. 5s. 6d.
- Captain Jebb's report of his scrutiny of the petitions for and against a Charter. For: 12,227 petitioners, of whom 6949 were proved to be rated at £97,717. Against: 15,091 signatures, of whom 5605 were found to be rate-payers, at £57,778. Expense of a Corporation, with police force for whole borough, £12,000 a year,—an increase upon the present expenditure (£3250, exclusive of lighting and cleansing) of £8750.
- 7. Wm. Stringer stabbed in Red croft, by Henry Rodgers, who was committed for manslaughter.
- 9. Birth of the Prince of Wales.
- 11. The Spring Knife Cutlers appeal to the public for assistance.
- 12. Officers of the Queen's Bays gave an amateur theatrical performance for the benefit of the poor. The net proceeds, £100, were distributed, through the medium of the Cutlers' Company, among 700 poor artizans.
- Several barbers summoned before the Magistrates for shaving on Sunday, contrary to the wish of the majority of the trade to close entirely on that day. After a full hearing, Mr. Bagshawe said, the Magistrates were "desirous to secure the observance of the Lord's Day, but not its Pharisaical observance. He thought no great



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evil would be done if it were restricted to such an hour, that those who were shaved, and those employed in shaving them, might have time to prepare for the due attendance at Divine worship; and to fix the hour of closing at nine, afforded sufficient time. The Bench would hold, therefore, that it was a work of necessity before nine o'clock, A.M., but not afterwards."

- Nov. 13. Sudden decease, in London, of George Bennet, Esq., aged 68. Up to 1821, Mr. Bennet resided in Sheffield, devoting his life to the promotion of religious, benevolent, and educational objects. He then, with the Rev. D. Tyerman, undertook the tour of the world, to visit the various stations of the London Missionary Society, and was absent eight years. After his return, in 1829, he resided chiefly in London.
- 14. Decease of Mr. W. Scott, Sheffield moor, corn factor, aged 67.
  - 15. First general meeting of the Sheffield Society for the promotion of Free Trade: All legislative protection for British produce or manufactures repudiated. Offley Shore, Esq., president; Edward Smith and Thos. Dunn, Esqrs., vice-presidents.
  - 16. Decease of Robert Ernest, M.D., in his 70th year, house surgeon to the Infirmary from its opening in 1797.
  - 17. Sheffield and Manchester Railway: Opening of eight miles of the line from Manchester to Godley.
  - 18. Thames tunnel completed.
  - 20. Accounts of Town Trustees published: Receipts, £1787; expenditure, (including £1362 for property taken under the Improvement Act, and £525 for calls on Railway shares,) £2581.
  - 20. Sheffield and Manchester Railway: Mr. Locke's report of the work completed, and cost as compared with estimates, and probable cost of remaining works. Work executed (estimated by Mr. Vignoles at £248,600) cost £253,000. For entire line, Mr. Vignoles' estimate, £1,000,000; Mr. Locke's, £1,113,500.
  - Savings' Bank: Sums deposited during year ended this day, £32,825; paid out, £34,511. Balance invested and with the treasurer, £162,335. Depositors, 5174; Charitable Societies, 11; Friendly Societies, 40.
  - 24. Sudden death of the Earl of Harewood, Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding, while returning home from hunting.
  - 25. Sudden decease of Sir Francis Chantrey, at his house, Belgrave place, London, aged 60.
  - 28. Mary Nall murdered by Robert Nall, her husband, at the house of Lucy Nall, his sister, Beehive lane, Glossop road, where they were sleeping together. Nall was in bed with the dead body, when taken, several hours after the commission of the murder. At the request of the Jury, the Coroner made a representation to the Home Office on the frequency of stabbing.
  - 30. Application to the Magistrates for a distress warrant against the guardians of Sheffield, for refusing to pay

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costs of defendant in a bastardy appeal, as ordered by Quarter Sessions. The guardians prayed for time, that they might take the case to the Court of Queen's Bench, but the Magistrates were of opinion that the costs should be paid, and the guardians complied.

- Dec. 3.* In the case of *Kirk v. Blurton* and another, tried last York Assizes, with verdict for plaintiff, the Court of Exchequer decided, that a bill signed "J. Blurton and Co.," by Charles Habershon, a partner in the printing business carried on under the name of John Blurton, did not bind Blurton.
- 4. Fork Grinders: From 21 to 25 years of age, 28; 25 to 30, 28; 30 to 35, 8; 35 to 40, 14; 40 to 50, 16; 50 and upwards, 3.
  - Sheffield Poorhouse: Inmates, 480; week's payments to out-poor, £115. 4s. 6d.
  - Sheffield Canal Company *v.* Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Master of the Rolls gave judgment in this suit to compel the Railway Company to invest money to produce £100 year, in payment to the Canal Company, towards the maintenance of the Wicker road, according to alleged agreement before the passing of the Railway bill. Lord Langdale decided that the agreement had not been concluded, and dismissed the bill with costs.
  - Edward Beaumont Smith pleaded guilty, in the Central Criminal Court, of the forgery of Exchequer bills, and was sentenced to transportation for life. —Rapallo dischd.
  - 5. The Rev. S. Bellamy assumes the pastorate of Garden street Chapel, *vice* the Rev. Mr. Speakman.
  - 6. Interment of Sir Francis Chantrey, at Norton, the place of his birth. In his will, Sir Francis bequeathed £50 a year for the education of ten poor boys in Norton; £10 a year each to five poor men and five poor women of the same parish; and £50 a year to the Vicar, in consideration of his tomb being kept in repair.
  - 7. Weekly average of wheat at Sheffield, 66s. 11d.
  - Decease of Mr. Jas. Wright, surgeon, Dronfield, aged 57.
  - 10. Lord Wharnccliffe appointed Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding, *vice* the Earl of Harewood, deceased.
  - 11. Rotherham College: The professors authorised to grant certificates to students for examination for degrees in the London University.
  - Wilson Overend, Esq., added to the Commission of the Peace for the West Riding.
  - 27. Penknife grinders appeal to the public, asking for an advance to 15 or 20 per cent. less than the 1831 statement. State that they owe for rent, at one wheel, £250; at another, £300; at a third, £600; and at a fourth, £1017.
  - 29. Mr. Joseph Law elected House Surgeon of the Infirmary, *vice* Dr. Ernest, deceased.
  - 31. *Sheffield and Rotherham Independent*: Circulation and advertisements:—

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Stamps .....	74,140..	108,500..	118,000..	121,000
Advertisements ..	2,738..	2,960..	3,326..	3,465

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- Jan. 1. The Fork Manufacturers state, that the scale-tang table two-prong forks are reduced in price, since 1835, from 18s. to 10s. per gross; and that oval-rimmed three-pronged table forks have fallen from 24s. to 16s. per gross, in the same period.
- Operative Anti-Corn Law Conference held in Manchester.
- 3. E. Taylor, Esq., Gresham Professor, commences a course of lectures before the Literary and Philosophical Society, on English Vocal Harmony.
- George Thompson, Esq., lectures in Queen-street Chapel, and on the 4th in the Music-Hall, on Free Trade. A petition agreed to, praying Parliament "to undertake without delay the revision of our Tariff, in order to accomplish the entire repeal of the Corn and Provision Laws."
- 4. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 65s. 2d.
- 5. At Wakefield Sessions, Lord Wharncliffe announced that, having been placed by her Majesty at the head of the Magistracy of the Riding, and appointed to an office in the Government, he must resign the Chair of the Quarter Sessions, which he had held near thirty years.
- 7. Literary and Philosophical Society: Earl Fitzwilliam elected President; Edw. Smith, Esq., Dr. Harwood, James Montgomery, Esq., and the Rev. H. Farish, Vice-Presidents; Messrs. Boulton and Lucas, Secretaries.
- Henry Vaughan attempted to shoot Hannah, Sarah, and Harriet Poole, three sisters, in their house, at Pye bank. They escaped from the house, but Sarah was slightly wounded by a bullet, in getting through a window. Vaughan then secured himself in the house, and, firing through the door, a bullet entered the trousers of Mr. John Palfreyman, but without wounding him. Vaughan then reloaded one of his pistols, and shot himself through the heart.
- 7. Sheffield Poorhouse: Inmates, 520; week's payment to the casual poor, £142. 11s. 6d.
- 8. Inquest on the body of H. Vaughan—Verdict, *Felo de se*.
- 9. Robbery of the house of James Montgomery, Esq., while at evening service; the servant left bandaged in the cellar.
- 11. Decease, at Pitville Lawn, Cheltenham, of John Bailey, Esq., formerly of Burngreave.

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- Jan.* 11. At Doncaster Sessions, the Rev. W. Alderson declined to take the chair in the Second Court, for "it had long been his intention to retire when Lord Wharncliffe did; and the changes of the law had become so numerous and perplexing, that provision should be made to have a legal gentleman in the chair."
- 12. Ralph Trotter acquitted, at Doncaster Sessions, on a charge of embezzling the money of Mrs. Chambers, of the Crofts Brewery.
- . Special General Meeting of the Sheffield and Manchester Railway resolved to pay five per cent. interest on all shares on which the calls were paid up.
- 15. Samuel Boot held to bail, to answer, at the Assizes, a charge of burglary at the Cherry Tree Bowling Green.
- 17. Decease of Jonathan Walker, Esq., of Easingwold, formerly of Ferham.
- 18. Henry Baker committed to York, charged with breaking into Messrs. Howard and Hawksworth's warehouse.
- 19. M. Lafontaine delivers his first lecture in Sheffield, on Animal Magnetism.
- . Mr. J. Gleadall elected House Apothecary to the Dispensary.
- 20. The four branches of the Spring Knife Trade form a Mutual Aid Society.
- 21. Mr. Cresswell appointed one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas.
- . Kenyon Stevens Parker, Esq., appointed Queen's Counsel.
- . West-Riding Electors registered for 1841-2, 33,911, an increase of 2913.
- 22. Decease of Samuel Stones, aged 73, the first typefounder who came to Sheffield.
- 23. Decease of Mr. John Higginbotham, of the Three Tuns, Orchard street, aged 74.
- 24. Explosion of the boiler at Philadelphia Works; Joseph Simpson killed.
- 25. Christening of the Prince of Wales. Public meeting, to promote a subscription for the relief of the distress of the town. The principal resolutions having been carried, the promoters of the meeting retired, because an advocate of Universal Suffrage persisted in addressing the meeting. Another Chairman was elected, and a resolution in favour of Universal Suffrage was passed.
- . Mr. Curtis, from Ohio, lectures on the effect of the Cor-Laws on our American trade.
- . A gold snuff-box presented to T. Ellin, jun., Esq., Master Cutler, by his workmen.
- 26. General closing of shops this day, (for Tuesday,) on account of the Christening of the Prince of Wales.
- . Decease of John Shaw, Esq., surgeon, Attercliffe, aged 81.
- . An official communication from Lord Wharncliffe, President of the Council, that the Privy Council would advise the Queen to grant a Charter of Incorporation to Sheffield, provided they had some security that the Town

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Council would petition for a Court of Quarter Sessions and a Recorder.

- Jan.* 26. Court of Requests : Commissioners elected to fill up vacancies — Messrs. Edw. Nanson, jun., Wm. Bradley, Edw. Vickers, Edw. Bingham, Roger Haynes, Geo. Wolstenholm, Wm. Cockayne, Jonathan Roebuck, Jonah Hawkrigg, Francis Colley, James Moorhouse, James Irving, Chas. Ridall, Wm. Warburton, Paul Smith, Andrew Ingleson, Charles Sheldon, and Thomas Moulson.
- 27. Presentation of a silver cup to Messrs. R. Groves and Sons, saw manufacturers, by their workmen.
- Sheffield Gas Company : Half-yearly dividend, 25s. per sh.
- Decease of the Rev. T. Blackley, M.A., vicar of Rotherham.
- 28. Sheffield Banking Co. : Annual dividend of  $8\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.
- Botanical Gardens : Year's receipts, £1317 ; outlay, £1267.
- 29. Decease of Mr. John Rider, formerly of Whitley Hall, Ecclesfield, in his 60th year.
- 30. Decease of Mr. John Haslehurst, iron merchant, aged 54.
- Feb.* 1. Lafontaine's last exhibition of Animal Magnetism.
- Decease of B. J. Wake, Esq., solicitor, in his 64th year.
- 2. A meeting held to complete the business of the 25th Jan.
- Last run of Colebrook harriers, before removal to Essex.
- Sheffield & Rotherham Bank : Annual dividend, 10 per ct.
- 3. The Corporation Committee, in reply to Lord Wharncliffe's letter of Jan. 26, represent to the Privy Council that they could not pledge the future Town Council.
- Opening of Parliament. The Queen recommends for consideration the state of the laws which affect the import of corn and other articles, the produce of foreign countries.
- 4. New poor rate, 1s. in the pound, instead of 9d.
- Dr. Holland read a paper before the Literary and Philosophical Society, on the Cutlery Manufacture, complaining of the frauds upon purchasers by cast metal goods. Mr. S. Bailey and Mr. E. Smith declared their dissent from Dr. Holland's conclusions.
- 5. Messrs. Joseph Rodgers and Sons manufacture a Norfolk knife ; the handle, 14 inches long, of carved pearl, mounted in chased gold, with more than 100 blades and tools, on which are etched portraits and views.
- 7. Decease of Mr. John Newton, Westbar, aged 73.
- 8. Meeting of Anti-Corn-Law Delegates, in London.
- 9. Sir R. Peel proposes his new sliding scale. The measure denounced by Mr. Cobden, as "an insult to the suffering people," and by the Anti-Corn-Law delegates as a denial of justice.
- Anti-Corn-Law Bazaar, at Manchester, realized £10,000.
- 14. Distress Fund amounts to £1,400. Distributed chiefly in bread and potatoes.
- Presentation of the Sheffield Anti-Corn-Law petition, with 15,912 signatures.
- Dr. Cantor lectures on Animal Magnetism, before the Mechanics' Institution.
- 15. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 64s. 2d.

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- Feb.* 15. Lord Wharncliffe explained to the Committee of Incorporation that he wished no more than that they should undertake to recommend the subject of Quarter Sessions to the consideration of the future Town Council, which they agreed to do.
- 18. Anti-Corn-Law and Universal Suffrage Meeting defeated by the O'Connorite Chartists, who carried an amendment demanding the Charter, full and entire.
  - 23. Sheffield and Manchester Railway: Expenditure on the tunnel, up to the 19th, £60,560. Total expenditure, £331,584.
  - 24. Mr. Parker and Mr. Ward voted for Mr. Villiers' motion, in the minority of 90, for repeal of all duties on corn.
  - 27. Decease of Mr. J. Bolton, wine merchant, Market st. aged 54.
  - 25. Week's payment to the casual poor, Sheffield, £178.
  - 28. At Oxford Assizes, the indictment against four men for the murder of Mr. W. Broomhead, jun., of Ridgway, ignored by the Grand Jury.
- Mar.* 4. Decease of Mr. John Peel, High street, aged 77.
- 7. New trial at York, in the case of Glave v. Wentworth: Verdict for the plaintiff.
  - Sheffield and Rotherham Railway Company: Dividend of 20s. per share, and 7s. each new share; equal to 8 per cent.
  - 11. Decease of Mr. W. Wright, Yellow Lion, Haymarket, aged 55.
  - Sir R. Peel proposes his Income Tax and Reform of the Tariff.
  - 12. Decease of Mr. W. Pinder, saw manufacturer, aged 65. Also, of Robert Rawson, governor of Hollis's Hospital.
  - 14. Mr. Ward moved for a Committee to ascertain the alleged special burdens borne by the land of the country, and also its exemptions. Lost by 230 to 115. Mr. Parker moved a clause to facilitate the introduction of corn from the United States: negatived.
  - Joseph and Wm. Lodge, convicted of the manslaughter of Thomas Depledge, at Darfield. Transported for 15 years. John Lodge not guilty.
  - 15. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 61s. 3d.
  - 16. Decease of Bernard Edward Howard, twelfth Duke of Norfolk, born at Sheffield 21st Nov. 1765, and succeeded to the title 16th Dec. 1815. Interred on the 24th inst., in the Fitzallan Collegiate Chapel, in Arundel church.
  - 17. Henry Rodgers found guilty at York, of the manslaughter of Wm. Stringer. Transported seven years.
  - Robert Nall found guilty of the murder of Mary, his wife. Sentenced to death.
  - New Gas Co.: Dividend of 12s. per share, or 5½ per cent.
  - 18. Sheffield payments to casual poor, £194 for the week.
  - 21. Henry Baker convicted, at York, of breaking into the warehouse of Howard and Hawksworth. Ten years' transportation.
  - 22. Henry Boot charged with burglary at the Cherry Tree Bowling green. Acquitted.

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- Mar.* 25. Election of Guardians.—Sheffield Union: Sheffield—W. J. Beet, Samuel Staniforth, Charles Peace, Thomas Burdett Turton, John Stevenson, Isaac Mitchell, Charles Elliott, and Wm. Fawcett. Brightside—Robt. Waterhouse, John Green. Attercliffe—John Gaunt. Handsworth—Wm. Jeffcock . . . Ecclesall Union: Ecclesall—Wm. Page, Wm. Tyzack, Ebenezer Marsden, John Priston Cutts. Nether Hallam—Joseph Hawksley, H. P. Harwood, M. D. Upper Hallam—Wm. Creswick. Norton—Joseph Green, Thomas Ward. Dore—Joseph Gillott. Totley—D'Ewes Coke. Beauchief—G. Fox.
- Decease of Matthias D'Amour, aged 93.
- 29. Several persons convicted under the act for protecting registered designs, for imitating the designs of Messrs. Stuart, Smith, and Co.'s fenders.
- 30. Decease of Wm. Oxley, Esq., Park Gate House, Rotherham, aged 53.
- 31. Special Sessions at Wakefield: Propose to hold intermediate sessions at Sheffield four times a year. Chairmen for Sheffield and Rotherham, Earl Fitzwilliam, the Hon. J. S. Wortley, W. J. Bagshawe, Esq., & J. Ingham, Esq.
- Decease at Sobrado, Rio de Janeiro, of George Brittain, Esq., in his 60th year.
- April* 4. The Church Burgesses having offered £50 a year towards the salary of a chaplain to the Infirmary, resolved at a special meeting of Governors, that a chaplain be appointed as soon as a salary of £100 could be raised independently of the funds of the charity.
- Pontefract Sessions: The Hon. E. Lascelles elected chairman, vice Lord Wharnccliffe. Report of the special sessions, March 31, as to intermediate sessions, adopted.
- 5. George Hancock committed to York, charged with setting fire to the stack of Wm. Roberts, of Button hill.
- News from India of the destruction of the army of Cabool.
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 61s. 7d.
- 7. Decease of Mr. Edward Ward, of the firm of David Ward and Sons, aged 29.
- 9. Robert Nall executed at York for the murder of his wife.
- 10. Decease at Grimesthorpe, of Mr. Robert Colver, aged 70.
- Waterworks Company: Dividend of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.
- 14. Decease of Mr. John Butcher, draper, aged 83.
- 16. Sheffield Highway Accounts: Expended £7534.
- Weekly payments to Sheffield casual poor, £274.
- 17. Decease of Mr. Crowther, of Owlerton, surgeon, aged 55.
- 18. Foundation laid of General Baptist Chapel, Eyre street.
- Ecclesall Union Workhouse: payments to out poor, £106, against £68 last year.
- 21. Ecclesfield: Rate to enlarge the church-yard refused.
- 23. Relief Fund Accounts: Received, £2096; expended, £2056; balance to Bettering Society, £40.
- 25. Annual Police Meeting, Rotherham: Expenditure, £216
- 25. Disturbances among the nailers and colliers in Warwickshire and Staffordshire.

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- April* 26. Decease of Mr. Thomas Ludlam, aged 38, many years bookkeeper at the Tontaine coach-office.
- 30. New Sliding Scale came into operation.
- May* 2. Election of Secretary to the Infirmary: Mr. John Hardy, 151; Mr. Joseph Kirk, 131; Mr. Ebenezer Smith, 72; Mr. W. F. Hobson, 4.
- . Decease at Birmingham, of Mr. W. Hutton, aged 68, of the firm of W. Hutton and Son.
- 4. Mr. Ward writes to the Chartist Committee in explanation of the grounds of his vote in favour of hearing the Chartist petitioners by counsel at the bar.
- 5. Sheffield Library: Price of shares reduced from 5 to 6 gs.
- 6. Decease of Mr. R. Woofinden, in his 73rd year.
- 7. Sheffield Poorhouse: Inmates, 580; week's payments to casual poor, £333. Ecclesall Workhouse: Inmates, 287; out payments, £124, against £76 last year.
- 9. Number of able-bodied poor receiving relief at Sheffield Workhouse, increased since March, from 200 to 900.
- . Williams's Patent Argand Furnaces for preventing smoke, exhibited at Messrs. Sandford's Works, Rotherham.
- 10. Lectures on War by R. R. R. Moore, Esq., of Manchester.
- . Decease of Mr. Richard Atkinson, aged 77.
- 11. Meeting of the Anti-Corn Law League, at Manchester: "They had more money in hand than had been spent in any two years since the commencement of the struggle."
- . Aged Female Society: Cases relieved in last year, 364; amount expended, £332.
- 12. Lecture by Mr. Moore on Temperance.
- 13. Lecture by Mr. Moore: The power of the people to carry Reform by peaceable and moral means.
- 14. Trades' Unions: Payments by Table-knife Grinders' Union to the unemployed from 13th November, 1830, to December, 1831, £1332; 1832, £2572; 1833, £742; 1834, £653; 1835, £60; 1836, £40; 1837, £2650; 1838, £2417; 1839, £2279; 1840, £3546; 1841, £3003; January to April, 1842, £1356; total, £20,630; besides about £15,000 during the last five years, paid by the saw, edgetool, file, Britannia metal, and silver plating trades.
- 16. Corner stone of Elsecar Church laid by Earl Fitzwilliam.
- 19. First Intermediate Sessions, under the new arrangement, held at Sheffield.
- 21. Decease of Mr. John Vickers, formerly Britannia metal manufacturer, Garden street.
- 24. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 65s. 1d.
- 25. Decease, at Matlock Bath, of Mr. John Newton, grocer, Haymarket.
- 28. Formation of Sheffield Phrenological Society.
- . Deputation of Yorkshire Magistrates had an interview with Sir James Graham to deprecate taking Yorkshire out of the Northern Circuit, and to urge the necessity for a third yearly gaol delivery.
- 29. Decease of Mr. J. M'Turk, Burgess st., in his 53rd year.



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May 30. The Queen shot at by John Francis.

- June 1. Police meeting: Mr. Robert Sorby proposed a memorial to the Privy Council to postpone the Charter of Incorporation on account of the distress of the town, stating that there were more than 1000 able-bodied men on the parish. The Chairman declined to put the motion.
- Queen's Bays left Sheffield: succeeded by two troops of the 11th Hussars, (Lord Cardigan's;) head quarters, York.
- The Saw Trade memorialise the Board of Trade, praying for a duty on the exportation of steel and partly manufactured goods. They state that the export of steel for saws averages 25 tons weekly. The memorial supported by the representatives of other trades. The Board of Trade reply that the remedy proposed would restrict rather than enlarge the trade.
- Henry Wilson, chimney sweep, of Rotherham, sentenced last York Assizes to transportation for life, for burglary, at Brampton, pardoned, on proof of his innocence.
- 3. Sheffield Workhouse: inmates, 574; week's payments to casual poor, £371.
- 5. Decease of H. Elgie, Esq., Western bank, in his 70th year.
- 6. Ecclesall Union: paupers in workhouses, 308; payments to out-poor, £128, against £73 last year.
- 7. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 66s. 1d.
- Proclamation issued putting an end to the receipt of light sovereigns for revenue, and causing great inconvenience throughout the country.
- 10. Decease of Mr. John Auckland, file manufacturer, aged 66.
- 11. Hot weather for 3 weeks: prospects of harvest improving.
- 16. The Earl of Radnor, in a motion on the distress of the country, quoted the case of Sheffield: paupers in the poorhouse, 1837, 281; now, 600. Able poor receiving relief, none in 1836; now more than 1000. Weekly payments to casual poor, 1837, £13. 15s.; now, £380. Out-payments to casual poor for year 1836-7, £715; 1841-2, £7315; and now going on at the rate of £15,000 a year. County rate, 1837, £1712; 1842, £2575.
- 17. Francis found guilty of shooting at the Queen, and sentenced to death.
- 20. Revival of Chartist agitation by the O'Connor party.
- 21. Mr. Ward moves that, in all future elections, the votes should be taken by Ballot. Negatived by 290 to 157.
- Yorkshire Amateur Music Meeting held in Sheffield.
- Decease, in York Castle, of Samuel Holberry, who, in 1840, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment, for his share in the Chartist conspiracy to burn the town.
- 27. Public funeral of S. Holberry at the Sheffield Cemetery.
- 29. At Bradford Sessions, a silver mounted wand and teapot presented by the bar to Mr. W. Senior, cryer of the West-Riding Quarter Sessions.
- 30. Public meeting called by part of the overseers held in the Town-hall, and, by adjournment, in Paradise square, to memorialise the Privy Council to postpone the Charter

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of Incorporation, on account of the distress of the town. Mr. Moss stated that the poor rates had increased from £15,516 in 1838-9, to £23,716 in 1841-2; and this year would be from £35,000 to £40,000. Mr. W. Fisher and Mr. T. Dunn moved an amendment, regretting the distress of the town, but affirming the increased necessity for "a better and more efficient system of local government." H. Parker and W. J. Bagshawe, Esqrs., stated the necessity for additional assistance in the administration of justice. The amendment carried.

- July 1.* Scarcity of change compels the overseers to issue orders for shillings and half-crowns, to pay the poor.
- Chimney sweeping by children abolished by Act of Parliament, passed 7th August, 1840.
- 2. Sentence of J. Francis commuted to transportation for life.
3. Attempt to shoot the Queen by John Wm. Bean, a hump-backed youth.
- 4. Mechanics' Library: income, £229; stock of books, 5628; number of members, 643.
- 5. Re-assembling of the Anti-Corn Law Delegates in London.
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 67s. 8d.
- 6. Indictment of the Dick Bank footpath, Attercliffe, tried at Rotherham Sessions. The Jury found that the occupiers of land through which it passed were liable to repair it.
- Dispensary: income, £651; outlay, £628; patients, 2912.
- 7. Decease of W. Wilson, Esq., Highfield, in his 77th year.
- 9. Anti-Corn Law Delegates had interview with Sir R. Peel.
- Decease of S. Newbould, Esq., Bridge end, in his 91st year.
- Sheffield poorhouse: inmates, 463; payments to casual poor, £441.
- 11. The coming into operation of the new Tariff causes a great increase of entries at the Custom houses.
- 11. Ecclesall Union: inmates of houses, 323; payments to out-poor, £115, against £66 last year.
- 12. Lord Wharncliffe declares himself in favour of continuing and extending the educational measures of the Whigs.
- 14. Duty on wheat falls to 8s.
- 15. Decease of Robert Holborn, Brookhill, aged 88.
- 20. Lecture by the Rev. D. G. Goyder, M.A., of Glasgow, before the Phrenological Society.
- 20. The Rev. R. S. Bayley reports publicly the proceedings at the Anti-Corn Law Conference. Returns from 2126 persons, shewed that the weekly wages of the working classes in Sheffield were £6000 less than in 1838.
- 21. Mr. Ward seconds Mr. Duncombe's motion to address the Queen to convene Parliament again before winter. Negatived by 147 to 91.
- 22. Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank: dividend, 7½ per cent.
- 23. Police accounts published: receipts, £6987; cost of cleansing, £1062; lighting, £2487; watching, £2849; salaries, £511; miscellaneous, £78.
- 25. The O'Connor Chartists elect J. G. Harney and S. Parkes to represent them at a Conference at Manchester.

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- July* 26. Political Institute Chartists elect R. Otley for same purpose.
- Meeting of North Midland shareholders resident in Sheffield and the neighbourhood, to urge upon the Directors economy, and collect proxies in favour of the appointment of a committee of inspection.
- 27. Public meeting to memorialise the Queen not to prorogue Parliament until the distress of the country had been considered, defeated by amendment in favour of the Charter.
- 29. Decease of Mr. J. Woodhead, starch manfr., Rotherham.
- 30. Petitions in favour of the Corn Laws this session, signed by 1399; against them, by 4,925,178.
- Aug.* 1. Cricket match at Hyde Park between Nottingham and Sheffield. Nottingham, first innings, 150; second, 85; Sheffield, first innings, 95; second, 49.
- Election of Police Commissioners: Thomas Wild, Fargate; James Wild, Queen street; Charles Hoole, Castle street; William Bland, Surrey street; Thomas Dunn, Coal Wharf; Albert Smith, Castle street; Michael Hunter, Wicker; William Parker, Soho Works; and I. P. Cutts, Division street.
- 2. Decease of Mr. George Fish, printer, aged 71.
- 4. The Rev. R. S. Bayley brings forward in the Circus his plan for the formation of a People's College.
- Formation of the Sheffield Complete Suffrage Association.
- 5. Nottingham election: Walter, 1799; Sturge, 1718.
- 6. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 62s. 6d.
- Sheffield poorhouse: inmates, 513; week's payments to casual poor, £492. Ecclesall Union: inmates of the houses, 350; out-payments, £131, against £69 last year.
- Prospect of a good harvest causes temporary improvement in the cotton trade.
- 8. Commencement of a strike at Staley Bridge, which extended to Manchester, and all the small towns and villages of Lancashire. Turnout commenced at Dudley, continued in Staffordshire. The colliers' strike near Glasgow.
- Return match between Sheffield and Nottingham played at Nottingham. Sheffield, first innings, 123; second, 37; Nottingham, first innings, 132; second, 29, with nine wickets to go down.
- Decease of Mr. Henry Moorhouse, late of the firm of Smith, Moorhouse, and Smith, in his 59th year.
- First importation of live cattle.
- Decease of Mr. Thomas Flockton, Broomhill, aged 70.
- 9. Cemetery Company: Dividend of 5s. per share.
- 11. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Dividend reduced from 8 to 7 per cent.
- 12. Decease of Mr. Thomas Hirst, surveyor, Fargate, aged 63.
- Parliament prorogued.—Trades' delegates, assembled in Manchester, recommend a cessation of work till the Charter become law.
- 13. The Lancashire turn-outs enter Yorkshire, and stop mills at Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield, &c.

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- Aug.* 13. The fine weather rendering a rise in our corn duties certain, the 8s. duty was paid on about 2,000,000 quarters.
- 14. Troops sent down into Lancashire and Yorkshire.
  - 15. Meeting in Paradise square, on the subject of a strike: Resolved to convene a meeting of trades' delegates.
  - Destruction of property at Hanley and Burslem, in Staff.
  - Decease of Mr. James Deakin, aged 61.
  - 16. Feargus O'Connor and the Chartist delegates meet privately in Manchester.
  - 17. Address of the Executive Chartist Committee published; the printer arrested. The military attacked at Elland.
  - First meeting of the Sheffield Complete Suffrage Union.
  - Sheffield and Manchester Railway Company obtain a loan from Exchequer Bill Commissioners, of £50,000.
  - The turn-outs reach Leeds, but are repulsed.
  - 18. The Chartist delegates separated. The trades delegates decreasing. A few mills commence work.
  - Mr. Dawson's first Concert: Miss A. Kemble and others.
  - George Hancock acquitted at York, charged with setting fire to the stacks of Mr. Roberts, Button hill.
  - 19. Tranquillity generally restored, but work not yet resumed.
  - Harney and Parkes, returned from Manchester, report the proceedings there to a meeting in Paradise square. A meeting to decide upon the strike announced for Monday.
  - 20. The trades' delegates at Manchester ceased their sittings.
  - The secretaries of seven Grinders' Unions announce that their trades have nothing to do with the proposed meeting.
  - 22. Chartist meetings in London, Birmingham, &c., prevented. Meeting in Paradise square. Proposed that a strike was the most rational mode of obtaining the Charter. J. G. Harney moved an amendment, censuring the Government, and sympathising with the turn-out, but pledging the meeting to increased exertions to gain the Charter. The amendment carried. Other Chartist meetings, which passed off quietly.
  - 25. Half-yearly meeting of North Midland Company at Derby: On the motion of Mr. John Carr, of Sheffield, a committee appointed to investigate its affairs.
  - Bean found guilty of attempting to shoot at the Queen: eighteen months' imprisonment.
  - People's College opened by the Rev. R. S. Bayley; rooms George street.
  - 26. Mr. Justice Maule refused the application of Mr. Wortley, made yesterday, to remand the prisoners for the late riots, and leave them to be tried by Special Commission.
  - Mr. Dawson's second subscription Concert: Madame and Signora E. Grisi, Sig. F. & Sig. Lablache, and others.
  - 29. The Rev. Samuel Robinson Carver, incumbent of Stanington, with Mrs. Carver, overturned in their carriage at Malin bridge. Mr. Carver died on the 31st August, and Mrs. Carver on the 2nd September.
  - The Queen left Windsor to visit Scotland.
  - 30. Post bags sent to Masbro' by mail cart, instead of railway.

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*Aug.* 30. Meeting to apply for a grant from the money raised by authority of the Queen's letter, for the relief of distressed manufacturers. In the parish, 25,000 inhabited houses; 30,000 male adults. Adult males employed in manufactures, 25,000; women, and children above 12, 7000; four to five thousand men in full work, averaging 18s. a week, and about 1000 women and children, averaging 5s. each; 17,000 men, partially employed, at an average of 9s. a week; 4500 women and children, at 3s.; 3000 men unemployed (2000 on the parish,) and 1500 women and children. Out-poor for the quarter ending March, 1842, 4160; ending June, 7466; by the end of September, likely to be doubled.

— 31. Half-yearly meeting of Sheffield and Manchester Railway Company: Total expended, £404,656. 3032 yards of the tunnel driven, leaving 2268. 1419 shares forfeited.

— Infirmiry: The clergy appointed a Chaplain Committee, to appoint a chaplain, and raise £150 a year for his salary, including £50 from the Church Burgesses.

— Scale of out-door relief in Sheffield Union reduced.

*Sept.* 1. Cutlers' Feast: Wm. Broadhurst, Esq., Master; Messrs. T. Wilkinson and F. Newton, Wardens. Lord Wharncliffe, Lord Milton, the Hon. J. S. Wortley, and the Hon. G. W. Fitzwilliam, the principal guests.

— Gold abundant in Bank of England; loans at 3½ per cent.

— Ground broken at Wardsend for the Sheffield and Manchester Railway, the loan from the Exchequer Bill Commissioners having been obtained on the undertaking that employment should be found on the line for the able-bodied poor of Sheffield.

— 3. Sheffield Poorhouse: Inmates, 535; week's payments to casual poor, £503. Ecclesall Union: Inmates of houses, 374, against 253 last year; out-payments, £132, against £68 last year.

— 5. Hy. Vincent lectures in the Circus on Complete Suffrage.

— The parties convicted at York of the late riots sentenced— one to ten years' transportation, and the rest to various terms of imprisonment, mostly from two to six months. The assizes lasted 18 days. 187 ordinary prisoners, and 190 rioters; of the latter, 43 pleaded guilty; 25 acquitted.

— Decease of Mr. George Rodgers, of the firm of Joseph Rodgers and Sons, aged 53.

— Decease of Samuel Laycock, Esq., Portobello, aged 58.

— The students of the People's College made an excursion to Roche Abbey.

— 6. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 52s. 4d.

— 8. Public dinner, at Rotherham, to Robert Bentley, Esq.

— 10. The harvest far advanced, and in good condition.

— Decease of Mr. John Abdy, of Ecclefield, aged 43.

— 11. Decease of Mr. Benjamin Roberts, excise officer, aged 68.

— 12. Smith's wheel, Glossop road, in great part burned.

— Complete Suffrage Council, at Birmingham, convene a Conference, to be held at Birmingham, 27th December.

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- Sept. 14. News from the United States, that a new tariff, almost prohibitory against our manufactures, had been passed, and that a treaty had been made with Lord Ashburton settling the boundary, the Caroline, the Creole, and the right of search questions.
- London Manufacturers' Relief Committee remit £500 for the relief of the poor.
  - 15. Revising Barristers' Court for the West Riding commenced at Sheffield: New claims—Orange, 140; Blue, 64; doubtful, 10. Struck off—Orange, 197; Blue, 65; doubtful, 40.
  - 20. Joseph Sturge, of Birmingham, visits Sheffield, to promote the Complete Suffrage movement.
  - John Hurst, Abraham Cook, and W. Gilpin, charged with setting fire to Smith's wheel; bailed till Assizes.
  - 22. First nomination of constables under 5 and 6 Vict., c. 10: Sheffield, 30; Ecclesall, 10; Brightside, 10; Bradfield, 15; Ecclesfield, 15; Nether Hallam, 10; Upper Hallam, 5; Attercliffe-cum-Darnal, 10; Handsworth, 5.
  - 29. Two wheat stacks burnt at Cherry tree hill, the property of H. Newbould, Esq.
  - Richard Otley and George Julian Harney arrested at the same time as other Chartists, in different parts of the country, charged with conspiracy in their meeting at Manchester during the strike.
  - 30. Samuel Parkes arrested on the same charge.
  - New German League tariff passed, being the sixth hostile tariff to England since November, 1841, namely, the Russian, the Portuguese, the French, the Belgian, the United States, and now the German.
- Oct. 1. Sheffield Poorhouse: Inmates, 536; able poor, 1336; payments to casual poor, £467.
- 3. Death of Mr. John Chadburn, optician, aged 90.
  - 4. Otley, Harney, Parkes, and many other of the principal Chartists, examined at Manchester, on a charge of conspiracy, and required to give bail to take their trial at the Special Assizes at Liverpool. Principal witness against them, Wm. Griffin, reporter of the *Northern Star*.
  - 5. Bettering Society: "Since the year 1837, there has been manifestly a most disastrous turn in trade and manufactures here, not the consequence of a sudden shock, from violent and temporary derangement, traceable to obvious causes, severe and heavy for a while, as on former occasions, from which, if slowly, yet surely, amendment followed; but a progressive decay, like the fatal and insidious symptoms of consumption in the human frame, tending towards inevitable destruction. The oldest inhabitant of Sheffield cannot remember a crisis of calamity so general, and apparently so hopeless, as that which has come upon us. The labouring classes have been going down into abject destitution."— *Report by James Montgomery, Esq.*

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- Aug. 5. Infirmary meeting: The subscriptions which, in 1797, were £1017, fallen below £800. The House of Recovery completed, at a cost of £5984.
- Great fall in price of cattle.
  - Consecration of St. Bede's (Catholic) Chapel, Masbro'.
  - 6. Mr. R. R. R. Moore lectures on Peace.
  - Renewed subscriptions for the restoration of York Minster.
  - 7. Decease of Wm. Thorpe, aged 70, of hydrophobia.
  - 8. The West Riding Art-Union proposed by Mr. Gilbert.
  - Decease of W. F. L. Scott, Esq., registrar of the West Riding, in his 62nd year.
  - Ecclesall Union: Paupers in workhouses, 452, against 258 last year; payments to out-poor, £121.
  - 10. Mr. Moore lectures on Free Trade; 11th, on Temperance.
  - Salt beef and pork admitted under the new tariff.
  - 11. Introductory lecture before the Phrenological Society, by Dr. Corden Thompson.
  - A true bill found at Liverpool, against Otley, Harney, Parkes, and other Chartists, charged with conspiracy: Traversed to the next Assizes, and were bailed.
  - 12. Lord Morpeth lands at Bristol from New York, after a year's absence.
  - Mr. R. R. R. Moore lectures on Complete Suffrage.
  - Decease at Masbro', of Mr. John Harrison, maltster and corn factor.
  - Anti-Corn Law League call on the country for £50,000.
  - 14. Fire at the Soho Wheel.
  - The Bank of Manchester closes with a loss of £800,887.
  - 15. Ezekiel Savage (before discharged,) and Thomas Collins, apprehended, charged with the murder of Mr. William Broomhead, jun., of Ridgway, on the 30th September, 1840, at Blackthorn, Oxfordshire.
  - 18. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 50s. 3d.
  - 20. Decease of the Rev. Nathaniel Philipps, D.D., of Moor Lodge, in his 85th year.
  - Decease at Reading, of Mr. E. McCoy, formerly of Sheffield.
  - 21. M. J. West, Esq., and M. B. Bere, Esq. appointed Commissioners of Bankruptcy for the Leeds District.
  - 22. North Midland Railway: Report of the Committee appointed in August, recommending a saving to the extent of £17,788, out of £40,610.
  - 24. Close of Registration Circuit, at Rotherham: New claims, orange, 42; blue, 47; doubtful, 0. Struck off, orange, 11; blue, 41; doubtful, 13. Total loss on the Circuit to the Reformers, 240.
  - 25. Decease of Mr. Joseph Whitham, in his 76th year.
  - Bishop of Ripon confirms 364 males, and 700 females.
  - 26. Public meeting to memorialise the Postmaster-General against sending the mail bags to Masbro', by cart.
  - 30. Decease of Mr. T. Hague, aged 76, formerly a builder.
  - 31. Decease of Mr. Thomas Bagshaw, Rotherham, in his 74th year. He left to the Rotherham Dispensary, £100; Bible Society, £100; Wesleyan Sunday school, £100;

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Wesleyan Benevolent Society, £100; Rotherham Wesleyan Chapel, £200; the interest of £200 to 40 poor men and women; and after some legacies to relatives, the residue to the Wesleyan Missionary Society and Theological Institution.

- Oct. 31. Importations of cattle from Ireland decreased more than the amount of foreign importations.
- Nov. 1. New Bankruptcy and Insolvent Acts came into operation.
- Constables sworn in by the Magistrates under the new Act.
- North Midland: Publication of Directors' reply to the report of the Committee, assenting to reductions to the amount of £11,335.
- Decease of Robert Hancock, aged 76.
- 2. Statistics of prostitution, and its effects in producing crime, discussed at the meeting of Police Commissioners.
- 4. Second application to the London Manufacturers' Relief Committee, representing that the distress of the town was increased since the late grant. £250 granted.
- 5. The *Sheffield Iris*, for fifty-five years published on Tuesday, changes to Saturday.
- 7. Mr. Dyson's Wheel, Abbeydale, blown up by gunpowder.
- Mechanics' Institute: Library, 1650 volumes; members and apprentices, 539.
- Theatre opened under the management of Mr. Ternan.
- 9. Decease of W. Stringfellow, Attercliffe, in his 70th year.
- 10. The Rev. Robert Moffatt, missionary from South Africa, delivers a valedictory address in Nether Chapel, on the eve of returning to Africa.
- 12. Ecclesall Bierlow Union: Inmates of the house, 407, against 258 last year; payments to out poor, £131, against £78 last year.
- 14. The Rev. Mr. Stannus's first lecture on Ancient and Modern Oratory, before the Mechanics' Institution.
- 16. North Midland: Special meeting at Leeds adopted the report of the Committee by a large majority.
- 17. Consols, 94½: Money abundant in London, and no demand for it in trade.
- 19. Sheffield Poorhouse: Inmates, 615; able poor, 1083; payments to casual poor, £420.
- Several members of the Trades' Unions appeal to the trades to take measures to prevent the destruction of property. They state that ten trades, during 4½ years, have paid to their unemployed hands, £29,356.
- John and George Thorpe and Wm. Hopkinson, charged on suspicion of blowing up the Abbeydale Wheel. The Thorpes afterwards discharged; Hopkinson committed.
- Monument erected at the Cemetery by subscription, to the memory of George Bennet, Esq.
- 21. Mr. Dawson's Concert: Principal performers, Madame and Signor Ronconi, Miss Cubitt, Mr. John Parry, and M. Thalberg.
- Special mail brings news of peace with China, and final operations in Affghanistau.




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- Nov. 22. Election of Registrar of the West-Riding: T. B. Hodgson, 1712; Hon. A. Lascelles, 1680.
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 46s.
- 23. Anti-Corn Law Soirée at the Music Hall, attended by Mr. Cobden, M.P.; Mr. John Bright, Rochdale; Mr. H. Ashworth, of Turton, near Bolton; and Mr. R. R. R. Moore, of Manchester. Subscription for the League.
- 24. The degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred by the University of Oxford, on the Rev. Thos. Sutton, A.M., vicar.
- The O'Connor Chartists meet in Paradise square, and elect delegates to the Complete Suffrage Conference.
- 26. Announcement that six of the Directors of the North Midland retire to be replaced by the committee of investigation, and that the other six Directors will resign at the annual meeting in February.
- Discoveries in Phreno-Magnetism, by Mr. Spencer T. Hall, governor of Hollis's Hospital.
- Mr. Cobden answers the charges of the *Standard*, as to the misappropriation of the League Funds.
- 29. Decease of Mr. Charles Clegg, formerly trumpet major to the Yeomanry Cavalry, and for 40 years in Parker, Shore, and Co.'s bank.
- Decease of Mr. Edward Jervis, Snighill, aged 35.
- Dec. 1. Decease of Mr. J. Osborne, of Attercliffe, in his 69th year.
- Decease of Mr. Jon. Frith, Uppertorpe, aged 59.
- Directors of Sheffield and Rotherham Railway offer to convey the mail between the Post Office and Masbro' station, and provide a guard, at £1 per day.
- 3. Sheffield Union: inmates, Sheffield and Brightside, 770; casual poor, Sheffield, 412; Brightside, 103; able poor, Sheffield, 1021; Brightside, 288.
- Mr. Spooner's stacks, Crookes, set on fire: third time since Sept.
- 4. Decease of Mr. Wm. Revitt, Meadow st, in his 71st year.
- 5. Mr. S. T. Hall lectures on Phreno-Magnetism.
- 6. Intermediate Sessions: Sarah Wagstaffe pleaded guilty of robbing her employers, Messrs. Glossop and Nutt, and Mr. J. E. Middleton, to a large amount: one year's imprisonment. Hannah Walker, servant of Messrs. Cowen and Dixon, pleaded guilty of having largely plundered them: nine months' imprisonment, and Mary Fareham an accomplice, found guilty, six months.
- 8. Meeting of Trades Delegates, who pass resolutions denouncing any resort to outrage, by Trades Unions.
- 9. Council of the Government School of Design grant, for the establishment of a School at Sheffield, an outfit of £500 and £150 a year for three years.
- 10. Draft Charter for the Borough under consideration of the Law Officers of the Crown.
- Price of 4lb. loaf: best, 6d.; seconds, 5d. Average price of wheat 47s.
- Ecclesall Union: inmates of houses, 409; out payments, £130, against £75 last year.

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- Dec. 11. Decease of Mr. John Booth, Wadsley, aged 86.  
 —. Decease of Mr. W. Woodhead, of the King's Head.  
 — 12. The Rev. H. H. Piper lectures before the Mechanics' Institute, on Greece.  
 —. Fourth poor rate, at 1s. 6d.; first, in May, at 1s.; second, in August, 1s. 6d.; third, in October, at 1s. in the pound.  
 — 13. Jos. Cooke, of White lane, Ecclesfield, stabbed by Thos. Twigg, butcher, in a drunken quarrel. Twigg committed to York Castle for manslaughter.  
 — 17. West Riding Electors, 1842, 33,864. Increase in Rotherham, 40; decrease in Sheffield, 94.  
 — 19. Meeting called by Complete Suffrage Association to elect delegates to the Conference at Birmingham, defeated by the O'Connorite Chartists.  
 — 20. Feargus O'Connor lectures at the Circus. J. G. Harney denounces the Chartists of the Political Institute.  
 — 21. Mr. S. T. Hall lectures (Theatre) on Phreno-Magnetism.  
 —. The stacks of Robt. Cauwood, of The Wheel, Ecclesfield, destroyed by fire.  
 — 24. Postmaster-General refuses the application to abandon the mail cart to Masbro', for the rails.  
 —. Sheffield & Manchester Railway further opened to Glossop.  
 —. Strike of the enginedrivers of the North Midland Railway against a reduction of wages.  
 — 26. Monday observed as a general holiday, in consequence of Christmas day falling on Sunday.  
 — 28. Decease, at Attercliffe, of Mr. Thos. Wilde, aged 48.  
 — 29. Soirée of the People's College, at the Bath Saloon.  
 — 30. Mr. J. S. Buckingham's lectures on Free Trade.  
 — 31. Bernard and James Macline committed to York for the manslaughter of Eliza Rooney.  
 —. *Sheffield and Rotherham Independent*: Circulation and advertisements:—

	1838.	1839.	1840.	1841.	1842.
Stamps.....	74,140	108,500	118,000	121,000	123,500
Advertisements ..	2,738	2,960	3,326	3,465	3,752

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	1840.	1841.	Jan. to June, 1842.	Weekly Av. 1842
<i>Independent</i> , 118,000	118,000	121,000	67,500	2596
<i>Mercury</i> ....	90,000	67,500	44,000	1615
<i>Iris</i> .....	39,500	16,500	—	—

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- Jan. 2. Decease at Rotherham of Mr. John Hudson, College Inn.
- 4. Opening dinner of Prince of Wales Hotel, Masbro'.
- 5. Fatal accident on the North Midland, near Barnsley. Mr. Robert Harvey, a commercial traveller, killed. Verdict of manslaughter against Jenkins, the engine driver.
- Savings Bank: Received from Depositors in year ending 20 Nov., 1842, £32,581; paid to ditto, £37,747. Balance due, £162,674.
- Registration, Sheffield district: Births and deaths registered from commencement of the act, July, 1837. Births, —year ending June, 1838, 3261; 1839, 3617; 1840, 3652; 1841, 3307; 1842, 3451; total, 17,288. Deaths, —year ending June, 1838, 2208; 1839, 2450; 1840, 2610; 1841, 2392; 1842, 2284; total, 11,944.
- Sheffield Poorhouse: in-paupers, Sheffield and Brightside, 762; payments to occasional poor, Sheffield, £403; Brightside, £101. Able poor, Shfd., 982; Brightsd., 292.
- Ecclesall Union: in the houses, 420, against 259 last year. Payments to the out poor, £134, against £80 last year.
- 14. Mr. Parker and Mr. Ward, Members for the borough, in answer to an address from the Anti Corn-Law Committee, declare their intention to continue to support the motions of Mr. Villiers for entire and immediate repeal.
- 16. Announcement of the stoppage of Messrs. Parker, Shore, and Co.'s Bank. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall, declaratory of confidence in the remaining Banks. Much excitement and alarm, but no run upon the other Banks.
- 17. Report of the meeting of yesterday published by *Independent Extraordinary*.
- 19. Decease in London, aged 43, of Thomas, eldest son of Mr. T. Smith Hodgson, of Sheffield.
- 20. Decease of Mr. W. Bennett, grocer, Church st., aged 35.
- 21. The Wharnclyffe contract on the Sheffield and Manchester line, advertised for letting.
- 25. Meeting of the creditors of Messrs. Parker, Shore, and Co., when Mr. A. Smith made a statement of the affairs of the Bank, founded on the balance sheet of Christmas, 1841: total engagements, £620,244, including, to the credit of Mr. Parker, £37,279; of Mr O. Shore, £108,867; and of Mr. Brewin, £4812. Total assets, (besides ledger of bad and doubtful debts, £165,192,) £499,715. Committee appointed to recommend suitable persons as assignees. Meeting adjourned to 9th February.
- 26. Sheffield Gas Company: 10 per cent. dividend.
- 27. Sheffield Banking Company: 8½ per cent. dividend.

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- Jan.* 27. Master Cutler received a further grant of £500 from the Manufacturers' Relief Committee, in London.
- Feb.* 1. Sheffield and Rotherham Bank: dividend  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.
- 2. Decease of Mr. W. Blagden, lime merchant, aged 66.
4. Sheffield and Brightside in-paupers, 746; occasional poor, Sheffield, £378; Brightside, £108; able poor, Sheffield, 1014; Brightside, 317.
- . Ecclesall Union: in-paupers, 444, against 276 last year; payments to out poor, £141, against £93 last year.
- 6. Opening of the Rotherham Temperance Institute: lectures by E. Baines, jun., Esq. and Dr. Favell.
- . Sheffield Mechanics' Institute: the Rev. B. T. Stannus concluded his lectures on Ancient and Modern Orators.
- 8. Robbery of the Broom and Aldwark Toll-bars.
- 9. Adjourned meeting of Parker, Shore, and Co.'s creditors: the Committee recommended as Assignees,—Messrs. Thomas Dunn, William Smith, (of Portobello,) and J. Towleron Leather. Mr. A. Smith made a statement of engagements and assets, in which the engagements were reduced £78,000, and the assets £74,000, as compared with the former statement.
- 14. Meeting of creditors of Parker, Shore, and Co., called by Mr. Broomhead, solicitor, held at the George Inn: a memorial voted, praying the Bankruptcy Court to postpone the choice of Assignees.
- 15. First meeting under the fiat of bankruptcy against Parker, Shore, and Co., before Mr. Commissioner West, at Leeds. Debts proved amounting to £119,000. Adjourned to the 17th.
- 16. Decease of James Smilter, aged 59, town crier 20 years.
- 17. Adjourned meeting in Parker, Shore, and Co.'s bankruptcy: after proof of debts, amounting altogether to £185,554, the gentlemen recommended by the Committee on the 9th February appointed Assignees.
- 20. Decease of Mr. John Booth, grocer, Westbar; and on the 21st, of Mr. William Booth, his brother, aged 30.
- 21. Aaron Green and Henry Stones committed to Derby Assizes, for burglary with great personal violence, in the house of Thomas Biggin, Ashfurlong Cottage, near I ore, on the 6th February. Convicted at Derby, March 18; and judgment of death recorded.—Convicted at Derby, March 18, and judgment of death recorded.
- 22. Meeting of Trades Delegates, to consider a circular from the Poor Law Guardians to the manufacturers, requesting them to divide their work so as to employ as many hands as possible; and where employment was refused by any man receiving or likely to apply for parochial relief, to report to the Board. Resolutions denouncing the circular passed, and the meeting adjourned to March 6.
- 23. John Parker, Esq., M.P., took his seat as Steward of the Sheffield Court of Requests, *vice* Hugh Parker, Esq.
- 24. North Midland Railway meeting at Leeds: dividend of 32s. 6d. per share.
- . Decease of Thos. Jackson, Esq., of Barbot Hall, aged 73.
- 25. Publication of the Report of J. C. Symons, Esq., on the

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moral and physical condition of the children employed in the Trades of Sheffield.

*Feb.* 27. Dr. Branson elected physician to the Infirmary: votes and proxies for Dr. Branson, 252; for Dr. Bartolome, 45.

— Decease of Thomas Marsden, the celebrated cricketer, aged 38. He had scored in one inning 227, a number exceeded in only one case on record.

— 29. Sir James Graham develops his plan for the Education of Children in the Factory Districts.

*March* 1. Third meeting under Parker, Shore, and Co.'s bankruptcy.

— 2. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Dividend 6 per cent.

— 3. Decease of Mr. J. Butler, aged 57, of the firm of G. and J. Butler, Trinity street.

— 4. Sheffield and Brightside in-paupers, 734; occasional poor, Sheffield, £406; Brightside, £113; able poor, Sheffield, 1129; Brightside, 329.

— Ecclesall Union: in-paupers, 415, against 262 last year; payments to out-poor, £167, against £97 last year.

— 6. Meeting of Trades' Union Delegates, adjourned from 22nd February, on the Guardians' circular. Announced that the circular had been withdrawn.

— 7. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 47s. 9d.

— 9. Conclusion of the trial, at Lancaster, of Richard Otley, Samuel Parkes, George Julian Harney, (of Sheffield,) Feargus O'Connor, and other Chartists, for conspiracy. The trial commenced on the 1st instant. The before named and others found Guilty on the fifth count.

— 11. Jenkins, engine driver, tried at York for the manslaughter of Robert Harvey on the 5th January, and acquitted.

— 14. Anti-Corn Law League meet in Drury Lane Theatre.

— Mr. H. G. Ward moved for a committee of the House of Commons, to enquire into the alleged peculiar burdens on land. Lost by 232 to 133.

— 15. Final examination at Leeds, under Parker, Shore, and Co.'s bankruptcy, adjourned to 3rd May.

— 16. Trial at York, of Robt. Ridge, John Hancock, Geo. Storey, and Wm. Hall, for the robbery of Broom hill toll-bar, on the 8th February. Ridge to be transported for 20, and Hall, Hancock, and Storey, for 15 years each.

— By a quarrel between the two Gas Companies, the price of gas was reduced from 8s. 4d. to 4s. 2d. per 1000 feet.

— 22. Decease of Mr. Wm. Hoole, of White house, aged 79.

— 25. Election of Guardians for Sheffield Union: Wm. Bradley, 2050; John Spencer, 1793; Charles Peace, 1765; W. Fawcett, 1525; Henry Atkin, 1505; Robt. Waterhouse, 1383; Charles Milner, 1378; and Edwin Unwin, 1203, for Sheffield. John Green and Henry Cooper, Brightside. James Wall, Attercliffe. Edward Jeffcock, Handsworth.

— Ecclesall Union: Ecclesall: Jsa. Eyre, 1723; Jas. Hall, 1547; Ebzr. Marsden, 1278; Richd. Bayley, 1277. Nether Hallam: Joseph Bower, 447; and George Beeley, 333. Upper Hallam: John Marshall. Norton: Thos. Ward and John Walker. Totley: Thomas North, Beauchief: George Sampson.

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- Mar.* 26. Decease of Mr. Geo. Elliott Parker, solicitor, aged 39.
- 27. Meeting in Nether Chapel, to petition against Sir James Graham's Factory Education Bill.
- April* 1. Petition against all restrictions on the importation of food received 16,450 signatures.
- Ecclesall Union: In-paupers, 418, against 288 last year; payment to out-poor, £170, against £88 last year.
- Cutlers' Company memorialise Sir Robert Peel in favour of colonization.
- 3. Election of Mr. H. Boulton, Mr. Chesman, and Mr. Porter, surgeons to the Infirmary.
- 4. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 47s. 7d.
- 5. Ordination of the Rev. E. Tasker, of Mount Zion Chapel.
- 6. Meeting to petition her Majesty, in Council, to appoint a new district Court of Bankruptcy, to be held at Sheffield.
- 8. Sheffield and Brightside in-paupers, 688; occasional poor, Sheffield, £399; Brightside, £112; able poor, Sheffield, 1114; Brightside, 337.
- 10. First annual meeting of the Free Trade Society.
- 11. Mr. Henry Vincent lectures on Complete Suffrage.
- 13. Decease of Mr. Thomas Champion, aged 70.
- 18. The students of the People's College present to their principal, the Rev. R. S. Bayley, a gold watch at a public soiree in the Music Hall.
- 20. The Rev. John Burnett, John Bright, Esq., R. R. R. Moore, Esq., and Rev. R. S. Bayley, addressed a Free Trade meeting at the Music Hall.
- 21. Death of the Duke of Sussex, aged 70.
- 24. Establishment of the Norton Farmers' Club.
- 25. Birth of Princess Alice Maude Mary. Baptised June 2.
- 30. Decease of Mr. Robert Dodge, of the firm of N. and R. Dodge, aged 38.
- May* 1. Lectures by Mr. Catlow, to explain by ordinary laws the phenomena of Mesmerism-Phrenology.
- 3. Adjourned final examination, under Parker, Shore, and Co.'s bankruptcy, further adjourned to 10th July, the balance sheets being so voluminous, that the Official Assignee had not been able to examine them.
- Meeting in Paradise square, called by the able-bodied paupers, who complained of the amount of labour required of them by the Guardians, in consequence of which a number of men had ceased work. A committee appointed to wait upon the Guardians.
- 4. The committee met the Guardians; scale of work reduced.
- Richard Otley, Samuel Parkes, George Julian Harney, with Feargus O'Connor, and other defendants, convicted at Lancaster, (9th March,) appeared in the Court of Queen's Bench. Objections to the convictions, and a rule nisi obtained in arrest of judgment. Defendants entered into their recognizances to appear when called on.
- 5. Messrs. Rimingtons and Younge's, the last private bankers in Sheffield, announce their retirement from their business in favour of the Sheffield and Retford Bank, from the 10th instant.
- West-Riding Art Union: The drawing, first prize, value £80, gained by Mr. James Laycock, Bridge street.

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- May* 6. Decease of the Rev. Dr. Milner, of Thrybergh, aged 79.
- 8. Mr. Sheridan Knowles commenced a course of six lectures on Dramatic Literature, before the Mechanics' Institution.
- 9. Anti-Corn Law Conference in London: Messrs. E. Smith and R. Solly attend from Sheffield.
- 10. Mr. Ward having presented the Sheffield petition for the repeal of the Corn Laws, spoke at length in favour of Mr. Villiers' motion.
- 11. Lady Hewley's Charity: The Vice-Chancellor gives his judgment in favour of appointing trustees, two from the Scotch Church, two from the Scotch Secession, and two from the Independents, excluding the Unitarians.
- 13. Sheffield and Brightside in-paupers, 716; payments to occasional poor, Sheffield, £361; Brightside, £99; able poor, Sheffield, 1045; Brightside, 324.
- Ecclesall in-paupers, 414, against 295 last year; payments to out poor, £150, against £111 last year.
- 15. Meeting of the able-bodied poor of the Ecclesall Union, complaining of the quality of the bread, and of bad treatment by the overlookers. A committee appointed.
- Meeting of the Roman Catholics of Sheffield, to petition against the modified Factories' Education Bill.
- 18. Meeting of the Brightside ratepayers refuse to transfer to the Union the workhouse of the township, for the purpose of an industrial school.
- 22. Meeting of Trades' Delegates pass resolutions in favour of a union of all the trades of the town.
- Public practice of Mr. G. Saunders's classes of 400 singers.
- 23. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 47s. 8d.
- 26. Sheffield Union Bank formed, succeeding to the business of the Sheffield branch of the York District Bank.
- 28. Decease of Mr. Geo. Horridge, St. James' row, aged 63.
- 30. Presentation of West-Riding testimonial to Lord Morpeth, at Stafford House.
- 31. Meeting in Paradise square to receive the report of the Committee appointed 3rd May.
- Meeting of the Sheffield and Manchester Railway Company, to put in form the provisions of their new act for an extension of time and capital, and for reducing the number of Directors.
- Decease of Verdon Brittain, Esq., aged 63, late of the firm of Brittain, Wilkinson, and Brownell.
- June* 3. Sheffield and Brightside in-paupers, 700; payments to casual poor,—Sheffield, £293; Brightside, £89. Number of able poor: Sheffield, 662; Brightside, 255.
- Ecclesall in-paupers, 376, against 308 last year. Payments to out-paupers, £144 against £128 last year.
- 6. Elsecar Church consecrated by the Archbishop of York.
- Isaac Leesley killed at Masbro' feast. Verdict of manslaughter against Isaac Jackson, Edward Pierpoint and John Myers. Jackson and Pierpoint tried and acquitted, at York, July 18. Myers not in custody.
- Decease of Mr. J. R. Glossop (Glossop and Nutt.)
- 10. Several debtors of Parker, Shore, and Co. claiming set-

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offs for notes held by them, summoned before the Bankruptcy Court, and examined as to their claims.

*June* 12. Public meeting to petition for the rejection of Sir Jam Graham's modified Factories bill. Petition signed by 7000 persons, but the signatures stopped by news of the abandonment of the clauses.

— 13. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 48s. 6d.

— 15. Sir James Graham withdraws the Educational Clauses. Mr. Ward speaks against the Irish Arms bill.

— 25. Decease of Mr. Robert Staniforth, Eyre street, aged 73.

— 29. Sold by auction, by Messrs. Bardwell, among the effects of Wm. Wilson, Esq., of Fentonville, the manuscripts connected with our local history, collected by the late John Wilson, Esq., of Broomhead Hall. Bought by Mr. Thorpe, a London bookseller for 165 guineas.

*July* 4. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 50s.

— 5. Soirée to Sir Arnold J. Knight, by the members of the Mechanics' Institute and Mechanics' Library, on the occasion of his leaving Sheffield to settle in Liverpool.

— . The town visited by a storm of hail (with thunder and lightning) so violent, that it broke an incalculable number of squares of glass. At the Botanical Gardens alone 5700 squares were broken. The storm burst with great violence upon the Music-Hall, driving in all the windows facing the south, and causing great alarm to the company within.

— 6. Decease at Broom place, of Mr. W. Hutchinson, aged 76.

— 8. Sheffield and Brightside in-paupers, 642; payments to occasional poor: Sheffield, £257; Brightside, £65; number of able poor: Sheffield, 413; Brightside, 159.

— 10. Adjourned final examination of Parker, Shore, and Co., occupying two days. Passed the examination.

— . Decease at Redcar, of T. Walker, Esq., late of Ravenfield park.

— . Savage and Penn found guilty, at Oxford, of robbing the body of the late Mr. W. Broomhead, jun., of Ridgway. Savage two years, and Penn one year's imprisonment.

— 15. Ecclesall in-paupers, 380 against 330 last year; payments to out-poor, £112 against £135 last year.

— 17. Meeting at Cutlers' Hall petition Parliament to take measures to promote free commercial intercourse with France.

— . Dividend of 5s. in the pound under Parker, Shore, & Co.'s bankruptcy declared. Paid August 14.

— 20. Decease of Mr. Sl. Smith, Master Cutler in 1839, aged 61.

— 21. Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank, 7½ per cent. dividend.

— 26. The medical profession present a massive silver salver to Sir A. J. Knight, "who, after a professional residence of more than twenty-eight years in Sheffield, retired from an extensive practice, deservedly obtained and honourably pursued."

— . Farewell dinner to Sir A. J. Knight, under the presidency of W. J. Bagshawe, Esq.

— . An investigation at the Ecclesall Workhouse, before the Hon. C. Clements, Assistant Commissioner, of the grievances complained of by the paupers.

— . Wesleyan Conference commenced its sitting in Carver



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street Chapel. The Rev. John Scott, president; the Rev. Dr. Newton, secretary.

- July 27.* Correspondence between Mr. H. G. Ward, M.P., and the Rev. Mr. M'Ghee, on Lord Wharncliffe, the Protestant Association, &c.
- 29. Police Accounts: Rates collected, £6070; cost of cleansing, £1002; lighting, £2626; watching, £2745.
  - 30. Decease of Mr. Ravell Linneker, of Norton, scythe manufacturer, aged 83.
- Aug. 2.* Mr. Ward moves an address to the Queen for such a settlement of the Irish Church monopoly as to give satisfaction to the people.
- 4. Decease, at Bath, of Dame Helen Bagshawe, relict of the late Sir W. C. Bagshawe, of the Oaks, aged 74.
  - 5. Sheffield and Brightside in-paupers, 459; payments to casual poor, Sheffield, £253; Brightside, £82; number of able poor, Sheffield, 435; Brightside, 168.
  - . Ecclesall in-paupers, 364, against 350 last year; payments to out-poor, £118, against £131 last year.
  - . Sheffield Union: Payments to occasional poor, as compared with corresponding week of last year:—Sheffield, £253, against £492; Brightside, £43, against £64; Attercliffe, £20, against £27; Handsworth, £9. 13s. 6d., against £9. 10s. 6d.
  - 7. Decease, in London, of Mr. J. Sambourne, solicitor, aged 36.
  - 8. Mr. Samuel Naylor and Mr. W. Sanderson convicted, under the 59th Geo. III., c. 7, of marking "shear steel" or "cast steel" upon cast-iron blades. Penalties: Mr. Naylor, £417. 10s.; Mr. Sanderson, £1395.
  - 9. Decease of Mr. Samuel Laycock, aged 30.
  - . North Midland Railway: Half-yearly dividend, 30s.
  - . Poor Law Commissioners communicate their judgment on the evidence received by the Hon. C. Clements, 26th July.
  - 11. Sheffield and Rotherm. Railway: Dividend fell to 5 per ct.
  - 13. Opening of the new organ in Bradfield Church.
  - 14. The falsely-marked cast-iron blades, forfeited on the 8th, publicly destroyed in Paradise square.
  - 15. Cutlers' Company elected: Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, master; Messrs. Francis Newton, Wm. Butcher, wardens; Messrs. Henry Mort, Wm. Hall, Joseph Elliott, Thos. Moulson, Frederick Fenney, Thos. B. Turton, searchers; Messrs. Wm. Broadhurst, Thomas Ellin, jun., James Moorhouse, Samuel Hadfield, Thomas Blake, Joseph Hobson, Thos. Shepherd, Thomas Staniforth, William Nowill, sen., Thos. Loxley, Samuel Scott Deakin, John Hawksley, George Wostenholm, Edw. Greaves, Henry Colley, John Ragg, John Spencer, jun., Charles Butler, Samuel Gardner, Isaac Greaves, John Wilkinson, M. Hunter, Wm. Nowill, jun., Geo. Deakin, jun., assistants.
- Aug. 15.* Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 60s. 11.
- . Marble Bust of J. Montgomery, Esq., executed by Mr. E. Smith, presented by subscribers to Cutlers' Company.
  - 16. Decease of Mr. H. Kelvey, late master of the Free Writing School, aged 50.
  - 17. Decease of Mr. W. Cocking, timber merchant, aged 49.

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- Aug.* 21. Medallion tablet of the late Sir Fras. Chantrey, by Hef-ferman, erected in Norton Church.
- 29. Decease of Mr. Hinchliffe, bookseller, Rotherham.
- 31. Decease of Mr. Geo. Wm. Clark, surgeon, aged 38.
- Sept.* 1. Mr. A. Smith gives notice, that by virtue of her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation, dated Westminster, 24th Aug. 1843, he shall make and publish list of burgesses.
- Authority from the Archbishop of York for the use of the East side of Rotherham Cemetery for interments accord- ing to the rites of the Church.
- 2. The Earl of Arundel and Surrey takes the teetotal pledge at the hands of Father Mathew, at a meeting in the Bunhill fields Burial ground.
- Sheffield and Brightside: in-paupers, 481; payments to casual poor,—Sheffield, £225; Brightside, £76. Num- ber of able poor,—Sheffield, 393; Brightside, 146.
- Ecclesall: in-paupers, 371, against 374 last year; pay- ments to out-poor, £120, against £132 last year.
- 3. Decease of Mr. W. Fowler, aged 54.
- 7. Cutlers' Feast: Principal guests, Earl Fitzwilliam, the Hon. John S. Wortley, M.P., H. G. Knight, Esq., M.P.
- Decease, at Manchester, of Mr. Richard Greenwood, aged 72, formerly of the Daggers Inn.
- The Hon. C. S. Wortley qualified as a Magistrate at the Intermediate Sessions.
- 8. Trial and acquittal of Charles Habershon, on a charge of obtaining the money of a suitor from the Court of Re- quests without authority.
- 9. Decease of Mr. Ballans, tea dealer, Angel street, aged 72.
- 12. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 53s. 4d.
- 13. Meeting at the Town Hall, when the Charter of Incor- poration was read. Burgesses recommended to hold ward meetings preparatory to the elections of Nov. 1st.
- 15. Mr. Thomas Harrison convicted in a penalty of £10, for having in his possession for sale, cast-iron blades marked "town-made," the same not having been made in or within twenty miles of London.
- 18. Meeting of the North Midland Company resolve upon terms of amalgamation with the Midland Counties and Birmingham and Derby Railways.
- 19. Meeting of proprietors of the North Midland, resident in this neighbourhood, resolve upon a subscription to present a piece of plate to John Carr, Esq., surgeon, for his exertions in originating the reforms which have raised the shares from £55 to £80.
- 20. Decease of Mr. John Binge, pawnbroker, aged 65.
- 26. Information against Mr. John Pearce, manufacturer of cutlery, for marking common steel blades "cast steel." Dismissed on proof that Mr. Pearce had discharged his workman from false marking.
- 27. Half-yearly meeting of Sheffield and Manchester Railway resolved to issue quarter shares at par, guaranteeing 7½ per cent. for ten years. These shares immediately sold at 10s. premium, and in a few days at 32s. 6d.
- 28. Anti-Corn Law League report the expenditure of the £50,000 subscrij tion, and asking for £100,000.

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- Sept.* 28. Meeting of New Gas Company: Directors report their negotiations with the Old Company for an amalgamation. New Company's shares, 3200, £23. 10s. paid up; Old Company, 1600, £24 paid up. Old Company proposed that the United Company should contain 5600 £24 shares, 3200 belonging to the proprietors of the New Company, and 2400 to those of the Old, being a premium of 50 per cent. The New Company offered a premium of 25 per cent. This offer sanctioned by the meeting.
- 30. Explosion at Globe Works, an iron pipe, charged with gunpowder, having been put through a window under the warehouse, and fired by a fuse.
- Oct.* 2. Proclamation, ordering that after the 1st January, 1844, light sovereigns should be cut, broken, or defaced.
- 4. Conclusion of West Riding revision: Sheffield Orange gain, 107; Orange loss, 78; balance of gain, 29. Aggregate Orange gain, 249; Orange loss, 254; net loss, 5.
- Decease of Mrs. Gregory, the aged housekeeper at Chatsworth House.
- 7. Sheffield and Brightside in-paupers, 523; payments to occasional poor, Sheffield, £183; Brightside, £58; able poor, Sheffield, 275; Brightside, 112.
- Ecclesall in-paupers, 327, against 452 last year; payments to out-poor, £118, against £121 last year.
- 10. Revision of the Burgess list, by H. S. Stanhope, Esq.
- 12. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall commenced a subscription to offer £1000 reward for the detection of the incendiary at Globe Works on the 30th September. Government offered £500. Reward of £1000 offered 16th Oct.
- 14. Visit of Mr. Cobden, M.P., and Mr. Bright, M.P., to Doncaster, supported by Earl Fitzwilliam, W. B. Wrightson, Esq., M.P., and J.W. Childers, Esq., M.P.
- The Government having forbidden, by proclamation, the Repeal meetings, commence a prosecution against O'Connell and others for conspiracy.
- 16. Brightside and Park ward meetings held to select candidates as councillors.
- 18. St. Peter's, St. Philip's, St. George's, Nether Hallam, and Attercliffe ward meetings.
- Second ascent of Mr. C. Brown, aeronaut, from a yard near the New Gas Works.
- 19. Ecclesall ward meeting.
- 21. Mr. Patteson, the Free Trade candidate, defeats Mr. Baring, the Government candidate for London, by 201.
- 22. Decease of Mr. Benjamin Roebuck Fenton, merchant.
- 23. Adjourned meeting of St. Peter's ward.
- Mr. S. T. Hall commences a course of lectures on Phrenology and Mesmerism, with new and surprising experiments.
- 25. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall passed resolutions in favour of a railway from the Sheffield and Manchester to the North Midland at Chesterfield, and appointed a Committee. Capital, £250,000, in 10,000 shares.
- Decease of Mr. Joseph Wreaks, aged 73, having been postmaster of Sheffield from [November, 1826. Succeeded by Miss Wreaks.

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- Oct.* 26. Anniversary meeting of Ecclesfield Ploughing Club. First prize, Mr. W. Stead, Owlerton; 2nd, Mr. H. Greaves, Shiregreen; 3rd, Mr. Joseph Nicholson, Shiregreen.
- 31. Mr. Henry Banks, late of the Attercliffe steam mill, accidentally drowned in the Canal, near Sheaf works.
- Nov.* 1. First Municipal Election in Sheffield. St. Peter's Ward: John Carr, 294; Thomas Wiley, 261; William Jackson, 258; Elias Lowe, 227; Charles Congreve, 182; Francis Colley, 155. St. Philip's Ward: Benjamin Vickers, 163; W. Hoole, 156; T. B. Turton, 155; W. F. Dixon, 131; William Ibbotson, 124; G. P. Naylor, 116. Park Ward: John Hall, 160; Thomas Dunn, 149; H. D. Wilkinson, 113; Thomas Jessop, 99; William Bradley, 88; John Pitt, 85. St. George's Ward: George Turton, 185; James Moorhouse, 180; Charles Pearce, 178; Joseph Hobson, 118; John Ragg, 114; George Holden, 90. Ecclesall Ward: S. Butcher, 239; John Marsh, 222; Peter Champion, 189; Robert Marsden, 183; George Dalton, 178; Isaac Schofield, 175. Brightside Ward: William Fisher, 136; Edward Smith, 116; William Vickers, 114. Nether Hallam Ward: Hugh Spooner, 154; Fisher Godwin, 139; William Taylor, 74. Upper Hallam Ward: John Woodcroft, 33; Joseph Stead, 33; G. H. Woollen, 26. Attercliffe Ward: George Hill, 99; Wm. Marriott, 82; Wm. Jeffcock, 80.
- 2. Mr. W. Fisher declines to serve as Town Councillor.
- 3. Decease of Joseph Bradley, Esq., aged 77, formerly Capt. of the Royal Lancashire Militia.
- 9. First meeting of Town Council: Election of Aldermen:— St. Peter's: Mr. John Carr, 25; Mr. Elias Lowe, 21. Park: Mr. John Hall, 28; Mr. Thomas Dunn, 34. St. George's: Mr. James Moorhouse, 27; Mr. Chas. Peace, 24. St. Philip's: Mr. T. B. Turton, 24; Mr. W. Hoole, 19. Ecclesall: Mr. Samuel Butcher, 34; Mr. John Marsh, 32. Brightside: Mr. W. Vickers, 21. Upper Hallam: Mr. Woodcroft, 27. Nether Hallam: Mr. G. Turton, 16. Attercliffe: Mr. W. Jeffcock, 33; W. Jeffcock, Esq., Mayor; Mr. E. Bramley, Town Clerk; Mr. Ramsey, Sheffield and Rotherham Bank, temporary Treasurer. Mr. Edward Smith, (Brightside Ward,) declined to take the declaration not to weaken the Church. Mr. W. Fisher, (Brightside Ward,) and Mr. W. F. Dixon, (St. Philip's Ward,) declined to serve. Elections to supply vacancies deferred for want of assessors.
- 8. The Old and New Gas Companies give notice of an application to Parliament for an Act of Amalgamation.
- 11. Sheffield and Brightside: in-paupers, 507; payments to occasional poor—Sheffield, £200; Brightside, £59; able poor, Sheffield, 337; Brightside, 108.
- Ecclesall: in-paupers, 331 against 407 last year; payment to out poor, £115, against £131 last year.
- 13. Termination of strike of the table blade forgers, which had lasted 9 weeks, at the advance offered by the masters.
- James Montgomery, Esq., lectures before the Mechanics' Institution, on the Poetry of Dryden and Pope.

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- Nov.* 14. Meeting in Manchester, to commence the subscription of £100,000, for the Anti-Corn Law League. £12,606 subscribed on the spot.
- Investigation before the Hon. C. Clements, assistant Commissioner, of charges preferred by Mr. J. S. Hawksworth, Overseer, against the Guardians. In conclusion, Mr. Hawksworth declared his charges had reference to former abuses, that he believed "the present management" "to be every thing that it should be;" and he withdrew his statement that four Guardians had put themselves in nomination for re-election.
- Average price of Wheat, at Sheffield, 52s. 5d.
- 15. Deputation from the Free Church of Scotland, address meetings in Carver street, and (on the 16th,) in Nether Chapel, soliciting aid for the erection of Churches.
- 20. Sheridan Knowles commences a course of four lectures on Oratory, at the Assembly Rooms.
- 23. Second meeting of Town Council: Quarterly meetings fixed for 2nd Wednesday in February, May, and Aug.— Watch, Finance, and General Purposes Committees appointed. Thanks voted to the Magistrates, and a committee appointed to consider the administration of justice.
- 25. Sheffield Registration district: population, 85,076; rate of mortality, 1840-2, 2.7 per cent., exceeding the average mortality of the Kingdom, by 0.5 per cent. Deaths registered 1858, 2429; 1839, 2703; 1840, 2410; 1841, 2231; 1842, 2182. Average deaths of five summer quarters, 530; Deaths of last summer quarter, 507.
- Nov.* 25. Decease of Mr. Maurice Pearson, of the Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank, aged 32.
- 29. Town Council vote addresses to the Queen and Prince Albert, on their visit to Chatsworth.
- 30. Final Examination of Messrs. Sayle and Booth, in Leeds Bankruptcy Court; amended balance sheet passed.
- Dec.* 1. Arrival of the Queen and Prince Albert, (passing through Chesterfield,) at Chatsworth
- 2. Town Trust Accounts, to 10th May, 1843.—Charge, (including balance in hand, £129,) £1954; Discharge, paid for property for improvements, £785; Balance in hand, £612; other Payments, £557.—Total, £1954.
- The gig mail to Masbro' relinquished, and the bags again sent by Railway.
- 7. Walter Clark committed to York, for the manslaughter of William Naylor. Bill ignored at the Winter Assizes, Dec. 23.
- 8. Decease, aged 109 years, of Mrs. Gray, of Bell's Gardens.
- 10. Decease, at Hastings, of T. Eaton, Esq., barrister at law.
- 11. Old Gas Company special meeting on the terms of amalgamation with the New Company: resolved to submit question unreservedly to the arbitration of W. J. Bagshawe, Esq.
- Poor Law Commissioners express to the Guardians their satisfaction that the supply of the house by the Guardians had been of their own accord put an end to, and that if

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- they had understood Mr. Hawksworth's complaint they should not have instituted the special enquiry of Nov. 14.
- Dec.13. Messrs. Hugh Parker, Offley Shore, John Brewin, and John Rodgers, apply to the Bankruptcy Court at Leeds for their certificates. Opposed on behalf of several creditors. The Commissioner said he would give judgment at a future day, but the bankrupts need not attend again.
- The Rev. R. S. Bayley and Mr. John Wm. Smith deputed to represent the Congregational churches of Sheffield, attend a Conference in London, on general education.
- 16. Savings Bank: Receipts to 20th Nov., 1842, £162,674; received up to 20th Nov., 1843, £40,036; total charge, £208,695. Paid out in the year, £41,428. Depositors, 5836; and 53 societies.
- 18. Special meeting of New Gas Company: resolved to submit the dispute with the Old Company to the arbitration of W. J. Bagshawe, Esq., only on the terms previously discussed between the Directors of the two Companies, namely, that the Old Company should have not less than 2000 nor more than 2400 shares in the United Company.
- Decease of Mr. W. Travis, aged 77 years.
- Average price of Wheat, at Sheffield, 52s. 5d.
- 20. Decease of Geo. Shepherd, Esq., of Moor Oaks, aged 81.
- Mary Ann Joyce escapes, by extraordinary dexterity and boldness, over the wall of the women's yard, at the Town Hall, but retaken the next day.
- 23. The first busy bull-week for several years.
- 25. Decease of Frederick Gordon, aged 68, the oldest printer in Sheffield, and the Caxton of the Reform procession of 1832.
- 26. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 52s. 4d.
- 29. Meeting to promote the subscription for Mr. Oastler's liberation.
- 30. *Sheffield and Rotherham Independent*: Circulation and advertisements:

	1838.	1840.	1841.	1842.	1843.
Stamps .....	74,140	118,000	121,000	123,500	133,600
Advertisements ..	2,738	3,326	3,465	3,752	4,195
Weekly Average, 1843: Circulation, 2,562; Advertisements, 80.					

## CIRCULATION OF SHEFFIELD NEWSPAPERS

(OFFICIAL RETURN.)

	1840.	1841.	1842.	Jan. to June, 1843.
<i>Independent</i> ,	118,000	121,000	123,500	65,100
<i>Mercury</i> .....	90,000	67,500	73,500	40,000
<i>Iris</i> .....	39,500	16,500	17,000	14,000

CONTINUATION  
OF THE  
SHEFFIELD LOCAL REGISTER,  
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- Jan. 1. Complete Suffrage Soirée, attended by Lawrence Heyworth, Esq., of Liverpool; Joseph Sturge, Esq., of Birmingham; and the Rev. T. Spencer, of Bath.
- 2. Lecture by the Rev. T. Spencer, on Complete Suffrage; Edward Smith, Esq., in the chair.
- 5. Literary and Philosophical Society: Wm. Lucas, Esq., elected President.
- A piece of iron piping, charged with gunpowder, similar to that which had exploded on the premises at Globe Works, in September, 1843, found in the hardening shop of Mr. Kitchen, Union lane. The fuse had gone out.
- 6. Sheffield Poorhouse: In the house, 526; week's payments to occasional poor, Sheffield, £143; ditto, Brightside, £56; able poor, Sheffield, 195; ditto, Brightside, 104.
- Ecclesall Union: in the house, 338, against 420 last year; payments to out-poor, £105, against £134 last year.
- 7. Decease of Joseph Horn, Esq., Bridge street, aged 68.
- 8. Sheffield Gas Companies: The terms of the proposed amalgamation of these Companies having been referred to W. J. Bagshawe, Esq., he awarded the Old Company 2200 shares in the United Company.
- 9. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 53s. 10d.
- 10. The Common Seal of the Borough, with the motto, "*Deo adjuvante labor proficit*," adopted by the Town Council. The expense charged to the borough for obtaining the charter, £800, which made the estimate of expenditure of the borough fund for the first half-year, £1590. The Council adopted a list of names, to be recommended to Sir James Graham as borough Magistrates.
- Decease of Mr. Edward Rawson, aged 67, eighteen years manager of the Sheffield Old Gas Works.
- Sheffield and Manchester shares quoted at 54½.
- 13. Sheffield Union: Table published, showing the weekly out-relief, the number of able poor, and the Sheffield township paupers in the house in each week, from April 2 to Dec. 31, 1842 and '3. Out-relief, 2nd April, 1842, £229; reached £503, Sept. 3, 1842; had declined to £144, 31st Dec., 1843. Able poor, April 9, 1842, 607; rose to 1310, Aug. 6, 1842; sunk to 194, 31st Dec., 1843. Sheffield in-paupers, April 2, 1842, 541; Nov. 26, 1842, 619; had fallen to 329, 31st Dec., 1843.
- 18. Decease of Mr. G. Steer, (Steer Brothers,) aged 54.
- 19. Henry Jackson committed to York, on coroner's inquisition, charged with the manslaughter of Harriet Holmes.
- An inquiry at the Sheffield Workhouse, before the Hon. C. Clements, assistant Commissioner, and the Board of Guardians, as to the treatment of several pauper lunatics.
- 20. Sir James Graham declines to appoint Borough Magistrates, unless the Council will accept also a grant of a separate Court of Quarter Sessions.
- 23. H. G. Ward, Esq., M.P., addressed his constituents in the Town Hall, and by adjournment, in Paradise square.
- 24. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall, to promote a subscription in aid of the £100,000 fund, asked by the Council of the

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Anti-Corn-League; attended by Mr. R. Cobden, M.P., Mr. John Bright, M.P., and Mr. H. G. Ward, M.P.

Jan. 26. Sheffield Banking Company: dividend of  $8\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

— 27. Ecclesall Union: Out-relief, 1st April, 1842, £88; rose to £170, April 1st, 1843; and had fallen to £105, 30th Dec., 1843. Inmates of the house, 1st April, 1842, 288; rose to 453, Oct. 14, 1842; reduced to 335, Dec. 30, 1843.

— 31. Free Trade Banquet at Wakefield: Ld. Morpeth chairman.

— Botanical Gardens: Annual meeting; receipts, £580; less than expenditure by £600; liabilities, £7084; 254 proprietors, of whom only half took tickets.

Feb. 1. Decease of Mr. W. Bradshaw, Western Bank, aged 64.

— 3. Payments to occasional poor, Sheffield, £130; ditto, Brightside, £47; number of able poor, Sheffield, 186; ditto, Brightside, 94.

— Destructive fire on the premises of Mr. Tinker, Market st.

— 5. Decease of Mr. James Bramall, file manufacturer, aged 62.

— 7. Meeting to memorialise the Lord Chancellor in favour of a Bankruptcy Court at Sheffield.

— Sheffield and Rotherham Bank: Dividend of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

— 10. Sheffield Union: Township of Sheffield:—

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	In-maintenance.	Out-relief.	In-maintenance.	Out-relief.	In-maintenance.	Out-relief.		
March	£1439	11 3	£3851	0 6	£1297	0 7	£6426	3 7
June	1149	0 4	6059	3 0	1403	5 5	6286	1 8
Sept.	1122	8 9	7396	3 0	899	2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	4727	16 9
Dec.	1311	0 11	6488	19 9	975	14 3	4163	3 10

Feb. 10. Decease of R. Hibbard, Esq., M.A., of Lamb hill, aged 68.

— Sheffield and Ecclesall Gaols: Debts and liabilities, cancelled by imprisonment in last two years, £83,135.

— 14. Town Council fixed 4th April, for the police force to come under the control of the Watch Committee. Returns of rating, Sheffield, £163,493, charged to the borough rate £988; Ecclesall, rating, £41,711, charged £252; Brightside, rating, £29,186, charged £176; Upper Hallam, rating, £4722, charged £28; Nether Hallam, rating, £15,600, charged £94; Attercliffe, rating, £8276, charged £50; being a borough-rate of less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the pound for the, half-year, including the expense of the Charter.

— Letter from Lord Wharnccliffe laid before the Council, on the subject of explosive engines, and referred to the General Purposes Committee.

— 17. Decision of the Court of Common Pleas as to the sufficiency of the occupation of rooms with steam or other power to confer the borough franchise.

— 18. Decease of Mr. B. Slater, clerk to the Guardians of the Ecclesall Union, aged 36.

— 19. Botanical Gardens: The original Company dissolved, and decided to sell the Gardens. During eight years, the expenditure had exceeded the income by £2100.

— 21. The Guardians of the Sheffield Union publish a statement of the reasons which have caused the enlargement of the Workhouse premises, at an expense of £6000.

— 24. H. G. Ward, Esq., M.P., in answer to a requisition, publishes his reasons for declining to support Mr. Sharman Crawford's scheme for obtaining a redress of grievances by the stoppage of supplies.



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- Feb.* 26. Mr. Joseph Pitman, brother of the inventor of Phonography, commences a course of lectures on that subject.
- 28. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Dividend of 4 per cent. proposed by the Directors, and a discussion took place on the financial condition of the Company. An amendment in favour of 4½ per cent. carried.
- . Decease of Mr. Benj. Cadman, Westbourne House, aged 86.
- . Decease of Mr. G. G. Woollen, of Broomhall Mill, aged 50.
- Mar.* 1. First election of auditors, revising assessors and Ward assessors under the Charter.
- . Further inquiry at the Workhouse, by the Hon. C. Clements, into the treatment of pauper lunatics.
- . Decease of Mr. W. Rodgers, Star Inn, aged 68 years.
- . James Smith, Esq., Deanston, one of the Health of Towns Commissioners, visited Sheffield.
- . Commencement of the day mail *from* London, due 6 p.m.
- 4. Public meeting in favour of the proposed railway to Chesterfield.
- 6. Meeting of Improvement Commissioners: Report on the negotiations with the Gas Companies, and the price paid for lighting the public lamps, 1827 to 1844. Average cost, 37s. 1d. for 2200 hours. The Gas Companies insisted on the liberty to charge 45s. for 2200 hours, consuming 4 cubic ft. per hour. The Committee recommend 42s.
- 7. The Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway proposed.
- . Elections to supply vacancies in Town Council: St. Peter's Ward, T. E. Mycock and T. Birks. Park Ward, W. Steer and J. W. Hawksworth. St. Philip's Ward, H. E. Hoole, W. Thompson, and H. Crawshaw. St. George's Ward, Benj. Schofield, Joseph Turton, and S. Worth. Ecclesall Ward, I. P. Cutts and Joseph Stevenson. Brightside Ward, Charles Hawksworth, Jon. Roebuck, and M. Hunter. Attercliffe, John Shaw. Nether Hallam, Stephen Fox.
- . Mr. Wm. Frith elected clerk of the Ecclesall Union, vice the late Mr. B. Slater.
- 13. Town Council adopted reports defining the Town Clerk's duties, and fixing the salary at £300 a year; also appointing a night and day police force, at a cost, for the half-year, of £1761. The watchmen, 51, with 8 superior officers; the day police, 12, with 4 superior officers. The price fixed in the bill of the United Gas Company to be 6s. 8d. per 1000 feet. Bye-laws passed, fixing fines for non-acceptance of office. An arrangement made with the Town Trustees, to rent at a nominal sum, and alter the prisons of the Town Hall, was confirmed.
- 15. Resolved to make an effort to raise a new Company, in £5 shares, to purchase the Botanical Gardens. Each share liable to a subscription of 10s. 6d. per annum.
- 16. Tin case, charged with gunpowder, with a lighted fuse, thrown through the bed-room window of George Gillott, file grinder, 197, Granville street. Gillott, with his wife and child, escaped from the room before the explosion, which shattered the house.
- . Further enlargement of the *Independent* to 48 columns.
- . The Barnsley Junction Railway Bill lost by non-compliance with the standing orders.
- 18. Meeting at Rotherham, to form a Pro-Corn-Law Society.
- 21. Chesterfield Railway bill lost by non-compliance with the

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- Mar.* 21. Disturbance at the Tinsley Park Colliery. The colliers had turned out in many parts of the country; and in this neighbourhood, they were preparing for a strike by short hours, to diminish the stocks of coal.
- 24. Decease of Jon. Marshall, Esq., Pye bank, aged 81.
- —. Decease of Mr. T. Shirley, grocer, Church street, aged 54.
- —. Election of Guardians: Sheffield Union: *Attercliffe*, Jas. Wall, Attercliffe. *Brightside Bierlow*, Thomas Nicholson, Rock street, and William Ragg, Johnson street. *Handsworth*, Edward Jeffcock, Handsworth. *Sheffield*, Joseph Turton, St. George's terrace; Wm. Hoole, Claremont place, Glossop road; Thomas Parkin, Westbar; Henry Atkin, Eyre street; Charles Milner, Fargate; Benjamin Vickers, Firs hill; Roger Broadhead, Brook hill; George Hawke Woollen, Church street. *Ecclesall Union*: *Ecclesall Bierlow*, Richard Bayley, Ebenezer Marsden, Henry Jubb, Stephen Willis. *Nether Hallam*, Henry Wilkinson, Joseph Bower. *Upper Hallam*, John Marshall. *Norton*, John Walker, Wm. Wright. *Dore*, Wm. Taylor. *Totley*, Thomas North. *Beauchief*, George Sampson.
- —. Highway Surveyors: *Ecclesall Bierlow*, Messrs. Thomas Ellen, jun., Bridgefield; John Newbould, Sharrow head; J. H. Salisbury, South street; John Algor, Eldon street; and Mr. Thomas Creswick, Ecclesall Grange. *Upper Hallam*, Messrs. Isaac Deakin, Ran moor; and George Fox, Fullwood. *Nether Hallam*, Messrs. John Greaves and Richard Harrison. *Attercliffe*, John Shaw, Attercliffe; and James Charlesworth, Darnall. *Brightside*, Michael Hunter, Burngreave road; Wm. Ragg, Nursery street; Wm. Lyon Bickley, Brightside; John Barker, Grimesthorpe; Archibald Wilson, Crabtree.
- —. Rotherham Guardians, Messrs. Aldred and Hodgson. Surveyors, Messrs. Joseph Hodgson, John Booth, John Dobb, and Thomas Stocks.
- —. Decease of Septimus Glade, Esq., of Attercliffe, aged 75. While the bell was tolling for his funeral, on the 29th, his sister, aged 81, also died.
- 27. Botanical Gardens offered for sale by auction: highest bid, £7000; reserve bid, £11,000. Total cost of the Gardens, near £20,000.
- —. Sheffield and Manchester Railway: Half-yearly meeting; report that the part of the tunnel finished was 2015; unfinished, 3285; total length, 5300 yards.
- 30. Decease of Thomas Daniel, youngest son of the late Rev. N. Philipps, D.D.
- Apl.* 1. Decease of Mr. A. Crawshaw, of Rotherham, aged 65.
- 2. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 59s.
- 5. Meeting of colliers at Hyde Park, to petition against the Masters' and Servants' Bill; and the Sheffield delegate (George Moore) reported the proceedings of a meeting of delegates held at Glasgow, on the subject of a general strike. It was arranged that, on the 8th, the men should give in their demands to their employers.
- 6. Sheffield Union: Week's occasional poor relief, Sheffield, £107; Brightside, £37. Number of able poor, Sheffield, 134; Brightside, 46.

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- Apl.* 6. Ecclesall Union : In the house, 265, against 424 last year.  
Outpayments, £100, against £163 last year.
- 8. Meeting of Ecclesall ratepayers, when it was reported that the late B. Slater's accounts exhibited a deficiency, due to Ecclesall and Nether and Upper Hallam, of £1181. Committee appointed to investigate the subject.
- : Waterworks meeting : Dividend of 7 per cent. per annum.
- 10. Town Council meeting : Resolved not to apply for separate Court of Quarter Sessions. Returns of rateable property within the limits of the police boundary, and of the proportion each township was to pay to the watch-rate :—
- |                     | Rated property. | Watch-rate. |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Sheffield .....     | £153,780 ..     | £1574 6 6   |
| Ecclesall .....     | 15,814 ..       | 161 16 6    |
| Brightside .....    | 14,634 ..       | 149 15 6    |
| Nether Hallam ..... | 2456 ..         | 25 3 6      |
- 11. Meeting of the subscribers to the purchase of the Botanical Gardens : 837 shares were taken ; the Committee authorised to treat when 1200 shares were taken.
- 12. Decease of Mrs. Pegge Burnell, Beauchief Abbey, aged 66.
- 13. Decease of Mr. Enoch Trickett, file manufacturer, aged 76.
- : Decease of Mr. Major Morton, sculptor, aged 35.
- 16. Certificate granted to Messrs. Parker, Shore, and Co., by Leeds Court of Bankruptcy.
- 17. H. G. Ward, Esq., M.P., addressed the meeting of the Anti-Corn-Law League, in Covent Garden Theatre.
- 19. Decease of Mr. Frederick A. Fenton, merchant, aged 26.
- 22. Decease, at Rotherham, of Mr. Jon. Walker, aged 84, many years manager of Messrs. Walkers' Iron Works.
- 23. Decease of Josiah Fairbank, Esq., aged 66.
- 25. Botanical Gardens : 1245 shares subscribed, and a sub-committee instructed to treat for the purchase.
- : Rotherham police : £200 asked for the rate of the year. An amendment of £180 proposed, and a poll demanded.
- : Park Iron Works sold by the assignees of Messrs. Booth and Co., to the Brymbo Mining and Railway Company.
- 27. Sheffield and Manchester Railway : These shares, £82. 10s. paid, risen in ten months from £32. 10s. to £82½-83.
- 29. Disturbances at the Intake Colliery, the turn-outs hooting at and annoying the men engaged in their places.
- 30. Meeting of Total Abstinence Society : Reported that it contained 2677 adult members ; 627 reclaimed drunkards ; and 1122 juvenile members.
- : Mr. Joseph Stead appointed by the Magistrates Surveyor of Highways for Nether Hallam, in the room of Mr. Isaac Deakin, chosen by the ratepayers.
- May* 1. Improvement Commissioners' meeting : It was resolved to lay a rate of 9d. in the pound per annum for cleansing and lighting,—the average of the previous seven years.
- 8. Town Council : First reading of the code of bye-laws ; one for the better observance of the Lord's day added.
- : The opposition of the Highway Board to the United Gas Company's bill withdrawn, the question having been referred to Mr. E. Bramley, the Town Clerk, and the settlement proposed by him accepted.
- 9. Rotherham police rate poll : For £200, 233 ; against it, 24.
- 11. The colliers of the Sheffield Coal Company, upwards of 600, cease work, having given a month's notice. During the

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some cases only 6d., and in others only 1d. per man daily. The men of other pits had turned out, and had their places partially supplied by new hands. Some masters had given the advance required by the men.

May 13. Meeting of the turn-out colliers in Paradise square.

— H. G. Ward, Esq., M.P., spoke in Parliament against the ten-hour clause which Lord Ashley proposed to introduce into the Factories' Regulation Bill.

— 14. Decease of Mr. G. Newbould, St. George's terrace, aged 66.

— 16. Sheffield Library: Subscription increased from 21s. to 25s.

— The Botanical Gardens bought by new company for £9000.

— 19. Decease of Mr. Charles Hazlehurst, aged 71, many years of the Tankard and Punch Bowl, Broad street, Park.

— 21. Sheffield Highway accounts allowed, after a protracted opposition by Mr. John Sykes: Receipts from collectors and constables £6511. Amount expended, £7311.

— 22. Death of the Hon. Charles S. Wortley, youngest son of Lord Wharnccliffe, aged 34.

— Letter published by Alderman Dunn, relative to the turn-out of the colliers of the Sheffield Coal Company, stating the wages their men had earned—that they demanded advances of 50 to 60 per cent., and also that no man should be employed who did not belong to the union.

— 24. Decease of Mr. Aaron Hatfield, Endcliffe grange, aged 80.

— Decease, at Malin bridge, of the Rev. Francis Newbery, aged 53, Superintendent Minister of the Methodist New Connexion.

— 27. Whit-Monday: First closing of shops on this holiday.

— The colliers reply to Ald. Dunn's statement, and allege the advance they ask to be about twenty per cent.

June 1. Prospectus of the Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway.

— Commencement of day mail to London.

— The hay crops remarkably light, owing to the dryness of the season, from an unusually protracted east wind.

— 3. The new trial in the case of Heath v. Unwin, in the Court of Exchequer. The plaintiff claimed by patent the sole right to use the carburet of manganese in the manufacture of steel, and complained of the violation of his patent by the use of the elements forming the carburet. Verdict for the plaintiff on all the issues.

— Decease of Mr. W. Hindley, aged 65, formerly of Snighill.

— 4. Decease of Mr. John Walker, of the firm of Truswell, Walker, and Co., brewers.

— 5. Decease of Rev. G. Waterhouse, of Zion chapel, Attercliffe.

— Mr. Samuel Rogers, of the Chard Union Workhouse, elected Governor of the Sheffield Workhouse.

— 6. Heath v. Unwin: Motion to enter verdict for defendant, or for new trial. Rule nisi granted.

— 7. Decease of Mr. R. H. Newton, Change alley, aged 36.

— 11. H. G. Ward, Esq., M.P., moves for a committee to enquire into the temporalities of the Irish Church.

— The Circus offered for sale by auction. The building cost £6000; the chandelier £300, and the properties valued at £1000. Put up at £1600, but no bid.

— 12. Borough rate for the second half-year £968, or less than 1d. in the pound. The bye-laws considered in detail by the Town Council.

— Sale of the property of Messrs. Parker and Shore. The

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Mosbro' estate, of Mosbro' Hall and 60 acres, purchased for £5500, by Mr. Charles Rotherham, of London.

*June* 19. The table-knife forgers convey through the town in procession a load of bread, for the relief of the colliers on strike. Similar demonstrations were made by other trades for several succeeding weeks.

— 21. Meeting of manufacturers to petition against Mr. McKinnon's Smoke consuming bill.

— 22. Prospectus of a new line of railway from London to York.

— 24. Special meeting of Town Council to petition against the Smoke consuming bill of Mr. McKinnon. The bye-laws further considered, and the Sunday bye-law carried.

— 27. Sarah Kay, keeper of the Glossop road post-office receiving-house, committed to York, charged with stealing letters and money. At the assizes, July 15, pleady guilty, and was sentenced to 14 years' transportation.

— 28. Decease of Mr. R. Marshall, Rockingham street, aged 33.

— 29. Sheffield Union. The amount of money levied during the year ending March, 1844, was— In Attercliffe, £2444. 7s.; Brightside, £5444. 16s.; Handsworth, £999. 18s.; and Sheffield, £29,917. 10s. The following sums were also paid for relief for those parishes:—£1942. 1s., £4398. 4s., £1068. 13s., and £26,319. 4s.

— 30. Decease of Benjamin Burbeary, Esq., solicitor, aged 57.

— A stack of oats on the farm of Lord Wharnccliffe, at Wortley, set on fire, but partially saved.

*July* 1. Botanical Gardens: Resolved that the Gardens should be open on Sundays, from 1 p.m. to sun-set.

— Decease, at Dore Moor, of John Sherwood, Esq., aged 42.

— 4. A number of men who had been brought to work at the Soap house pit attacked by a mob, in the buildings at the pit, where they had been temporarily lodged, and severely injured. The military called out. William Mason, George Taylor, and Richard Winker, committed to York on the 6th, charged with being concerned in the riot and assault. Tried and convicted on the 19th, and on the 20th sentenced to be transported for fifteen years.

— 6. Sheffield Union: Occasional poor, Sheffield, £82; Brightside, £31. No. of able-poor, Sheffield, 47; Brightside, 34.

— Ecclesall Union: Inmates of the poorhouse, 279, against 381 last year. Out-poor, £75, against £121 last year.

— 9. Average price of Wheat at Sheffield, 58s.

— 16. Half-year's dividend on the Midland £100 shares, 42s.

— 17. Sheffield Union Bank: First meeting; dividend of 6 per cent.

— 19. Second dividend of 2s. 6d. in the pound in the bankruptcy of Parker, Shore, and Co. declared.

— Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank: Dividend of 5 per cent.

— 22. Meeting of Ecclesall ratepayers to receive a report from the Committee appointed 8th April, on the defalcations of the late Mr. B. Slater.

— 24. Special meeting of the Town Council completed the consideration of the bye-laws. Ordered (unless disallowed by the Secretary of State) to take effect on the 1st October.

— Midland Railway shares quoted at 101, the first time of their being at par since the opening.

— 27. The Soap-house pit now entirely worked with new hands. Twelve of the old hands resumed work at the Birley pit at the same terms and prices as before the turn-out. The

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Handsworth Colliery of the Sheffield Coal Company abandoned in consequence of a fault in the strata.

- July 27.* Decease of Mr. Ebenezer Marsden, Greystones, aged 60.
- 29. Thomas Duncombe, Esq., M.P., and Feargus O'Connor, enter the town in procession, and were received by the trades and the Chartists. At a meeting at the Theatre in the evening, several addresses from the trades were presented to Mr. Duncombe, thanking him for his opposition to the Masters' and Servants' Bill, and his advocacy of the short time system. O'Connor pointed out Mr. Duncombe as the future leader of the Chartist cause.
- 30. The reported abundance of the crops produces a great fall in price. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 54s.
- —. Decease of Mr. S. Warburton, Houseley Hall, near Ecclesfield.
- 31. The Poor Law Commissioners approve of the site and arrangements for the proposed Industrial School, at Norwood.
- Aug. 1.* Meeting called by the colliers and the trades, to memorialise the Queen to pardon the men sentenced to transportation for the riot and assault at the Soap-house pit.
- —. Decease of Mr. T. Plimsoll, supervisor of excise, aged 58.
- 3. Announcement that the parish of Sheffield was about to be divided into 24 or 25 ecclesiastical districts, under the Act 6th and 7th Vict., c. 37—“An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes.”
- 7. Further opening of the Sheffield and Manchester Railway from Glossop station to Woodhead.
- 8. Second annual examination of the People's College.
- 9. First general meeting of the United Gas Company.
- 10. Decease of Mr. W. Bagshaw, of Pitsmoor.
- 12. Sheffield Cemetery: Annual meeting; 291 interments during the year; dividend, 5s. per share.
- 13. Cutlers' Company for the ensuing year: *Master*, Mr. Francis Newton. *Wardens*, Messrs. Wm. Butcher and T. B. Turton. *Searchers*, Messrs. Henry Mort, Wm. Hall, Joseph Elliott, Thomas Moulson, Frederick Fenny, S. S. Deakin.
- 14. The Town Council adopt the proposed extension of the watching and lighting boundary.
- —. Sheffield and Rotherham Railway: Dividend of 4 per cent. recommended. The shareholders appoint a committee of investigation, and declare a dividend of 4½ per cent.
- 16. The prisoners confined in the Sheffield Gaol, by order of the Court of Requests, (about 80,) discharged on petition by order of the Court, under the Act for abolishing imprisonment for debts under £20. The seven prisoners of the Ecclesall Court discharged on the 19th.
- 24. Prospectus of Chesterfield Railway published, with the addition of a line by Bawtry to Gainsborough. The measure promoted by the Leeds and Manchester Co.
- 25. Boiler of the Deep Pit No. 2 engine blown up with gunpowder. Wm. Bolton found at the Manor, and Thomas Crichlow at the house of his brother, in the Park, seriously injured by the explosion.
- 28. The Directors of the Sheffield and Manchester line agree to lease the proposed Sheffield & Lincolnshire, at 4 per cent.
- —. The Established Church Sunday schools, (2252 scholars and 468 teachers,) had a railway trip to York; 84 carriages.
- 29. The Hon. C. Clements attends at the Ecclesall Work-

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Slater, Union clerk, and the manner in which other officers had done their duty.

Aug. 31. Huddersfield and Sheffield line proposed; from Huddersfield, to join the Sheffield and Manchester at Penistone.

Sept. 2, 3, 4, and 5. Pleasure trains to Hull and York. On the 4th, the children of the Wesleyan Sunday School Union went to York; on the 5th, those of the Sheffield Sunday School Union to Hull.

— 4. Inquest at Masbro' on Wm. Wilkins, who, in riding on one of the carriages on the 2nd, was thrown off by a sudden shock and killed: Accidental Death.

— 5. Cutlers' feast: Principal guests, Earl Fitzwilliam, the Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Lord Milton, E. B. Denison, Esq., M.P., and John Parker, Esq., M.P. Earl Fitzwilliam and Mr. Denison spoke strongly on the interruption of trade by the trades' unions.

— 7. The return of able-bodied poor from this week to the end of the year: Sheffield Union, *none*. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 49s. 10d.

——. Decease of Mr. John Thompson, solicitor, aged 35.

——. Pleasure train of more than 3000 persons to York.

10. Sheffield and Manchester shares reach 96.

— 11. Decease at the Infirmary, of Thomas Crichlow, (in custody on a charge of blowing up the Deep Pit boiler,) in consequence of the injuries he had received.

——. Agreement to lease the Sheffield and Rotherham to the Midland Company at 6 per cent. for ever.

——. Decease of Mr. Burton, butcher, West street.

——. The Town Council issue their order, authorising the Improvement Commissioners to light within the new watching district. Deputation to urge on the Lord Chancellor the claims of Sheffield to have a local Court of Bankruptcy.

— 12. Meeting of the shareholders of the Sheffield and Chesterfield Railway: reported that the total receipts had been £8311, and the expenses £5514, leaving 18s. per share unspent. There had been borrowed £10,000, to make the deposit required by the standing orders of Parliament. It was proposed that the shareholders should receive back the 18s. per share, or be admitted into the Chesterfield, Sheffield, and Gainsborough, receiving credit for the whole amount of the deposit paid. After a sharp discussion, the accounts were approved and passed, and the undertaking was abandoned.

— 13. The bye-laws disallowed by the Secretary of State, who required many alterations, & rejected the Sunday bye-law.

— 17. Thomas Crichlow, apprehended in Manchester, charged with being a party to the blowing up of the Deep Pit boiler, committed to York for trial.

— 18. Special meeting of Town Council: Town Clerk instructed to furnish to the Secretary of State explanations as to the parts of the bye-laws objected to.

——. Returns of the circulation of country banks: Sheffield and Rotherham, £52,496; Sheffield and Hallamshire, £23,524; Sheffield Bank, £35,843; Sheffield and Retford, £18,744.

— 23. Lord Wharncliffe, in a speech at Barnsley, explains the conduct of the Government in reference to popular education, and censures the clergy for misrepresenting them.

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remainder of the line would be opened in the next spring and the tunnel in the summer.

- Sept.* 26. Meeting of the British Association at York.
- Sheffield and Rotherham Railway Company confirm the agreement to lease the line to the Midland.
- 27. Mr. Manners Sutton replies to various memorials in favour of the Sunday bye-law, that Sir James Graham considers the statute-law sufficient.
- Oct.* 1. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 49s. 10d.
- Various railways adopt the proposal of the Government to carry third-class passengers at 1d. per mile.
- 2. Forty-seventh anniversary of the Infirmary. Stock amounting to £1023, had been sold to reduce the debt to the bank, which still amounted to £1582. The subscriptions, which, 47 years ago, exceeded £1000, now £684.
- 3. Thomas North Stocks committed to York, charged with being an accessory after the fact to the explosion of the Deep Pit boiler, in assisting John Crichlow.
- Proposal to form a continuation of the Sheffield and Chesterfield, to join the London and York at Newark.
- 5. Sheffield Union: In the houses, 520; occasional poor, Sheffield, £42; Brightside, £20; able poor, none.
- Prospectus of another line of railway from London to York, called the Direct Northern.
- 6. Decease of Wm. Smith, Esq, Wadsley House.
- 7. Meeting at Rotherham to consider the proposed railways as affecting that town. Committee appointed to confer with the Midland Directors.
- Ecclesall Union: Number in the house, 244, against 327 last year. Out-payments, £66, against £118 last year.
- 8. Meeting of the Midland Railway Company; authorised the formation of various branch lines, and the raising of an additional capital of 2½ millions.
- 9. Dr. Thompson opens the third session of the Phrenological Society with an introductory lecture on "The Fundamental Principles of the Science of Phrenology."
- 9. Town Council amend the bye-laws, according to the wishes of the Home Secretary, and fix the commencement of their operations for 1st Jan., 1845. Watch-rate of 6d. in the pound for the year levied on the enlarged watching district. The shares of the respective townships as follows:—
- |                   | Producing at 6d. in the Pound. |            |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Sheffield . . . . | £157,791                       | £3944 15 0 |
| Ecclesall ..      | 33,455                         | 836 7 6    |
| Brightside ..     | 19,405                         | 485 2 0    |
| Neth. Hallam      | 9,902                          | 247 11 0   |
| Attercliffe ..    | 4,847                          | 121 3 0    |
- Poor Law Commissioners declare the compounding with owners for poor rates not legal.
- 10. The deputation appointed by the Town Council had an interview with the Lord Chancellor, to urge the claims of Sheffield to a local Bankruptcy Court.
- Annual dinner of the Licensed Victuallers' Society, attended by Mr. Hebble, of London, and deputations from Birmingham and Nottingham.
- 11. First half-yearly meeting of United Gas Company: Mr. W. Wake elected secretary. A dividend of 13s. per share, and 4s. 10½d. on the ½ shares.



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- Oct.* 12. Continuation of the Sheffield and Lincolnshire line to Great Grimsby proposed.
- 14. Sheffield Waterworks Company resolve to increase their capital, & construct additional reservoirs, to cost £10,000.
- General Tom Thumb, a remarkably small American child, 13 years old, exhibited in Sheffield.
- 16. Adjourned meeting at Rotherham, to consider the proposed railways: passed resolutions in favour of a line from the Sheffield and Rotherham through the town to Bawtry.
- 17. Ecclesfield Ploughing Club: Annual meeting and dinner: resolved to make it a Farmers' Club.
- 19. Accounts of the Town Council for the first half-year published: Cost of Charter, £686; police force, £1449; elections, £285; salaries, £225; miscellaneous, £443.
- West-Riding revision: Orange gain, by new claims, 82; loss on objections by the Tories, 42; balance of gain, 40.
- Announcement that the Midland and Manchester and Birmingham Companies had bargained to take a lease of the Sheffield and Manchester for 30 years, terminable at the end of ten or twenty years, at 5 per cent.; the dividend to increase with the traffic.
- 23. Ploughing match and dinner of Norton Farmers' Club.
- 24. Decease of Mr. Thomas Roberts, of the firm of Crookes, Roberts, and Co., aged 57 years.
- 25. A reply by the committee of the grinding branches to Earl Fitzwilliam's speech at the Cutlers' feast, on trades' unions, transmitted to his Lordship. Acknowledged on 29th.
- 26. Prospectus of the Rotherham, Bawtry, and Gainsborough Junction Railway.
- Prospectus of the Goole, Doncaster, and Sheffield and Manchester.
- 29. Decease of James Levick, formerly an extensive ivory dealer and dahlia grower.
- 30. Meeting to consider the railways affecting Sheffield: proposed to condemn the leasing of the Sheffield and Manchester. Amendment carried to adjourn till after 30th Nov.
- Nov.* 1. Municipal elections: St. Peter's ward: Henry Atkin, 226; Wm. Fisher, jun, 212; Francis Colley, 139; Dr. Favell, 131. Two first elected. St. Phillip's ward: Wilson Overend, Esq., and G. P. Naylor. Park ward: R. Roper, 144; and S. Roberts, jun., 86. St. George's ward: G. Wostenholm, 172; J. Kirkby, 155. Ecclesal ward: H. Wilkinson, 507; J. S. Nanson, 503; I. Schofield, 154; George Tucker, 139. Two first elected. Brightside, M. Hunter. Upper Hallam: T.W. Rodgers. Nether Hallam: Wm. Taylor. Attercliffe: John Shaw.
- 3. Decease of Mr. G. Gallimore, machine maker, Bridge street.
- 4. Leasing of the Sheffield and Manchester, as proposed by the Directors, sanctioned by the shareholders, though a higher bid was made by the Manchester and Leeds.
- 6. The Canal Company obtain leave to file a supplemental bill in the Chancery suit between them and the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway Company, respecting the maintenance of the Tinsley road.
- 8. The London and York Company resolve to make the line from Bawtry to Sheffield, a branch of their line, leaving the Sheffield and Chesterfield again a separate line.
- 9. Decease of Mrs. Hofland, aged 74, a native of Sheffield, and a well known authoress.

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- Nov.9. Alderman Dunn elected Mayor, by a majority over Ald. Butcher, of 25 to 20. The Council memorialise the Commissioners of Stamps and Taxes, to permit appeals to be heard at Sheffield, instead of Rotherham.
- 11. Earl Fitzwilliam visits the People's College.
  - Testimonial of respect presented to the Rev. John Blackburn, of Attercliffe, by the inhabitants of that township.
  - 13. Meeting of manufacturers, for the formation of an association to protect life and property. Discussion on the conduct of Trades' Unions.
  - 14. First stone of St. George's Church Schools laid by Lord Wharncliffe.
  - 20. Meeting of delegates of the Trades' Unions, to defend themselves against the attacks of the meeting of the 13th.
  - 21. Court of Exchequer heard the conclusion of the argument on the rule for a new trial, in the case *Heath v. Unwin*, and took time to consider judgment.
  - 22. *Smith v. Barnes*: defendant charged with counterfeiting the corporate mark, XL ALL, by the mark, I XL ALL. It appeared the mark was granted in 1789, to the late Thomas Smith, for life; that the act 59 Geo. III, did not apply to marks previously granted; and the mark not having been regranted, Mr. Overend decided that that put an end to the case.
  - 26. Warehouse of Messrs. Wilson, Hawksworth, & Moss, burnt.
  - 29. Decease of Mr. George Linley, Coalpit lane, aged 65.
  - 30. West-Riding electors, 34,406. The Sheffield district, 2,412: to poll in the district, 2,446. Rotherham district, 708: to poll in the district, 780.
  - Publication of Town Trust accounts, for year ending 10th May. Paid for property for improvements, £2,297.
- Dec. 6. Wm. Bolton convicted at the Winter Assizes, of blowing up the Deep-pit boiler, 18 months' imprisonment. John Crichlow acquitted. No evidence offered against Stocks.
- 11. Town Council levy Borough rate for first half of the second year, £470, or less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the pound. Resolved to commemorate the first Mayor of Sheffield, Wm. Jeffcock, Esq., by a bust.
  - 13. Prospectus of Sheffield and Rotherham Insurance Company
  - 14. Sheffield Union: in the houses, 507; occasional poor, Sheffield, £39; Brightside, £19. Able poor, none.
  - 16. Ecclesall Union: In-paupers, 203, against 341 last year. Out-payments, £67, against £108 last year.
  - Meetings attended by Richard Cobden, Esq., M.P., held at Rotherham and Sheffield, to promote the plan of the League, of increasing the county votes, by inducing persons to purchase small freeholds.
  - Enquiry at the Workhouse by the Hon. C. Clements, into certain charges preferred by Mr. John Smith Hawksworth, against Mr. Crosland, clerk to the Union. Mr. Wilkins retained by Mr. Hawksworth. Fee, 30 guineas.
  - 17. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 47s. 11d.
  - 30. Messrs. Brittain and Co.'s saw warehouse burnt.

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Circulation ..	74,140..	118,000 ..	123,500 ..	133,600..	138,393
Advertisements	2,738 ..	3,326 ..	3,752 ..	4,195..	5,044
Weekly Average, 1844 :—	Circulation, 2,661; Advertisements, 97.				

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OF THE  
SHEFFIELD LOCAL REGISTER,

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- Jan. 1. Decease of Mr. Isaac Grayson (Slack, Sellers, and Grayson,) saw manufacturer.
- Miss Martineau declares her cure of a dangerous disease by mesmeric operations commenced by Mr. Spencer T. Hall, late of Sheffield.
- 2. Resumed enquiry lasting two days, before the Hon. C. Clements, Assistant Poor Law Commissioner, into charges made against the Clerk of the Sheffield Union.
- Wm. Wake, Esq., took his seat as deputy steward of the Sheffield Court of Requests, *vice* M. Ellison, Esq., resigned.
- Mr. John Jefferson accepts the pastorate of Zion Chapel, Attercliffe.
- 4. In-paupers in Sheffield, 392; Brightside, 110. No able poor. Payments to occasional poor: Sheffield, £38; Brightside, £21.
- 5. Decease, in London, aged 74, of James Waterhouse Smith, Esq., formerly of Nether Hall, Hathersage.
- 7. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 47s.
- 8. Return of the Sheffield police force: One chief constable and superintendent of cleansing and lighting, £315 per annum; two warrant officers, £100 do.; three inspectors, 25s. per week; three sergeants, 21s. do.; five patrol sergeants, 20s. do.; 17 first class police constables, 18s. do.; 17 second do., 17s. do.; 34 night watchmen, 15s. do.; 30 do., 14s. do.
- Committee Report to Town Council on the terms to be expected from the Water Company on condition of the Council's not opposing their application for a new Act.
- 9. Grand Ball for the benefit of Mechanics' Hall Building Fund.
- 11. *Heath v. Unwin*: Court of Exchequer gave judgment for the defendant, thus reversing the decision of the Court below.
- Decease, aged 72, of Samuel Wing, formerly file manufacturer.
- 22. Treasurer of Anti-Corn Law League reported that he had received towards the fund of £100,000, no less than £82,735, and had a balance in hand of £26,675.
- 25. The Poor Law Commissioners communicate to the Guardians their judgment on the evidence taken before Mr. Clements, on the 16th December, and the 2nd and 3rd January, and their intention to remove the Clerk to the Guardians from his office.
- 27. Annual address of Mr. H. G. Ward, M.P., to his constituents.
- 28. Discussion at the Cutlers' Hall, between Mr. H. G. Ward and the delegates of the Trades' Unions.

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- Feb.* 1. Decease of Mr. John Heppenstall, draper, aged 66.
- 5. Meeting of the Free Trade Society—reported that £1334 had been raised here towards the £100,000 fund of the League, and that many persons had been induced to qualify as electors for the West-Riding by purchasing freeholds.
- 6. Decease of Marmaduke Middleton, Esq., of Hopton Hall, aged 34.
- 7. Last half-yearly meeting of the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway Company, the Midland Company having entered on the possession of the line on the 10th October.
- 10. George Thompson and R. R. R. Moore, Esq., address the Free Traders of Sheffield on the proposed Bazaar in Covent Garden, in aid of the funds of the League.
- 12. Committee of the Town Council report the answer from the Water Company to the terms proposed by the Committee, with their objections thereto, and the Council grant an interview to a deputation from owners of cottage property, to state the terms they desired to impose on the Water Company.
- 13. Decease, at Brighton, of Kenneth Alexander Howard, Earl of Effingham, aged 77.
- 15. Ecclesiastical Commissioners declare Brightside and Grimesthorpe, Bridgehouses, Wicker, Neepsend and Pitsmoor, New Ecclesiastical districts, and the terms on which the presentation to the livings may be had.
- 18. After correspondence with the Poor Law Commissioners respecting their judgment in the case of Mr. Crosland, the Union Clerk, the Guardians resolve—"That the refusal of the Commissioners to hear further evidence on behalf of Mr. Crosland, appears to this Board an act of great and lasting injustice towards him, and (under the circumstances of the case,) indefensible." Mr. Crosland resigns his office.
- 19. Order of the Commissioners for the removal of the Union Clerk received by the Board of Guardians.
- Proposal to maintain East Parade News Room on the proprietary principle, but abandoned for want of support.
- 21. Interment of the Earl of Effingham, at Rotherham.
- 25. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 46s. 5d.
- 27. Intermediate Sessions: Chairman congratulated the Grand Jury on the considerably reduced number of prisoners.
- Mar.* 4. Commissioner West, in the Leeds Court of Bankruptcy, gave judgment, admitting the trustees of the estate of the late Samuel Shore, to prove as a debt against the estate of Parker, Shore, and Co., the sums advanced for the use of the Bank.
- 5. Meeting of owners of cottage property to require the Water Company to insert restraining clauses in their new bill.
- Decease of Mr. Thomas Turuer, merchant, aged 61. Also of Mr. R. A. Smith, iron merchant.
- Mr. Macready appears for five nights in Sheffield Theatre.
- 11. Board of Trade report against the London and York, Sheffield and Lincolnshire, and the Rotherham, Bawtry,

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and Gainsborough, and in favour of the Grimsby and Sheffield and Swinton and Doncaster lines.

- Mar.* 11. Committee on Standing Orders report in favour of the Sheffield and Lincolnshire and Sheffield and Newark bills.
- 12. Sudden death of Mr. Wm. Kirk, aged 43, second master of the Sheffield Grammar School.
- 13. Election of Mr. John Watkinson as Clerk to the Sheffield Guardians, *vice* Mr. Crosland. Committee of the Guardians report that they had found Mr. Crosland's accounts in a state "highly satisfactory, and they could not but regret that the Union had lost a punctual and intelligent officer."
- Mr. Cobden's motion to enquire into the causes and extent of the alleged agricultural distress, and the effects of legislative protection on landlords, tenants, and labourers. Mr. Sidney Herbert, for the Government, told the agriculturists not to come whining to that House for relief. Motion lost by 213 to 121.
- Mrs. Green, of Whittington, murdered by her son-in-law, Joseph Hawksley, who on the 24th inst., committed suicide in Chesterfield gaol.
- 14. Thos. Marples, of Grenoside, sentenced at York Assizes to seven days' imprisonment for the manslaughter of his father.
- John Tawell, after three days' trial at Aylesbury, convicted of the murder of Sarah Hart by poisoning with prussic acid.
- 19. Township of Sheffield divided into four districts for the collection of poor rates—salary of each collector, £80.
- 21. Decease, at Carr Wood, aged 78, of Sarah, relict of Samuel Smith.
- 24. Festival of the Sheffield Choral Society—Mr. Braham principal vocal performer.
- Conference of trades' delegates in London.
- 25. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 48s. 7d.
- 26. Decease of Mr. John Bolton, Market street, aged 27.
- 27. Meeting to consider the railways affecting Sheffield. Resolutions passed in favour of the Sheffield and Chesterfield line, and of the London and York, with its Bawtry Branch.
- Meeting of ratepayers to elect new Highway Board. To a list proposed by Ald. T. B. Turton, an amendment was moved by Mr. Moses Evers and carried—a poll demanded. The poll lasted three days, when the gentlemen, in the original list, were elected by from 1445 to 1504 votes; there being, for the amendment, from 779 to 865 votes.
- 31. Meeting of subscribers to the News Room—fixed rate of yearly subscription at 31s. 6d.
- Apl.* 2. M. Vieuxtemps, the new violinist, appears in Mr. Dawson's subscription concert.
- 3. Sir R. Peel's proposal for the endowment of Maynooth, carried by 216 to 114.

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- April* 7. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean commenced an engagement of three nights, at the Sheffield Theatre.
- 8. Decease of Mr. Samuel Peace, Gell street, aged 72.
- 9. Guardians of the Poor—Sheffield Union, Messrs. W. Jarvis, J. S. Hawksworth, W. Broadhurst, J. W. Dixon, H. Crawshaw, A. Whitaker, John Roebuck, and R. Broadhead, for Sheffield; Mr. J. Wall, Attercliffe; Messrs. W. G. Ragg and M. Hunter, Brightside; and Mr. E. Jeffcock, Handsworth. Ecclesall Union:—Geo. Sampson, Beauchief; W. Taylor, Dore; H. Jubb, R. Bayley, J. Fawcett, and Thomas Rawson Barker, Ecclesall; J. Blake and G. Hawksworth, Nether Hallam; W. Wright and J. Veale, Norton; S. Pearson, Totley; E. Wardlow, Upper Hallam.
- 10. United Gas Company.—Half-year's dividend, 14s. each whole share, and 5s. 3d. each three-eighths share.
- 15. Highway accounts passed. Rates collected, £6473; expended, £6365.
- Special meeting of the Sheffield and Manchester Company—Dr. Holland moved the rejection of the bill to carry out the leasing of the line to the Midland Company (which in November he had supported), on the ground of a change of circumstances. The bill was negatived.
- 17. Decease at Masbrough, of Samuel Clarke, Esq., aged 75.
- 22. Average price of wheat, 47s. 2d.
- Decease of Mr. J. Cadman, gent., aged 67.
- 23. Meeting to memorialise the Board of Trade against the leasing of the Sheffield and Manchester to the Midland Company.
- 24. Committee on the Barnsley Junction Bill declare the preamble not proved.
- 26. Complaints made of excessive railway speculation.
- 28. Decease of Mr. W. Yelland, of Ecclesfield, aged 69.
- 29. Meeting of Dissenters, to send deputies to London, to oppose the endowment of Maynooth College, on the ground of opposition to all State endowments of religion.
- 30. Decease of Mr. George Loy, oculist, Broad lane, aged 70.
- 31. James Simpson, Esq., delivered the first of two lectures on improving the health and habits of the working classes.
- May* 3. Decease of Mr. Thomas Worrall, aged 41, of the firm of Thomas Rawson and Co., Pond street Brewery.
- Decease of Mr. S. Slack, of Norton, in his 63d year, Clerk to the Magistrates at Hemsworth and Eckington Petty Sessions for more than 17 years.
- 5. United Gas Company announce a reduction of price to large consumers.
- Decease of Mr. Jonah Hawkrigg, Park, aged 59.
- 6. Service of plate presented to Alderman Carr, by a number of shareholders in the North Midland, for his exertions in promoting its improved management, in 1843.
- Committee of the House of Commons decide in favour of the Grimsby and Sheffield Railway Bill.
- 7. The Board of Trade report against the leasing of the Sheffield and Manchester to the Midland Company.

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- May* 8. Opening in Covent Garden Theatre of the Great Bazaar of the Anti-Corn Law League.
- 12. Shops closed on Whit-Monday.
  - 13. Decease of Mr. Benjamin Butcher, aged 43 years.
  - The Central Committee of the West-Riding for the registration of Liberal electors re-organised on the representative principle, and the support of the principles of Free Trade required in such as should be brought forward as candidates for the Riding.
  - 14. The Mayor reported to the Town Council that to forward the application of the town for Local Court of Bankruptcy, he had been required to pledge himself that the town would provide a place for the sittings of the Court.
  - 15. Accounts of Botanical Gardens: Receipts on capital account, £6265; income, £714.
  - Decease, at Edinburgh, of Mr. T. Haswell Miller, manager of the Sheffield, Rotherham, and Chesterfield Fire and Life Insurance Company.
  - 16. Decease of Mr. Thomas Beet, Trippet lane, aged 57.
  - 20. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 47s. 3d.
  - 29. Meeting of delegates of the trades unions resolve to support, by pecuniary means, the London committee to discharge the expenses of the Conference.
- June* 3. Mr. Ward's motion for a committee to inquire into the alleged peculiar burdens on land, negatived by 182 to 109.
- 5. First annual meeting of Botanical Gardens: Motion to close the Gardens entirely on the Sunday, lost by a great majority.
  - Meeting of trades delegates call on the trades to unite for their protection against the Manufacturers' and Tradesmen's Protection Society.
  - 6. Decease of Mr. W. Nowill, Meadow street, aged 30.
  - Special meeting of the Sheffield and Manchester Company, authorised Directors to create new stock, and adopt the Barnsley Junction line.
  - 9. Committee of the House of Commons decided that the preamble of the Sheffield and Chesterfield Bill was not proved.
  - Waterworks' Company's Bill passed the Committee of the House of Commons.
  - 10. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 48s. 8d.
  - Bazaar to aid in repairing St. Philip's Church.
  - 12. Chancery suit between the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway Company and the Canal Company settled, the Railway Company agreeing to pay the sum claimed, with arrears, and £450 expenses.
  - 18. Motion for the appointment of a Chaplain to the Workhouse, rejected by the Guardians.
  - 19. Masbro' Chapel re-opened, after repairs, with a new organ.
  - 20. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall to express regret that the Sheffield and Chesterfield Bill had been lost, and to memorialise the Duke of Norfolk to support a new application to Parliament.
  - 22. Farewell sermon of the Rev. John Davis, minister of Portmahon (Baptist) Chapel.

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- June* 24. Temperance festival at Roche Abbey; the weather very unfavourable, and two men killed on the road by being run over.
- 28. Mr. Commissioner Boteler visited Sheffield, to make arrangements for holding a Bankruptcy Court here, by order of the Lord Chancellor.
- 29. Rotherham College: 50th anniversary celebrated by services occupying four days. £600 contributed for the aid of the College.
- 30. Members of the Nottingham Ancient Order of Odd-Fellows visited Sheffield, and having joined their Sheffield brethren in procession through the town, dined with them at the Victoria Hotel, Fargate.
- 30. Mrs. Harriet Hounsfeld, Occupation road, aged 70, accidentally shot by her son.
- Huddersfield and Sheffield, and Grimsby and Sheffield Railway Bills received royal assent.
- July* 1. Acceleration of Mails: Departure of South Mail 8 30 p.m., instead of 8; and arriving at 3 40 a.m., instead of 5.25.
- Glossop Branch of the Sheffield and Manchester Railway opened.
- 2. Derby Sweeps declared illegal under the Lotteries Act, and that an action does not lie to recover a bet of £10 and upwards.
- 3. Alexander Heathcote committed to York, on charge of rattening at Castle Mills Wheel.
- Damage done in various parts of the town by storm of thunder and rain.
- 9. Meeting of Town Council. The Mayor vindicated his right to oppose the injurious interference of the Sheffield and Chesterfield Railway Company with the property of himself and partners, and explained the circumstances of their opposition.
- 10. Decease of Mr. Jonathan Beet, of Broad lane, aged 84.
- 14. Opening of the Sheffield and Manchester Railway, from Sheffield to the eastern end of the tunnel.
- 16. Mr. Joseph Kirk elected secretary to the Infirmary: For Mr. Kirk, 187; for Mr. Smales, 146.
- In-paupers: Sheffield and Brightside, 326. Week's casual relief: Sheffield, £3. 11s.; Brightside, 15s.
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 51s. 4d.
- 17. Decease of Charles Earl Grey, aged 81.
- Water works Company's Bill passed the Committee of the House of Lords. Received Royal assent 31st July.
- 19. Alexander Heathcote, charged with rattening at Sheffield, tried at York Assizes, and acquitted.
- 20. Decease, at the Isle of Man, of Mr. Cocker, Endcliffe, aged 33.
- 21. Meeting to receive the answer of the Duke of Norfolk, to the memorial voted 20th June. A deputation appointed to confer with his Grace on the subject.
- 24. Improvement Commissioners' accounts published: Income, £4155. Expenditure, lighting and cleansing, £4005.
- 28. Second conference of Trades' Delegates in London, to re-



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ceive report of the Committee, appointed at last conference.

*July 28.* Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Bill came before Committee of House of Commons.

— 29. Unsettled weather producing great fears for the harvest. Average price of wheat, 55s. 10d.

— 30. Annual meeting of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association held at Sheffield; Dr. Favell, president.

— Decease of Mr. Jonathan Rhodes, of Charnock Hall, aged 72.

— The Vicar communicates to the Guardians of Sheffield, an arrangement for some gratuitous religious services on the part of the clergy, for the inmates of the Workhouse, as a temporary arrangement, but says it is the bounden duty of the Guardians to "provide an adequate stipend for a chaplain."

*Aug. 1.* Decease of Mr. W. Page, Western bank, aged 39.

— 4. Meeting convened to oppose the passing of the Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Bill, broken up in confusion.

— Feargus O'Connor addresses a meeting, at the Circus, in favour of a scheme of subscription to put the working classes in possession of land.

— The Committee of the House of Commons decide against the branch of the London and York Railway from Sheffield to Bawtry, and in favour of the Sheffield and Lincolnshire line.

— 6. Meeting to commence a subscription in aid of the sufferers by two extensive fires in Quebec.

— 7. Opening of Bazaar on behalf of the Mechanics' Institution.

— Meeting of the inhabitants of Rotherham, to take steps for the improvement of the Cattle market.

— Speculation in railway shares very active—all shares rising rapidly in price. Average price of wheat, 57s. 6d. Sir J. Graham said, Ministers felt confident that no great increase in the price of corn would now take place. The season cold and wet.

— 9. The Queen prorogued Parliament in person, and afterwards sailed from Woolwich to Germany.

— 11. Anniversary services of Nether Chapel. £300 subscribed to reduce the debt.

— Decease of Mr. John Hoyle, Netherthorpe place.

— 12. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 61s. Aggregate six weeks average 55s. 3d.

— 13. W. Butcher, Esq., chosen Master Cutler elect. Wardens: Alderman T. B. Turton, and Mr. H. Mort.

— Exhibition of French Manufactures, at the School of Design.

— 14. Decease of Mr. W. Marsh, of the Park, aged 71.

— 21. Meeting to form a Cotton Spinning Company in Sheffield.

— 25. Decease, at Wortley, of the Ven. Archdean. Corbett, aged 71.

— 27. First meeting of Grimsby and Sheffield Railway Company, at Sheffield; Lord Worsley, M.P., Chairman.

— 28. Marriage at Wentworth, of G. S. Foljambe, Esq., Osberton Hall, to Lady Selina Milton, relict of the late Lord Milton.

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- Aug* 29. Ground broken for the Huddersfield and Sheffield Railway Company, at Penistone, by Lord Wharnccliffe.
- Sept.* 2. Meeting of trades' delegates to consider the means of promoting the importation of Canadian flour, by arrangements between the workmen and their employers.
- 3. Meeting at the Town Hall, to consider the necessity of a carriage bridge over the Dun, at Bridgehouses.
- The *Times* begins to publish alarming articles on the extent of railway speculation.
- 4. Cutlers' Feast—principal guests Lord Wharnccliffe, Lord Worsley, M.P., Hon. J. S. Wortley, M.P., Jno. Parker, Esq., M.P., H. G. Ward, Esq., M.P.
- Bazaar on behalf of Attercliffe National Schools.
- 6. Prospectus of a second Cotton Mills Company published. Railway Shares generally rising rapidly in price.
- 10. Floral and Horticultural Exhibitions at the Assembly Rooms.
- 11. Arrangements made for the amalgamation of the Sheffield and Lincolnshire, and Grimsby and Sheffield lines with the Sheffield and Manchester.
- 13. Sheffield Union Accounts of quarter ending June 24: In-maintenance, £940; diminution, £108. Out relief, £3154; diminution, £971. Establishment charges, £661; diminution, £2025. Total expenditure for relief, £4757; diminution, £3105.
- Decease of Mr. Nanson, of Highfield terrace, aged 79.
- Sheffield Union: In-paupers, 321; week's casual relief, £5. 12s.; relief in labour, 11s. 11d. Ecclesall Union: Inmates, 160, against 258 last year. Out payments, £52, against £71 last year.
- 14. St. Philip's Church re-opened, after being repaired and beautified.
- 16. Revision of West-Riding lists of electors commenced at Sheffield—Court decided in favour of votes created by the purchase of property in shares. Gain to the Free Trade party, 56.
- 20. Railway prospectuses become so numerous as to compel almost all newspapers to publish supplements for several weeks, and some of them two or three each week.
- After an interval of fine weather, an unfavourable change took place this week.
- 27. Publication of accounts of the Borough for year ending 1st September. Receipts on account of watch rate, £3846; on account of borough rate, £1067. Expenditure—police force, £4391; elections, £123; salaries, £300 miscellaneous, £83.
- 30. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 64s. 2d.
- Oct.* 1. "The first fortnight of the past month was very fine, and a large breadth of wheat was secured in fair condition; subsequently, a great deal of rain has fallen. There is much corn in the fields, and that recently secured can hardly be fit to thrash before spring."—*Sturge.*
- Decease of Earl Spencer, at Wiseton Hall, aged 63.
- 7. The contract for effecting a junction between the Sheffield

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and Manchester and Sheffield and Rotherham stations, let for £12,762, and the works commenced.

Oct. 9. Half yearly meeting of the United Gas Company—dividend 17s. on the whole shares, and 6s. 4½d. on the three-eighths.

— 11. Continuance of rainy weather.

— 12. Decease of Sir Gregory Allnutt Lewin, recorder of Doncaster.

— 13. Opening of St. George's Schools by Lord Wharncliffe and the Bishop of Ripon.

— West Riding Registration—result of the year's revision: orange gain, 2142; add gain on revisions, 1841 to 1844, 263; total, 2405. Mr. Wortley's majority over Lord Morpeth in 1841 was 1134.

— 15. Decease of Gamaliel Milner, Esq., of Thurlstone, aged 61.

— 16. Annual dinner of Licensed Victuallers' Association—subscription commenced for an asylum for aged decayed members.

— Bank of England raised rate of discount to 3 per cent. News of an extensive and spreading rot in the potato crop of Ireland, and in most parts of England. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 64s. 10d. Panic in the share market affecting indiscriminately good and bad lines.

— Directors of the Sheffield and Manchester Company agreed to take an interest in the Wortley, Silkstone, and Wakefield line, the Leeds and Manchester Company having adopted a line from Sheffield to Wakefield, and agreed to an amalgamation in the Sheffield and Huddersfield.

— 19. Reports of dissension in the Government, and semi-official intimations that Government would meet the threatened famine in Ireland, and the bad quality of the harvest in England, by opening the ports and a modification in the Corn Laws.

— 20. The down mail train was run into near Barnsley station by a pilot engine. Mr. Commissioner Boteler, of the Leeds district Bankruptcy Court, and Sergeant Stubbs, of the Leeds police force, fatally injured. Wheatley, driver of the engine, committed to take his trial for manslaughter. Tried at the Winter Assizes and acquitted.

— 28. Decease of Mr. W. R. Bayliffe, of Rotherham, iron merchant, aged 55.

— 29. Decease of Mr. Edw. Kay, aged 76.

— 30. Soiree of the Mechanics' Institution. Principal guests—The Mayors of Sheffield and Chesterfield, W. J. Bagshawe, Esq., B. B. Pegge Burnell, Esq., Sir A. J. Knight, M.D., Josiah Conder, Esq., &c.

— 31. Quality of new wheat causes the price to vary from 44s. to 73s. per quarter.

Nov. 1. Prospectus of New Water and Sewerage Company published.

— Municipal election:—St. Peter's Ward—W. Jackson, 130; M. Bright, 112; W. Bradley, 87; W. Favell, 1. St. George's Ward—Ragg, 27; T. Blake, 20; Worth, 19; H. D. Wilkinson, 2. Park Ward—T. Jessop, 149

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H. D. Wilkinson, 134; J. Wood, 129; Marshall, 19; Bradley, 1; Copeland, 1. Ecclesall Ward—I. Schofield, 152; E. Unwin, 101; R. Solly, 37; W. Smith, 32. St. Philip's Ward—W. Thompson and H. Crawshaw. Nether Hallam—Fisher Godwin. Upper Hallam—George Tucker, 7; Robt. Thompson, 4. Brightside—Jon. Roebuck. Attercliffe—W. Marriott, 48; S. Jackson, 3.

- Nov. 2. Decease, at Plymouth, of Mr. Thos. Binney, merchant, Sheffield, aged 51.
- Improvement Commissioners' Meeting — New regulations for cabs and hackney coaches made by agreement with the proprietors.
  - 7. Share market still declining.
  - 10. Alderman Samuel Butcher elected Mayor unanimously. The Town Council petitioned the Queen in Council to open the ports for the free admission of food.
  - 15. The Duke of Norfolk gives notice of his intention to apply for an Act to improve the Sheffield markets; and the Town Trustees for Acts to make a carriage bridge over the Dun at Bridgehouses, and to widen and improve various streets.
  - 17. Income Tax Commissioners hear appeals at Sheffield instead of Rotherham.
  - 18. Average price of Wheat at Sheffield, 61s. 6d.
  - 22. Frequent meetings of the Cabinet, and reports that Sir R. Peel desired to open the ports, but was overruled by his colleagues.
  - Subscriptions to provide four illuminated dials for Rotherham church.
  - Lord John Russell, in a letter to the electors of London, calls on them to "unite to put an end to a system [the Corn Laws] which has been proved to be the blight of commerce, the bane of agriculture, the source of bitter divisions among classes, the cause of penury, fever, mortality, and crime among the people."
  - 24. Messrs. Cobden and Bright visit Sheffield to urge Free Traders to qualify as freeholders to vote for the Riding.
  - Lord Morpeth subscribes to the Anti-Corn Law League to record his "conviction that the time is come for a final repeal of the Corn Laws, and his protest against the continued inaction of the state in the present emergency."
  - 31. Plans of more than 600 railway projects deposited.
- Dec. 1. Annual meeting of Sheffield Mechanics' Institute.
- 3. Special meeting of the Sheffield and Manchester Railway assent to a variety of amalgamations, purchases, and arrangements with other companies. The Chairman reported that the Board were in negotiation with the Leeds and Manchester, to settle their subjects of contention.
  - 4. Public meeting to petition the Queen to convene Parliament, with a view to the repeal of all laws that impose duties on the importation of corn.
  - The *Times* announces that the Government had resolved to propose the repeal of the Corn Laws.

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- Dec. 5. The *Standard guardedly* denies the statement of the *Times*.
- 10. Town Council memorialise the Queen in Council to extend the jurisdiction of the Courts of Requests to actions for £20. Samuel Roberts, jun., Esq., elected Alderman for Brightside Ward, vice Mr. William Vickers, resigned.
- Sir Robert Peel and his co-leagues resigned office. Lord John Russell sent for by the Queen.
- 11. Rev. J. Burnett and Rev. J. P. Mursell address a meeting at Townhead street Chapel, on the separation of Church and State.
- 13. Decease, suddenly, of George Knowles, Esq., of the firm of Knowles and Brown, Rotherham.
- 17. West-Riding Meeting, held at Wakefield, unanimously petition the Queen to convene Parliament, and recommend the immediate removal of all legislative restrictions on the free importation of corn.
- 18. Lord John Russell undertook to form a Government.
- 19. Sudden death of Lord Wharncliffe, from an effusion of blood on the brain, attributed to mental excitement, arising from the Ministerial dissensions and resignation, aged 69.
- Mr. James Wood elected member of the Town Council, for Park Ward, vice Mr. S. Roberts, jun.
- 20. Lord John Russell resigned the task of forming a Government, in consequence of Earl Grey's objection to the appointment of Lord Palmerston to the Foreign Office. Sir R. Peel recalled. Lord Stanley resigns office, and is replaced by Mr. Gladstone.
- 22. Opening of the great Tunnel on the Sheffield and Manchester Railway. Length, 5300 yards—cost, £200,000.
- 23. Meeting in Manchester to support the Anti-Corn Law League; £61,894 subscribed on the spot, towards the quarter of a million asked for by the League.
- 26. Decease of Thomas Ellin, Esq., Brincliffe Edge, aged 74.
- Requisition, signed by 8000 Electors of the West-Riding, presented to Lord Morpeth, to become a Candidate for the Seat vacant by Mr. Wortley's entering the House of Peers. Lord Morpeth complied, declaring it would be the "main object of his mission to insist upon an immediate and final Repeal of the Corn Laws."

THE CIRCULATION OF THE INDEPENDENT,  
FOR 1845,

Has exceeded by 22,835 that of the preceding year; and the advertisements have increased in still greater proportion. The circulation for the last four years has been—

1842.....	126,091	average	2379
1843.....	133,372	"	2562
1844.....	138,394	"	2661
1845.....	161,129	"	3098

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## THE MOON'S CHANGES.

- January—1st quar., 4th; full, 12th; last quar., 20th; new, 27th.  
 February—1st quar., 3rd; full, 11th; last quar., 19th; new, 25th.  
 March—1st quar., 4th; full, 13th; last quar., 20th; new, 27th.  
 April—1st quar., 3rd; full, 11th; last quar., 18th; new, 25th.  
 May—1st quar., 3rd; full, 11th; last quar., 18th; new, 25th.  
 June—1st quar., 2nd; full, 9th; last quar., 16th; new, 23rd.  
 July—1st quar., 1st; full, 8th; last quar., 15th; new, 23rd; 1st  
     quar., 31st.  
 August—Full, 7th; last quar., 13th; new 21st; 1st quar., 28th.  
 September—Full, 5th; last quar., 12th; new, 20th; 1st quar., 28.  
 October—Full, 4th; last quar., 12th; new, 20th; 1st quar., 27th.  
 November—Full, 3rd; last quar., 10th; new, 18th; 1st qr., 25th.  
 December—Full, 2nd; last quar., 10th; new, 18th; 1st qr. 25th.

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OF THE  
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- Jan. 1. Meeting to promote the election of Lord Morpeth for the West Riding, *vice* the Hon. J. S. Wortley, now Lord Wharncliffe.
- Holiday kept by closing of the shops.
- 2. Literary and Philosophical Society—James Yates, Esq., F.R.S., elected president.
- 3. In answer to an inquiry as to the State endowment of the Roman Catholic priests of Ireland, Lord Morpeth replied he was not prepared to sanction such a measure.
- Sheffield Union: In-paupers, 316; out-poor, £265. Ecclesall Union: in-paupers, 154; out-poor, £56.
- 4. Decease of Mr. Thos. Foster, of Burgess-street, teacher of music, aged 70.
- 6. Sheffield Market: average price of wheat, 59s. 6d.; advance of wheat, in six months 10s. per load.
- 7. Decease, aged 79, of the Rev. Francis Dixon, minister of Lee-croft chapel from 1800 to 1836.
- 8. In answer to an application from the promoters of the Sheffield and Chesterfield line to the Duke of Norfolk for his support to their renewed application to Parliament, Mr. Ellison replies that his Grace would support to the utmost the scheme of the Sheffield and Manchester and Lincolnshire Railways, but would not, unless compelled, enter into an active opposition to other projects.
- 12. Meeting of the officers of the West Yorkshire Yeomanry Cavalry voted an address of condolence to Lord Wharncliffe, on the death of his father (their late colonel,) and expressed their hope that he would take the command of the regiment. Resolved also to present to Lord Wharncliffe's family a portrait, by Grant, of the deceased nobleman.
- 14. Town Council vote an address of condolence to Lord Wharncliffe. It was presented on the 17th.
- West Riding dinner of the League, at Leeds: Sheffield subscription, £3,769. 12s., against £1,314. 19s. 11d. for 1844.
- 15. Ball for the benefit of the Mechanics' Institution Building Fund.
- Mr. Ward, M.P., delivers his annual address.
- 17. Savings' Bank: Deposits in year ending 20th November, 1845, £49,436; paid to depositors, £40,276; individual depositors, (6,916,) £186,852; charitable and friendly societies, (68,) £10,679.
- 19. Contribution of £100 to the League Fund from the table-knife grinders.
- Rev. J. Lord, of Boston, U.S., commences a course of lectures at the Mechanics' Institution, on the Monastic Institutions of the Middle Ages.

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- Jan.* 22. Meeting of Parliament: Queen recommends free trade measures.
- . Meeting at the Friends' Meeting House to petition against the proposed enrolment of the militia.
- 26. Commissioners of Lunacy visit Sheffield workhouse, and report favourably of the wards for the insane.
- . Decease of Mr. W. Oldfield, of the Pheasant Inn, aged 43.
- 27. Presentation of a silver epergne to J. Dixon, Esq., of Page Hall, by his late workmen, on the 70th anniversary of his birthday.
- . Sir R. Peel expounds his plan for the repeal of the Corn Law in three years, and other commercial reforms.
- 28. Sheffield and Retford Bank suspends payment, consequent on the stoppage of the Leeds and West Riding Bank, on the 23rd.
- 29. Sir H. R. Bishop commences a course of lectures on the Lyric Drama, before the Literary and Philosophical Society.
- . Decease of Mr. Philip Unwin, of Orchard-place, aged 65.
- 30. Sheffield Banking Company: Dividend of 10 per cent. on paid up capital.
- Feb.* 3. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 57s. 4d.
- 4. Meeting of the Sheffield and Rotherham Banking Company; Dividend of 10 per cent.
- . Explosion on the premises of Mr. Samuel Hancock, cutlery manufacturer, Pea-croft.
- 5. Sheffield and Retford Bank: arrangements commenced to wind up its affairs.
- . Decease of Mr. J. H. Abraham, F.L.S., of Milk-street Academy, aged 68.
- . Election of Lord Morpeth for the West Riding without opposition.
- 7. *Independent*: published at No. 2, Bank-street.
- . Lord Wharncliffe declines to accept the colonelcy of the West Yorkshire Yeomanry.
- 9. Decease of Henry Gally Knight, Esq., M.P., of Firbeck Hall, aged 59.
- 13. Mr. John Staniforth appointed clerk to the Town Trustees, *vice* Mr. James Wheat, resigned.
- . Grimsby, Sheffield, Potteries, and Grand Junction Railway: Project abandoned, the change in the share market having prevented the payment of the deposits; company dissolved 17th April.
- 21. Decease of Mr. Luke Palfreyman, solicitor, aged 45.
- 27. Decease of Mr. David Davy, aged 77.
- . Debate on going into committee on the Corn Importation Act, commenced Feb. 9th, terminated by a majority of 337 to 240, in favour of the motion.
- Mar.* 2. Mr. George Dawson, of Birmingham, commences a course of lectures before the Mechanics' Institution, on the Writings of Thomas Carlyle.
- . Decease, at Gate Helmsley, of Mr. David Haslehurst, aged 73. formerly of Fargate, grocer.



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- Mar. 6.* Decease of Mr. J. Wragg, of Charles lane, file manufacturer.
- 7. The Bill for making a carriage bridge over the Dun at Bridgehouses abandoned.
  - The Sheffield, Bakewell, and West Midland Company petition against the Bill of the Manchester, Sheffield and Midland, on account of an alleged breach of agreement with them.
  - 11. Joseph Hodkin and Joshua Eastwood sentenced to 15 years' transportation, for shooting at Thomas Greaves, of the Surrey Arms, Hollow Meadows, with intent to murder, on the 27th of February.
  - 12. Isaac Martin for stealing, and John Martin for receiving when stolen, a quantity of woollen cloth, the property of Messrs. Levy and Sons, of Sheffield, sentenced at York to 14 years' transportation. J. Taylor, for receiving part of the property, 18 months' imprisonment.
  - 14. In addition to the districts of Attercliffe, Darnall, Brightside, Wicker, and Pitsmoor, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners declare the following ten:—Moorfields, acres 39, population, 6,202; Hollis croft, acres 29, population 5,850; Eldon street, acres 45, population 5,273; Carver street, acres 31, population 4,518; Dyer's hill, acres 56, population 6,164; Heeley, population 2,185; Netherthorpe, acres 42, population 5,429; Broomhall, acres 522, population 3,120; Gillear, acres 68, population 3,447; Porter street, population 3,662. Further districts proposed:—St. Peter's, acres 90, population 9,771; St. James's, acres 24, population 9,434; St. Paul's, population 6,323; St. John's, acres 1,333, population 6,090; St. Philip's, acres 834, population 8,040; St. George's, acres 119, population 7,366; Crookes, acres 788, population 3,030; St. Mary's, population 6,758; Ecclesall, acres 2,850, population 2,500; Fulwood, acres 6,521, population 1,401.
  - 20. Decease, at Treeton Rectory, of the Rev. George Chandler, aged 68, in the 37th year of his incumbency. He was rural dean, and one of the senior magistrates of the West Riding.
  - 23. Committee of Highway Board report that 1,531 yards of sewerage have been made and improved during the year.
  - The Rev. J. G. Hounsfield attempts to take forcible possession of Wadsley House, formerly his property.
  - Opening of the Polytechnic exhibition of the Mechanics' Institution.
  - 24. Sheffield, Wortley, Silkstone, and Wakefield Railway: Resolution to dissolve the Company.
  - 26. Sheffield Highway Board elected:—Benjamin Burdekin, Glossop road; John Fordham, Castle street; James Taylor, 3, Burgess street; George Eadon, 15, Tudor place; John Swift, 59, Arundel street; John Harrop, West street; William Fisher, jun., Belmonte, Park; Henry Atkin, 19, Eyre street; Joseph Turton, Brook

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hill; Joshua Wigfull, Lead mill road; Anthony Ward, 21, St. Philip's terrace; Jeremiah Sellars, 45, Sussex street; Charles Milner, Fargate; Jos. Horsfall, Campo lane; John Tinker, Market street; and John Copley, Carver street.

- Mar. 28. Petitions presented to Parliament, praying, that to avoid the pressure on the money market of making many new railways at once, the bills before Parliament might be deferred, or clauses introduced postponing the commencement of the works.
- 31. Potatoes: Regents, 10s. per twelve pecks.
- April 2. Decease of Mr. Thos. Shepherd, of Farm Bank, aged 61.
- Explosion on the premises of Mr. Sanderson, fork manufacturer, Carver street.
- 4. First publication of the *Sheffield Times*.
- The Sheffield Union: In paupers, 308; payments to out poor, £227. Ecclesall Union: in paupers, 146; payments to out poor, £58.
- Guardians for the Sheffield Union:—Wilson Overend, Esq., and the Rev. J. Hand, *ex-officio*; Sheffield—Messrs. J. W. Dixon, W. Jarvis, J. S. Hawksworth, H. Crawshaw, A. Whitaker, J. Roebuck, W. Atkinson, and T. Gatley; Brightside—Messrs. Ragg and Hunter; Attercliffe—Mr. B. Huntsman; Handsworth—Mr. Jos. Hodgkinson.
- Guardians for the Ecclesall Union:—W. J. Bagshawe, Esq., B. B. Pegge Burnell, Esq., H. M. Greaves, Esq., *ex officio*; Ecclesall—Messrs. R. Bayley, T R. Barker. H. Furniss, J. Fawcett; Nether Hallam—Messrs. John Blake and W. Thompson; Upper Hallam—Mr. E. Wardlow; Norton—Messrs. James Veale and John Smith; Dore—Mr. Wm. Taylor; Totley—Mr. Geo. Mountford; Beauchief—Mr. George Sampson.
- 6. Melting snow and heavy rain, producing a great flood, that inundated the lower parts of the town.
- 7. W. Jackson, head keeper of Sir George Sitwell, severely wounded by poachers.
- Decease of Mr. J. Cocker, Norton, of the firm of Cocker, Grayson and Co., aged 58.
- 8. Town Council: Resolution passed in favour of providing honest occupation for criminals discharged from prison.
- 9. Decease of Mr. Newton, gent., of Glossop road, aged 64.
- Gas Company: Half year's dividend 18s. per share.
- 10. Decease of Mr. Joseph Benson, filesmith, aged 46. He had distinguished himself by his able advocacy of the principles of free trade.
- 11. Explosion on the premises of Messrs. J. and W. Marshall, of Allen street.
- 12. Decease, at Altrincham, of Mr. Benjamin Naylor, aged 84, formerly of Sheffield.
- 14. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 61s. 3d.
- Ball given by the Sheffield Club.

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*April* 17. Decease of Peter Atherton, scissor filer, aged 76, filer of the Victoria scissors presented to Her Majesty.

— 18. Sheffield Highway Accounts: Rates collected £7,470; expenditure £7,107. Two rates of 6d. in the pound levied during the year.

— Electric telegraph from the south to the Masborough station in operation.

— 21. Premises of Mr. Wilson, edge tool manufacturer, Wicker, destroyed by an explosion: Reward of £800 for the detection of the perpetrators of the explosions of Feb. 4, April 2, 11, and 21.

*May* 1. Lord Milton accepts the command of the First West York Yeomanry Cavalry, *vice* the late Lord Wharncliffe. Major Elmsall appointed Lieut. Col. *vice* Lord Wharncliffe, resigned, and Capt. Lumley, Major.

— 4. Preamble of the Grimsby and Sheffield Extensions declared to be proved.

— 7. Sheffield Canal Company—dividend of £2 per share, the first for several years.

— 8. Robt. Macdonald and Edward Barnes held to bail, on a charge of obtaining money as contributions to the Fitzwilliam Infant and Adult Sick and Funeral Society, by which nearly 2000 poor persons had been defrauded.

— Bill proposed to amend the law of arson, in consequence of the late incendiary explosions in Sheffield.

— 12. James Yates, Esq., President of the Literary and Philosophical Society, entertains the members at Norton Hall.

— 13. General Purposes Committee, report to the Town Council in favour of the Duke of Norfolk's New Market bill.

— Decease of Mr. Joseph Wright, farrier, Norfolk st., aged 67.

— 14. Decease of Mr. Edward Craske, of Crabtree, aged 85.

— 16. First meeting of the West Yorkshire Yeomanry at Doncaster, under command of Lord Milton.

— 19. Sheffield, Barnsley, Wakefield, Huddersfield, and Goole Railway—preamble proved before the Committee of the Commons. Barnsley Junction and South Yorkshire preambles not proved.

— 20. Aged Female Society—subscriptions, £250; donations, £225; distributed by visitors, £456.

— Decease of Mr. Thos. Hounsfeld, Woodhill, aged 82.

— Committee of the House of Commons decided in favour of the preamble of the Manchester, Sheffield and Midland Railway.

— Sheffield Intermediate Sessions—only eight prisoners.

— Savings' Bank established at Rotherham.

— 22. Sheffield, Leek, Potteries, and Crewe Railway Company resolve to wind up.

— 24. Thomas Longden, an assistant to Jos. Jaggard, gamekeeper, in Sheffield Park, fired at and wounded by George Barker, who was convicted at York Assizes, (July 15,) and transported for 15 years.

— 28. Meeting at Rotherham resolve to establish public baths.

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- May* 28. Second reading of the Corn bill carried in the House of Lords by 211 to 164.
- Jas. C. Simpson, clerk to many money clubs, secretly sails for New York.
- June* 1. Whit Monday—shops closed.
- 6. Rotherham Police—receipts of past year, £215; expenses, £206. Persons in custody, 259.
- Receipts of the Midland Company, for Whitsun week, £19,747; Sheffield and Manchester, passengers 101,599, receipts, £3,509.
- 8. The Lords' Committee decided in favour of the London and York line.
- 10. Wilson Overend, Esq., suggested to the Town Council that it was desirable to apply for a court of Quarter Sessions, on which Ald. Dunn moved, that a representation be made to the Lord Lieut. of the desirableness of increasing the number of West Riding Magistrates in this district,—carried by 24 to 5.
- Proprietary of the Sheffield and Manchester assent to amalgamation with the Lincolnshire and Grimsby lines.
- 19. Mr. E. J. Cowley sailed for New York, being sent out by the creditors in pursuit of J. C. Simpson.
- 20. Weather very hot—thermometer ranging from 80 to 85 degrees.
- 21. Decease of Mr. George North, of Church street, butcher, aged 63.
- 22. Decease of Mr. C. Harris, tailor, Norfolk street, aged 53.
- Mr. B. R. Haydon, the celebrated artist, committed suicide.
- 25. Savings' Bank opened at Eckington.
- Third reading of the Corn bill carried in the House of Lords, and the Irish Arms bill rejected in the Commons by 293 to 119.
- 26. Explosive substances bill received the royal assent.
- 27. Sir R. Peel resigned.
- 29. Lord J. Russell instructed to form a Government.
- Decease of Mr. S. Ackroyd, formerly of the firm of Stuart, Smith, and Co., Roseoe place.
- Manchester *v.* Sheffield.—Cricket Match at Hyde Park. Sheffield, two innings, 173; Manchester, one innings, 210.
- Sheffield Assay Office—Weight of Silver assayed and marked, 1844-5, 61,398 ounces; 1845-6 66,382 ounces. The silver used by the Sheffield manufacturers purer than the law requires.
- July* 1. Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway bill passed the Lords' Committee. The Manchester, Midland, and Great Grimsby rejected.
- Decease of Mr. W. Jessop, Western Bank, late of the firm of Jessop, Owen, and Jessop.
- Decease of Mr. John Marsh, aged 74, formerly of Sheffield Park.
- 2. The Anti-Corn Law League dissolved. £10,000 voted to

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Mr. George Wilson, the Chairman. Subscription commenced to raise £100,000, to present to Mr. Cobden.

July 3. Lord Morpeth appointed Chief Commissioner of Woods and Forests.

— Mr. John Parker, M.P., appointed Secretary to the Treasury; and Mr. H. G. Ward, M.P., Secretary to the Admiralty. The offices of the borough members not vacating their seats.

— 4. Richard Bayley, Esq. Castle Dyke; W. Jeffcock, Esq. High Hazles; H. T. Skelton, Esq. Middlewood; V. Corbett, Esq. Wortley; G. Hounsfild, Esq. the Clough; the Hon. and Rev. W. Howard, Whiston; Rev. A. Fullerton, Thrybergh; and the Rev. H. Partington, of Aldwark Hall, are placed on the commission of the peace. Mr. Bayley, Mr. Jeffcock, Mr. Howard and Mr. Fullerton qualified at Rotherham Sessions, July 6.

— 6. Subscription commenced in acknowledgment of the services of John Bright, Esq. M.P., in connexion with the Anti-Corn Law League.

— 8. Purse of nearly £50 presented to Mr. Thomas Booth Britannia metal smith, in acknowledgment of his active exertions during many years, to advance the interests of the trade, and promote the welfare of the working classes and the town generally.

— 9. Mr. Ward publishes an address to the electors and non-electors on the occasion of his taking office.

— 11. Mr. A. F. Hammond obtains a prize worth £60; Mr. W. Laycock one of £70, in the Scottish Art Union.

— Lately deceased, at Settle, Mr. John Thomas, compiler of the Sheffield Local Register up to 1832.

— 12. Decease of Mr. Thomas Wheatcroft, of Grimesthorpe, aged 73.

— 14. The Manchester, Sheffield and Midland Railway bill, rejected by the Committee of the House of Lords—being thus lost for the third time. The Sheffield Markets bill, which had been delayed till this railway bill should be disposed of, was postponed on account of the lateness of the session.

— 15. Decease of Benj. Sayle, Esq., for many years of Brightside, aged 76.

— Decease of Mr. Wm. Fairbank, of Nelson Place, aged 74.

— Mr. Parker, M.P., publishes an address to the electors and inhabitants, on the occasion of his accepting office.

— 16. Saml. and George Crookes tried at York, for violent assault on Mr. Abraham Howe, Broadfield, on the 13th May, and acquitted.

— 18. Lord Morpeth re-elected for the West Riding without opposition.

— Sheffield Union—in-paupers, 324; week's payment to out poor, £432.

— Ecclesall Union—in-paupers, 142; weekly out payments, £142.

— 21. Average price of Wheat at Sheffield, 47s. 4d.

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- July 21.* John England, Saml. Myers, and Joseph Barras, convicted at York of a rape, and Wm. Aizlewood of an assault, on Maria Kaufmann, at the Ickles, on the 15th March. England, Myers, and Barras transported for life, and Aizlewood imprisoned for six months.
- 22. George Aizlewood, Joseph Hague, and Michael and Hannah Bradshaw, convicted of conspiracy to defeat the above prosecution, by sending Maria Kaufmann out of the country. The men to be imprisoned for a month each, and all to enter into recognizances for good behaviour.
- John George Hounsfield, (clerk,) Wm. Balmforth, and John, Charles, and George Hall, convicted at York Assizes of riot and forcible entry at Wadsley House, on the 23d March. Mr. Hounsfield to be imprisoned at Wakefield for nine months, and the other defendants for two months each.
- 23. John Holmes, convicted of uttering a forged bill of exchange, at Sheffield, on the 13th Dec., to defraud Wm. Carlisle. To be transported for 10 years.
- 24. Preamble of the Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley, Wakefield, Huddersfield, and Goole Railway, declared proved by the Lords' Committee.
- Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank—another call, raising paid up capital to £125,425.
- Sheffield Union Bank. Third annual meeting—dividend 6 per cent.
- 25. Rotherham Savings' Bank opened.
- 27. Advance of wages in the file trade.
- 25. Decease of Mr. Thos. Pearson, Hallcar terrace, aged 68.
- Midland Company—half-yearly dividend, 3½ per cent.
- 27. Sheffield Cemetery bill received the royal assent.
- 29. *Manchester v. Sheffield*: Return match at cricket, played at Manchester. Manchester, 289; Sheffield, 182.
- 29. At Derby Assizes, Edw. Lees, John Marples, and Andrew Cartledge, were charged with shooting at and wounding Wm. Jackson, gamekeeper of Sir George Sitwell, at Eckington, on the 7th April. Lees and Marples to be transported for 15 years, and Cartledge acquitted.
- 30. *Rodgers v. Nowill*: Chancery suit to establish the exclusive right of Messrs. Joseph Rodgers and Sons to strike the mark, "J. Rodgers & Sons," with the Crown and V. R. above. Vice-Chancellor Wigram decides that unless plaintiffs in a year bring an action to establish their right, the bill shall be dismissed with costs for the defendants.
- Decease of Mr. John Spink, of Westbar, pawnbroker, aged 61.
- In consequence of taking office, Mr. John Parker, M.P., resigns the Chairmanship of the Sheffield and Manchester, and Mr. Ward retires from the direction of the Eastern Counties and Northern and Eastern Companies.

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- Aug.* 1. Decease of Mr. Benj. Taylor, formerly of Wadsley Hall, aged 79.
- Mortality: Sheffield, population in 1841, 85,076; deaths registered in the quarter ending June 30th, 1839, 652; 1840, 554; 1841, 528; 1842, 485; 1843, 534; 1844, 464; 1845, 513; 1846, 852; quarter ending March 31st, 1846, 611.
- 2. Decease of Mr. John Hagger, aged 67.
- 3. Election of Improvement Commissioners to supply the places of Mr. J. H. Abraham, and Mr. Luke Palfreyman, deceased, and Messrs. Hall, John Newbould, John Porter, E. B. Schofield, Stevenson, and S. Younge. The following eight were elected:—Messrs. George Rodgers, Robert Simpson, James Thompson, R. Roper, James Wood, James H. Greaves, Wm. Reaney, and George Tucker.
- Electric telegraph extended from Masbro' to Sheffield.
- Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway bill, and the New street bill of the Town Trustees, receive the Royal assent. The latter bill gives powers for the Trustees under certain circumstances to vacate their offices.
- 7. Joseph Lord, currier, of Angel street, a bankrupt, committed to York by the Bankruptcy Court, for not accounting satisfactorily for the disposal of his property. He stated that his house had been robbed on the night of the 22nd June of £234, but his statement was not believed.
- The union of the file trade vote £100 to the Infirmary, and £50 to the Dispensary.
- Rotherham lighting and cleansing: Amount collected in the year, £241; expended, £211.
- 10. Decease of Mr. Benjamin Shirley, late of the Commercial Inn, aged 55.
- 12. Decease of Mr. S. Wilson, gentleman, Hanover buildings, aged 72.
- Silver claret jug presented to Mr. Thomas Staniforth, of Hackenthorpe, by the sickle makers and grinders, in his employ, as a testimonial of their esteem.
- Mr. Wm. Bland, one of the warrant officers of the borough, under the charter, and for many years previously one of the acting constables, retired from office.
- 13. Decease of Robert Plumer Ward, Esq., of Gilston Park Herts, aged 81, father of Mr. H. G. Ward, M.P.
- 15. Railway bills passed 1846, with a capital of £145,832,405, and power to borrow £33,411,081.
- Mr. E. J. Cowley returns from New York, whither he had followed James C. Simpson, having recovered a considerable sum of money, and made arrangements which issued in the recovery of a number of valuable pictures which Simpson had carried away.
- 17. Mechanics' Institution: Resolved to appoint a managing director.

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- Aug.* 19. Sheffield Dispensary: After several discussions, it was resolved to place the midwifery cases under the care of the midwives, Mr. Beckett, the surgeon-accoucheur, being called in in cases of emergency.
- Sheffield School of Design: Mr. Young Mitchell, recently appointed master.
- Cutlers' Company: Ald. T. B. Turton chosen Master Cutler elect. Wardens, Messrs. H. Mort and F. Fenny.
- Mr. Samuel Osborne Habershon, son of Mr. J. J. Habershon, of The Holmes, near Rotherham, in the examination for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine in the University of London, gains exhibition and gold medal for anatomy and physiology; gold medal for chemistry; and exhibition and gold medal for materia medica and pharmaceutical chemistry.
- Cemetery Company: First meeting under the new Act. Interments since the opening of the Cemetery, 2004. Dividend of 6s. 6d. per share.
- 22. Decease of Mr. Joseph Hadfield, aged 65, of the firm of Robert Hadfield and Co., merchants.
- 28. Meeting of Sheffield and Lincolnshire and Grimsby and Sheffield Companies' Directors report that by virtue of the Amalgamation Act, these Companies, with the Grimsby Dock Company, will be united on the 1st of January with the Sheffield and Manchester Railway Company, under the name of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire.
- Decease of Mr. H. J. Frith, of Rose Hill, near Rawmarsh.
- Prorogation of Parliament.
- 29. Prize swords presented to Private Isaac Law, of troop A, and Private Wm. Sands, of troop B, by Colonel Viscount Milton, and the officers of the First W. Y. Y. Cavalry, as the best swordsmen in their respective troops. A similar sword presented on the 28th, to Mr. John Busby, of Darfield, the best swordsman in Capt. the Hon. C. Fitzwilliam's troop.
- 31. Cricket match: Eleven of All England against 20 of Sheffield. All England, 186; Sheffield, 187, and six wickets to go down.
- Sept.* 2. Soiree to celebrate the triumph of Corn Law repeal, and dissolve the Free Trade Association. Present, Lord Morpeth, M.P., Mr. John Parker, M.P., Mr. H. G. Ward, M.P., Colonel Thompson, Mr. R. R. R. Moore, &c. Half-holiday. Shops closed without distinction of party.
- Silver Cup presented to Wm. Jeffcock, Esq., Captain of the B troop of the First W. Y. Y. Cavalry, by the non-commissioned officers and privates of the troop.
- 3. Cutlers' Feast: Principal guests, Lord Morpeth, M.P., Lord Milton, M.P., Mr. John Parker, M.P., Lord Edward Howard, the Hon. C. W. Fitzwilliam, Colonel P. Thompson, Sir A. J. Knight, Mr. R. R. R. Moore, &c.
- 4. A dessert service presented to Colonel P. Thompson, (the



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father of Free Trade, and the author of the Corn Law Catechism,) by a few of his Sheffield friends.

- Sept. 5.* Sheffield Union: In-paupers, 297; week's out payments, £200. Ecclesall Union, in-paupers, 152; out payments, £51.
- 6. Decease of Mr. Charles West, of Wentworth, in consequence of being accidentally shot on the first of Sept. by Mr. Richard Massey, private secretary to Earl Fitzwilliam.
  - 7. Mr. John Taylor appointed managing director of the Mechanics' Institution.
  - 8. Average price of wheat, 49s. 6d; prices rising. Spring corn being deficient and potatoes having failed.
  - 9. Council Hall. After several discussions, the Town Council resolved not to purchase the Music Hall, but to take the Assembly Rooms on a lease for 7 years. The Council also resolved to suspend further proceedings with respect to an Improvement Act, as there was reason to believe that Government would propose a General Bill next Session.
  - 10. John Platts committed to Derby, charged with the wilful murder of George Collis, on the 7th Dec. at Chesterfield.
  - Decease, at Worthing, of Mr. C. F. Favell, M.D.
  - Decease of the Earl of Yarborough.
  - 11. Mr. Lloyd Garrison, and Mr. Fred. Douglas, a negro escaped from slavery, address a meeting at the Friends' Meeting House, on American Slavery.
  - 12. Six services of plate, manufactured by Messrs. Hawksworth, Eyre, and Co., to be presented by the Anti-Corn Law League to six members of the council, in acknowledgment of their services.
  - 14. Mr. Henry Vincent lectures on the Temperance Reformation at the Friends' Meeting House.
  - 15. The Magistrates, in an appeal against the poor rate, decide "That the actual rent is the criterion on which the rate should be made, unless it can be clearly shewn that it is too small."
  - 17. Decease, at Lincoln, of the Rev. Francis Fisher, aged 35.
  - Decease, at Wentworth, of Mr. Thos. West, aged 80.
  - 19. Increasing alarm as to the deficiency of food in England, Ireland, and throughout the North of Europe.
  - 20. Decease of William Blythe, elder son of the late Mr. George Wells, solicitor, aged 17.
  - Decease of Mr. Thos. Greaves, of the Surrey Arms, at Hollow Meadows, who was shot in the face, in Feb. last, by Hodkin and Eastwood.
  - 21. Mr. H. Vincent lectures in the Theatre, on the probable effects of the Free Trade measures on the state of parties, and of the country.
  - Revising Barristers' Court, at Sheffield: Gain to the liberals 139.
  - 22. Meeting of the members of the Licensed Victuallers' Society to form an Association to provide an asylum, and

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otherwise assist the aged, necessitous, and deserving members.

- Sept. 22. Opening of the New Catholic Church at Mount St. Mary's, Eckington.
- 25. Mr. H. Vincent lectures on Peace, at the Friends' Meeting House.
- 26. Decease of Thomas Clarkson, of Playford Hall, Suffolk, aged 86.
- Oct. 1. Drapers and Pawnbrokers begin to close their shops at seven for the winter.
- 3. Proposal to establish a Creditors' Protection Society, for opposing fraudulent bankrupts and insolvents.
- . Decease of Mr. George Smith, of York House, aged 77.
- 4. Services connected with the opening of the Wesleyan Day Schools, in Sheffield Park; £220 contributed.
- 5. Decease of Mr. Thos. Mottram, merchant, Park field, aged 74.
- 6. The works of the Sheffield and Lincolnshire, from Sheffield to Beighton, let to Messrs. Miller and Blackie.
- . Decease, at Pitsmoor, of Mr. Edward Greaves, of the firm of W. Greaves and Sons, Sheaf Works. Legacies—Infirmiry, £100. Dispensary, and Boys' and Girls' Charity Schools, each £50.
- 7. Infirmiry meeting: income, £2,169; expenditure, £3,658. 1801: Subscribers, 504; amount, £1260; patients, 1055. 1846: ditto 425; ditto £1038; ditto 3037.
- 8. Gas Company: Half-year's dividend, 18s. per share, on whole shares, and 6s. 8d. on  $\frac{3}{8}$  shares.
- 10. One of the engines of the Castle Mills blown up with gunpowder. William Ibbotson, the watchman of the mills, apprehended on suspicion, but discharged on the 20th.
- 14. Town Council memorialise the Government to open the ports by an order in Council.
- . Dr. Bartolome elected physician to the Infirmiry, *vice* Dr. Favell, deceased.
- 15. First sod of the Sheffield and Lincolnshire cut by the Mayor of Sheffield, Saml. Butcher, Esq., at High Hazles.
- . Annual festival of the Licensed Victuallers' Society, the Master Cutler in the chair. Donations announced towards a Victuallers' Asylum of £163. 15s., and annual subscriptions to the amount of £31. 3s.
- . Decease, at Rotherham, of Mr. Jacob Newton, brother of the Rev. Dr. Newton.
- 16. Dr. Hodgson, of Liverpool, lectures before the Phrenological Society.
- . Examination of Edw. Linley, bankrupt, adjourned *sine die*.
- 17. West-Riding Parliamentary division. Liberal gain on claims, 1364; do. on objections, 319; total gain of the year, 1683. Making the Liberal majority of the West-Riding, 4100.
- . Decease of Mr. Joseph Warburton, aged 49, table-knife manufacturer.

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- Oct. 20. Decease of Henry Sorby, Esq., of Woodburn, aged 56.
- Decease, in the Isle of Wight, of Mr. Robt Chapman, grocer, Union street, aged 84.
- 21. Public meeting at the Cutlers' Hall to consider the propriety of conferring with the Government on the subject of the outrage at the Castle Mills. Amendment carried, appointing a committee of masters and workmen to enquire into the cause of the outrages, and take steps to produce a better state of feeling.
- Decease of Mr. Samuel Ironside, aged 68.
- Meeting of the Bettering Society: Receipts of the year, £192; expenditure, £174.
- 22. Rotherham Gas Company: Meeting to celebrate the obtaining of an act of incorporation, and to present to Jno. Aldred, Esq., chairman of the Company since 1833, a service of plate, as a mark of esteem.
- 24. Publication of accounts of the borough. Amount of watch rate collected, £4225; of borough rate, £1082. Expense of police force, £4304; besides £1375 from fines and fees. Cost of elections, £146; salary, (Town Clerk,) £300; miscellaneous, £142.
- The straw, in one of the lock-ups, at the Town Hall, set on fire by a prisoner, locked up for the night.
- 27. Sarah Ann Hague, of Rotherham, convicted at Doncaster Sessions, of inciting Ann Stothard to rob her father.— Four months' imprisonment.
- 28. Meeting of Trades' Delegates at the Cock, Hollis croft, resolve that it is necessary to establish a Protection Society for the defence of labour's rights, to which the trades should contribute a half-penny per head monthly.
- Meeting of the Midland Company resolve to create new capital to the amount of £3,157,000, in £50 shares.
- 29. Meeting of Manchester, Sheffield, and Midland Company. Cost of the applications to Parliament, 1846, £26,258; in 1845, £11,140; besides a claim of £4000, made against them by the promotors of the Sheffield, Bawley, and West Midland Company. £2. 10s. per share to be returned to the shareholders, who should not choose to concur in prosecuting the undertaking. New modes of carrying out the line recommended by Mr. Hawkshaw and Mr. Thompson, engineers. Directors authorised to renew their application.
- Meeting at the Town Hall, to promote attention to the municipal registration.
- 30. Mr. Henry Wilkinson elected one of the Town Trustees, *vice* Mr. Vincent Henry Eyre, resigned under the provisions of the late act.
- Third dividend, (1s. 6d. in the pound,) under the bankruptcy of Parker, Shore, and Co., declared, making 9s. in the pound, and reserving £25,000 to meet the dividends on the proof of £65,000, by the representatives of the late Mr. Samuel Shore, concerning which a Chancery suit is pending.

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- Oct.30. Number of burgesses. The burgess list of 1843 contained 5584 names; 1844, 6495; 1845, 8176; and 1846, 11,511.
- The privilege of exchanging spoiled stamps at the Sheffield Stamp-office, conceded to the application of the Town Council, supported by Mr. Parker, M.P.
- Nov.1. Mr. Hargreaves appointed superintendent of the Sheffield station of the Sheffield and Manchester; and Mr. Binney, goods agent.
- 2. Municipal elections:—St. Peter's Ward—Mr. Wiley, 263; Mr. John Roebuck, 207; Mr. Edward Vickers, 131. St. Philip's Ward—Mr. H. E. Hoole, 121; Mr. B. Vickers, 54; Dr. Bartolome, 19. Park Ward—Mr. J. W. Hawksworth, 170; Mr. Jeremiah Sellars, 134; Mr. W. Bradley, 100; Mr. E. Bingham, 39. St. George's Ward—Mr. Joseph Turton, 37; Mr. Benjamin Schofield, 38; Mr. S. Hadfield, 5; Mr. John Spencer 7. Ecclesall Ward—Mr. I. P. Cutts, 241; Mr. W. Atkinson, 179; Mr. J. Stevenson, 102. Brightside Ward—Mr. Thomas Briggs, 119; Mr. Robert Waterhouse, 74; Mr. E. Vickers, 47. Upper Hallam Ward—Mr. James Dearman, 21; Mr. Thos. Oates, 6; Mr. Peter Frith, 4. Nether Hallam Ward—Mr. Matthews, 145; Mr. W. Sissons, 72; Mr. H. Spooner, 2. Attercliffe Ward—Mr. C. Atkinson, 75; Mr. W. Parker, 2.
- Ald. Saml. Roberts having been named as a candidate for the Mayoralty, announced his intention not to stand. Presented £100 each to the Dispensary, Boys' Charity School, and Aged Female Society.
- Annual meeting of Mechanics' Institute. Receipts from ordinary sources, £180; exhibition, £450; expenses, £211; do. of exhibition, £375.
- The brewers resolve to advance the price of all malt liquor 3s. per barrel, and allow no discount. The high price of malt the cause.
- 3. Average price of Wheat, 64s. 4d. Best household bread, 7d. per four pounds; seconds, 6d.; brown, 5d.
- Decease of Mr. Rowbotham, Gell street.
- Mortality in Sheffield district:—Deaths registered in the quarter ending September 30th.—Population, 1841, 85,076; 1838, 515 deaths; 1839, 647; 1840, 574; 1841, 413; 1842, 501; 1843, 507; 1844, 493; 1845, 445; 1846, 1039.
- 4. First stone of Christ Church, Heeley, laid.
- Meeting of Rotherham ratepayers resolve that the Commissioners of Police be authorised to carry out the provisions of the act to remove nuisances. It was also resolved to promote the formation of medical clubs for the working classes, as recommended by the Poor Law Commissioners.
- 7. Notice given of renewed application to Parliament for an Act to enlarge and improve the Sheffield Markets.
- 9. Meeting of Town Council. Mr. H. Wilkinson and Ald. Carr proposed for the Mayoralty. For Mr. Wilkinson,

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27; for Ald. Carr, 24. The new Mayor announced a donation of £100 towards the establishment of an Infant School. Aldermen T. B. Turton, (31,) J. Carr, (29,) E. Lowe, (28,) and G. Turton, (25,) re-elected. Aldn. H. Wilkinson, (33,) E. Vickers, (25,) and J. W. Hawksworth, (25,) elected in the place of Messrs. S. Roberts, jun., Wm. Hoole, and C. Peace.

- Nov. 9. Canal Company assent to an arrangement to sell the Canal to the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Co., for a perpetual annuity of 50s. per share.
- 12. First of several meetings of the licensed victuallers and beersellers, to resist the brewers' advance of 1d. per gallon. On the 26th, it appeared that the effort was futile, and it was given up.
- Committee of masters and workmen, appointed Oct. 21, commence a series of discussions as to the imputations upon Trades' Unions, as promotive of outrages, and the causes of the late explosions.
- 13. Manchester, Midland, and Grimsby meeting, at Rotherham,—deposits, £42,927; expended, £27,851; liabilities, £8051; balance, £7024, or 4s. 6d. per share. Recommended to apply for a line from Rotherham to Doncaster. On the 19th, the Company was dissolved.
- Decease of Mr. Richard Ashton, of the firm of Ashton, Jackson, and Co., aged 36 years.
- 14. Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley, Wakefield, Huddersfield, and Goole Company, give notice of an application for a bill to alter their levels, and bring their line to a station at Castle folds, on the site of the Royal Hotel, &c.
- 18. Municipal elections, to supply vacancies:—For Ecclesall Ward, in place of Ald. Wilkinson, Mr. Isaac Ironside, 397; Mr. C. Appleby having 317. Mr. Thomas Birks, for Park Ward, in place of Ald. J. W. Hawksworth.
- 21. The fourth application for a line from Sheffield to Chesterfield abandoned for this year.
- Town Trustees' accounts:—Receipts, £4631, including £1126 due to the Bank; expended, £951. Deposit on South Yorkshire, and calls on Sheffield and Manchester shares, £3680.
- After an effort to establish in the town a weekly half-holiday, the difficulties met with caused it to be abandoned.
- Property in Norfolk row purchased to enlarge the site of the Catholic Chapel, with a view to erect a large church.
- 25. Decease of Mr. H. Cox, Norfolk street, aged 47.
- Dec. 1. Rowland Hill, author of the penny postage, appointed secretary to the Postmaster-General.
- Mr. G. Dawson commences lectures before the Mechanics' Institution, on the characteristics of the present age.
- 2. Proposal to appoint a chaplain of the Established Church for the Sheffield Workhouse, without salary, rejected, the guardians being convinced that the religious interests of the inmates are duly attended to by the ministers of various denominations
- 2. Decease of Mr. N. Shaw, aged 28, constable of Ecclesfield.

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- Dec.* 3. Proposal to let the Brightside Workhouse for a lunatic asylum, rejected by the ratepayers.
- Mr. H. C. Wright, from the United States, delivered the first of two lectures on the unlawfulness of defensive war.
- Memorial to the Rev. Jas. Caughey, an eminent revivalist, from the United States, in the Wesleyan connexion, extensively signed by the members of the society and others.
- Decease of Mr. Thomas Weldon, Bramley Hall, near Handsworth, aged 76.
- 3. Disputes about the Holmesfield school, after causing some disturbances, and an action and indictment at Derby Assizes, settled by the award of the arbitrator, establishing the right of the Rev. W. Pashley and his co-trustees, to appoint the schoolmaster.
- Mr. Chas. Elam, (son of Mr. Elam, Wesley College,) in the examination for honours, University of London, obtains scholarship and gold medal for physiology and comparative anatomy; scholarship and gold medal, for surgery; gold medal, for medicine; & prize for midwifery.
- Borough Register:—In 1832, the numbers were 3504; 1837, 4085; 1838, 4559; 1839, 4451; 1840, 4347; 1844, 4059; 1845, 4130; and 1846, 4934.
- 8. Decease, at Masbro', of Mr. W. Close, aged 76.
- 9. Town Council petition for a reduction of the duty on tea, and appoint a Committee of Health.
- 10. Election of Town Trustee, to supply the place of Mr. Thos. Pearson, resigned:—Mr. W. Butcher, 102; Mr. John Sykes, 75; Ald. Dunn, 19.
- 15. Oratorio by the Sheffield Sacred Harmonic Society.
- 18. First sod of the Whaley Bridge branch of the Sheffield and Manchester, cut, near Hyde, by F. Dukinfield Astley, Esq.
- Mr. Commissioner West decides that the official assignee of a bankrupt's estate, receiving debts by instalments, for the benefit of the estate, is entitled to charge commission on each instalment as a separate debt. This would make a difference to the estate of Parker, Shore, and Co., in favour of the assignee, on the amount received up to the time of the second dividend, of £2300 as compared with £900.
- 26. Sheffield and Hallamshire Savings' Bank, received from depositors, year ending 20th Nov., £49,078; paid to depositors, £48,063. Balance due to 7236 depositors, £195,530; and to 76 societies, £8874; total, £204,404.
- 29. Provisions in Sheffield markets, last market days in
- |                           | 1844.        | 1845.        | 1846.    |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Wheat, per 3 bushels..    | 19s. 6d. . . | 25s. 0d. . . | 28s. 0d. |
| Oats, per quarter . . .   | 26s. 0d. . . | 29s. 0d. . . | 33s. 0d. |
| Barley, do. . . . .       | 36s. 0d. . . | 35s. 0d. . . | 49s. 0d. |
| Beef, per stone of 14lbs. | 7s. 0d. . .  | 7s. 0d. . .  | 7s. 0d.  |
| Potatoes, per 3 bushels   | 5s. 0d. . .  | 9s. 0d. . .  | 16s. 0d. |
- 31. General Holiday at Rotherham.
- *Independent*: Circulation and advertisements:—
- |                          | 1844.   | 1845.   | 1846.   |
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| Circulation . . . . .    | 138,394 | 161,129 | 174,409 |
| Advertisements . . . . . | 5,044   | 5,967   | 6,153   |

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- Jan. 1. New Year's Day again kept as a public holiday.
- Mortality : Sheffield district, last quarter 1839, 769 ; 1840, 644 ; 1841, 644 ; 1842, 456 ; 1843, 546 ; 1844, 599 ; 1845, 527 ; 1846, 805.
- Junction tunnel between the Midland and the Sheffield and Manchester stations opened.
- 2. Out-poor, Sheffield Union, £243 ; Ecclesall, £55.
- 3. Decease, aged 65, of Mr. James Hall.
- 5. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 67s. 10d.
- Sheffield and Rotherham Bank : Mr. W. Brown appointed manager, *vice* Mr. Richard Ramsey, resigned.
- 6. First meeting of the board of directors of the Manchester and Sheffield, Sheffield and Lincolnshire, and Sheffield and Grimsby Railway Companies, amalgamated as the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire.
- Attempt to blow up Blackburn Wheel only partially successful.
- 8. Electric telegraph between Sheffield and Masbro' first put in operation.
- 9. County Court at Sheffield to comprise the Superintendent-Registrar's districts of Ecclesall Bierlow, Sheffield, and Wortley ; Rotherham Court, Rotherham.
- 10. Re-opening of the organ of St. Philip's Church.
- Rev. H. Denson Jones, B.A., chaplain of the Infirmary, appointed perpetual curate of Heeley.
- 11. Limit of members of the Sheffield Club extended from 120 to 150.
- Mr. John Riley, tobacconist, Waingate, knocked down and robbed on his way to his house, Occupation road. Died on the 16th, from the injuries received.
- Mr. Ward, M.P., arrived in town, and received a deputation from the trades' unions. Mr. Parker, M.P., and Mr. Ward, received a deputation from the Protestant Dissenters.
- 12. Meeting to re-organise Mechanics' Institution, so as to embrace an Athenæum, and to promote the erection of a building, attended by Messrs. Parker and Ward. Subscriptions at the meeting, £1077.
- 13. Mr. Ward, M.P., addresses his constituents at the Cutlers' Hall.
- Pictures of J. C. Simpson, which he had carried away to America, and which were recovered by the mission of Mr. E. J. Cowley, to New York, sold by auction.
- Town Council authorised the employment of Messrs. Lee and Haywood, to prepare a report on the sanatory state of the town.
- 14. Subscriptions commenced by the Friends for the relief of the famine in Ireland.

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- Jan. 14. Bank of England raise rate of discount to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. News of rise in the price of bread stuffs and cotton in the United States, and exchanges in favour of the States. Predictions that wheat would rise to 100s. per qr. Consols,  $92\frac{7}{8}$  to 93.
- 16. Statement that the governorship of Ceylon had been offered by Earl Grey, Colonial Secretary, to Mr. John Parker, M.P., but declined by him.
- Announcement of the death of Lord Barnard Fitzalan Howard, third son of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, at Alexandria, on the 21st December.
- 19. Queen's speech, delivered this day, received by electric telegraph, and published about 8 p.m. at the *Mercury* office. Suspension of corn and navigation laws, to facilitate importation of food, and the use of sugar in breweries and distilleries, recommended. Loss in the potato and oat crops, to Ireland alone, estimated at £16,000,000.
- Decease at Thrybergh, of Col. Fullerton, aged 68.
- 21. Bank of England raises rate of discounts to 4 per cent. Alarm created by the heavy calls for railway construction and adverse exchanges.
- 22. Decease of Mr. Richard Ramsey, aged 57, late manager of the Sheffield and Rotherham Bank.
- Share Market: London and North-Western, 191 to 193; Manchester and Leeds, 107 to 109; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 94 to 96.
- 24. Decease of Mr. Moses Evers, painter, aged 58.
- 26. Decease of Mr. W. Raven, watchmaker, Waingate.
- 28. Decease of the Rev. W. Stacey, vicar of Worksop, aged 89. He had the living for 55 years.
- Meeting at the Town-Hall, to commence a subscription for the mitigation of the Irish famine. It amounted to about £3680.
- Inquest on Mr. John Riley. The Jury, after several sittings, returned a verdict of Wilful Murder against some person or persons unknown. Wm. Challoner and James Bradley, apprehended on suspicion, had been discharged by the Magistrates.
- 29. Sheffield Banking Company's annual meeting,—dividend 12 per cent.
- New Roman Catholic church. Subscriptions amounting to £8000 announced, and resolution to proceed with the building.
- 30. J. B. Aspinall, Esq., visits Sheffield, to collect evidence as to the working of the Law of Marriage, particularly in rendering null the marriage of a widower with the sister of his deceased wife.
- Successful operations at the Sheffield Infirmary, on patients rendered insensible to pain by inhaling vapour of ether.
- Decease, aged 66, of Mr. W. Groves, of the firm of Richard Groves and Sons.
- 31. Decease of Mr. Edward Ingleby, Hanover square, aged 65.
- Feb. 2. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 76s. 3d.
- 3. Sheffield and Rotherham Banking Company,—annual meeting, 10 per cent. dividend.
- 4. Decease at Marlbro', in Wiltshire, of Mr. Wm. Standfield, of the firm of Standfield and Newbould.



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- Feb.* 5. Rev. E. Hall nominated by the clergy as chaplain to the Infirmary.
- 6. Lincolnshire wheat purchased for the French market at 72s.
- 8. Messrs. James Dixon and Sons, of Cornish place, arranged with their workmen to adopt the half day holiday, on Wednesday afternoons.
- 10. Works of the Sheffield and Lincolnshire, from Beighton to Gainsborough, let,—£9000 within the Parliamentary estimates.
- 11. Destructive fire on the premises of Messrs. Horrabin, of Red hill Works.
- Decease of Mr. W. Birtles, stone mason, aged 79.
- 15. Bill to relieve the Sheffield Canal Company of liability to repair Sheffield and Tinsley road, lost on second reading, by 43 to 38.
- 17. First general meeting of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Company, at Manchester. In the appointment of directors, a list had been agreed upon between the board and committees of shareholders formed at Manchester and Liverpool. Dividend 5 per cent.
- 18. Decease of Mr. Francis Marriott, aged 45.
- 24. Masters' and Workmen's Committee, appointed 21st October, 1846, after many meetings, closed their sittings, by referring it to the umpire, Mr. T. A. Ward, to decide whether they should recommend an application to Parliament for an enlargement of the act, 5 Geo. IV., c. 96. On 6th March, Mr. T. A. Ward communicated his decision that he could not recommend an application for the extension of that act, as the workmen were decidedly opposed to it.
- 27. Decease of Mr. John Woolhouse, Smith street, aged 72,—the oldest grinder in Sheffield.
- Mar.* 1. Government loan of eight millions to provide for the famishing Irish, taken at 89½.
- 2. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 75s. 4d.
- 3. Prospectus of an Athenæum, apart from the Athenæum and Mechanics' Institution.
- 5. Decease of Mr. Samuel Downend, aged 61, collector of assessed taxes for 30 years,
- Explosion at Oaks Colliery, near Barnsley; 73 lives lost.
- 6. Plan of a public building designed by Messrs. Flockton, Lee, and Flockton, published to furnish accommodation for public meetings and a variety of public purposes.
- Corn purchased for France, at many markets on the eastern coast.
- 9. Decease, at Highfield, of Mr. Samuel Collis Owtram, aged 78, formerly of Bramley Hall, Eckington.
- 10. Silver inkstand presented to Mr. Joseph Hobson, of the firm of Hobson and Son, scissor manufacturers, on the occasion of his retiring from business.
- Town Council resolved to petition Parliament in favour of a national poor rate.
- 11. Grand Jury, at York Assizes, found a true bill against the Sheffield Canal Company for non-repair of the Wicker road.
- 13. Decease, at Edinburgh, aged 72, of Mr. Chas. Barnes, of the firm of Ashworth and Barnes.

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- Mar. 13. Local Banks.—Sheffield and Retford.—*(Ceased business.)—Established September, 1839; No. of partners, 85; paid-up capital, £45,000; price of shares, £11. 17s. 6d.; paid-up per share, £7. 10s.; rate of dividend, 8; number of branches, 1; head office, Sheffield; branch, Retford; amount of issue, £18,744. *Sheffield Union.—*Established June, 1843; No. of partners, 75; paid up capital, £27,040; price of shares, £8. 10s.; paid up per share, £8.; rate of dividend, 6; number of branches, 1; head office, Sheffield; branch, Retford; amount of issue, Bank of England notes, £8122. *Sheffield and Rotherham.—*Established June, 1836; number of partners, 240; paid up per share, £6; number of branches, 2; head office, Sheffield; branches, Rotherham and Bakewell; amount of issue, £52,496. *Sheffield Banking Company.—*Established July 1, 1831; number of partners, 159; paid up capital, £109,575; price of shares, £135; paid up per share, £75; rate of dividend, 10; number of branches, 1; head office, Sheffield; branch, Rotherham; amount of issue, £35,843. *Sheffield and Hallamshire.—*Established May 20, 1836; number of partners, 426; paid up capital, £125,425; price of shares, £25; paid up per share, £25; rate of dividend, 5; where situate, Sheffield; amount of issue, £23,524.—*Banking Almanack.*
- 14. Decease, at Newark, of Mr. Ebenezer Brookes, late of Highfield, aged 93.
  - 15. Decease, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of Mr. George Walker, aged 69, formerly of the firm of Longden and Walker, Sheffield.
  - 17. Directors of the Gas Company announce a reduction of price to a scale varying from 4s. 7d. to 5s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet.
  - 18. Meeting of the inhabitants of Rotherham, resolved to petition Parliament in favour of the Sheffield, Rotherham, and Doncaster railway.
  - *Corner v. Ward*, at Derby Assizes—verdict for the plaintiff £200.
  - 20. John Platts found guilty, at Derby Assizes, of the murder of Geo. Collis, at Chesterfield. Executed 1st April.
  - 23. Decease, at Skibbereen, aged 37, of Hugh, the youngest son of Hugh Parker, Esq., late of Woodthorpe. Deceased served in India in the 49th Regiment; in Ireland and Gibraltar, in the 23rd R. W. Fusileers; and in Spain, as one of the aide-de-camps of Sir de Lacy Evans, and with the brevet rank of major in the Spanish service. In December, Major Parker entered the relief service in Ireland, and was appointed to superintend the Skibbereen station, where he fell a victim to malignant fever.
  - 23. Decease, at Wath, of Abraham Hanby, aged 80; many years a saw manufacturer in Sheffield.
  - Contract for the Wicker viaduct of the Sheffield and Lincolnshire, let to Miller and Blackie, to be completed April, 1848.
  - 24. Decease of Mr. Farewell Harrisson, of Hallam, aged 71.
  - Public fast and humiliation observed by order of the Government.
  - 25. First stone of the new Roman Catholic Church of St. Marie, laid by the Rev. Dr. Briggs, Vicar Apostolic in the northern district.

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- Mar. 25.* Farewell lecture of Frederick Douglas, who had escaped from American slavery, and having lectured in this country on the system, was about to return to the United States.
- Sheffield Highway Board.—Wm. Fisher, jun., Henry Atkin, Joshua Wigfull, Anthony Ward, Jer. Sellars, Chas. Milner, John Copley, John Harrop, John Roberts, John Booth, M. Bright, George Hutton, Jas. Hoole, and John Newton.
- 26. Mr. Law re-elected house surgeon of the Infirmary.
- 27. Decease of Mr. Thomas Ball, Elephant Inn. Many years coachman and guard of the Sheffield and Louth mail.
- Sheffield Union: payments to out poor, £250. Ecclesall Union: out poor, £120.
- Mr. Ray, of London, elected organist of St. George's Church.
- 29. Decease of Mr. James Kent, aged 51, of the firm of Darwin and Kent, Queen's Foundry.
- Mr. John Blackhurst, table-blade forger, who had distinguished himself amongst his fellow workmen by his eloquence, left Sheffield for the United States.
- 30. Decease, at Liverpool, aged 22, of Robert, youngest son of Mr. W. Fisher, merchant, Sheffield.
- Overseers: *Sheffield*: Geo. Holden, John Lee, Edw. Hudson, and Geo. Dawson. *Attercliffe-cum-Darnall*: James Foster and John Kitchen. *Brightside Bierlow*: Francis Henry Chambers and Jas. Wall. *Upper Hallam*: Thos. Russell and Wm. Stringer. *Ecclesall Bierlow*: Wm. Briggs, Robt. Webster, Wm. Waterhouse Cutts, & Chas. Speight. *Nether Hallam*: Chas. Elliott, Samuel Peace, James Fish, and John Blake. *Rotherham*: Jno. Kerr and Jonas Moorhouse. *Kimberworth*: Richd. Rhodes and Geo. Brown.
- 31. After much previous agitation, a meeting was held in the Town Hall, and by adjournment in Paradise square, to petition in favour of the minutes of the Committee of Council on Education. Amendment moved by Mr. Edward Smith, declaring that the measure was an endowment of all religions, that it would be unjust to those who objected to receive Government money for religion or education, that it was centralising, that it would increase the power of the Government and the clergy, and create servility in the people, &c., &c. After a discussion of about six hours, the meeting adopted the amendment, and a petition founded upon it by a large majority.
- April 1.* Sheffield Registration district—deaths in the first quarter 1839, 635; in 1840, 638; in 1841, 646; in 1842, 740; in 1843, 582; in 1844, 579; in 1845, 650; in 1846, 611; in 1847, 693.
- 5. Property and income tax—year's produce in Sheffield, £14,525; Rotherham, £1220.
- 6. Decease of W. Bennett Martin, Esq., of Worsbro' Hall, aged 50.
- 7. First meeting of the members of the Athenæum, at their rooms, in Norfolk street.
- Decease, aged 80, of Mr. Anthony Branson, of Broad lane.
- 8. Bank of England raises rate of discount to 5 per cent. Great pressure for money, and rapid rise in the price of grain. Continued decrease in the bullion and reserve of the Bank of England.
- 9. Guardians: Sheffield Union: *Attercliffe*: John Kitchen. *Brightside Bierlow*: Wm. Ragg, and Wm. Barton. *Hands-*

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worth: Wm. Habershon. *Sheffield*: Wm. Fisher, jun., Hy. Crawshaw, George Turton, Anthony Whitaker, Wm. Jarvis, Wm. Hoole, Thos. Gatley, Wm. A. Matthews. . . . Ecclesall Union: *Beauchief*: George Sampson. *Dore*: Joseph Hancock. *Ecclesall Bierlow*: Thos. Rawson Barker, Hy. Furniss, Robert Webster, Wm. Waterhouse Cutts. *Nether Hallam*: John Blake, Geo. Ronksley. *Norton*: James Veale, John Gillott. *Totley*: George Mountford. *Upper Hallam*: Chas. Marsden.

- Aprl.* 10. Decease of Mr. Benjamin Trickett, of Lord Brook, near Bradfield, aged 58.
- Very heavy Essex white wheat, sold for 115s. per qr. Average price at Sheffield, on the 11th, 90s. 7d.
- James Bradley and Wm. Challoner, who had been apprehended in January, for the murder of Mr. John Riley, and discharged, were again apprehended. On the 11th, Geo. Bradley was also apprehended. On the 16th, Challoner was discharged, and on the 19th, the Bradleys were committed to take their trial for the murder and robbery.
- 11. Decease, aged 57, of Mr. Wm. Stork, for 14 years secretary to the Filesmithe's Union.
- 12. Meeting at Rotherham: amendment carried against the minutes of the Committee of Council on Education.
- The Rev. Joseph Wolff commenced a course of lectures before the Literary and Philosophical Society, descriptive of his visit to Bokhara.
- 13. Sheffield Highway Accounts: collected, £7707; expended, £6390. Two sixpenny rates collected, making about £8000; 25 miles of road repaired; £900 saved by pitching Park road, which had been macadamised.
- Decease of Mr. W. Machon, silver plater, Norfolk st., aged 46.
- 14. Town Council petitioned in favour of the minutes of the Committee of Council on Education.
- 17. Decease of Mr. W. Parker, of Attercliffe, aged 86.
- 19. Dr. Nichol lectures before the Athenæum and Mechanics' Institution, on modern discoveries in astronomy.
- Decease of Mr. Joseph Gamble, formerly an extensive carrier, aged 57.
- Decease of Mr. Chas. Habershon, formerly clerk of the Court of Requests.
- Lord John Russell presented the Sheffield petition in favour of the minutes of the Committee of Council on Education, signed by 5732; and on the 20th, Mr. Bright presented the petition agreed to at the public meeting against the measure, signed by 17,570.
- 20. The Rev. Jas. Appleton, M.A., of St. Neots, presented to the vicarage of Worksop.
- 21. Rev. Geo. Harris, of Newcastle, lectures on capital punishments.
- 22. Decease, aged 50, of Francis Wright, Esq., of Revill Grange.
- 24. Consols 85½ to 6 for money. First rate bills 5 to 6 per cent. discount.
- 26. In poor Sheffield Union, 543 against 321 last year; week's payments to out poor, £253. Ecclesall, in poor, 189 against 155 last year; payments to out poor, £71.

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- April* 26 The four dials of Rotherham Church clock illuminated with gas.
- 27. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 82s. 8d. Season cold and late.
- 30. Continued monetary pressure. Consols  $86\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{8}$  for money. Exchequer bills, 2s. to 6s. dis.
- May* 3. Special meeting of the Town Council passed resolutions of confidence in Wilson Overend, Esq., as a Magistrate of the West-Riding, in consequence of a public meeting having been called for a later hour of the day, to petition Parliament for an enquiry into Mr. Overend's magisterial conduct. At the public meeting a petition was agreed to, representing that Mr. Overend had, in many cases, convicted workmen under the Combination Act, and nearly all his convictions, which had been appealed against, had been quashed. The petitioners prayed that the House of Commons would order a return of the number of convictions since 1842, specifying those quashed on appeal, and also for an enquiry into Mr. Overend's magisterial conduct. The petition, signed by 17,000 persons, was presented by Mr. Duncombe, on the 13th. The Town Trustees, Cutlers' Company, and Church Burgesses passed resolutions declaring their confidence in Mr. Overend.
- 4. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 87s. 3d. Great alarm, owing to the certainty that the home and continental stocks of corn were very low, and the apprehension lest sufficient supplies should not be obtained from the Black Sea and the United States.
- 5. Inaugural lecture of the Athenæum, by Mr. Charles Knight, of London. Soirée on the following evening.
- 6. Consols  $87\frac{1}{2}$ . Wheat 96s. per quarter.
- Sheffield, York, Leeds, Ripon, and Beverley having competed for the choice of the Royal Agricultural Society, for its exhibition of 1848, York was selected.
- 7. Joseph Lord, committed to York nine months ago, for giving a false account of the disposal of his property, having appealed in vain to the higher Court, and to the Court of Exchequer, now applied again to the Bankruptcy Court, having filed a new balance sheet. The Court still considered his statement unsatisfactory, and recommitted him to York.
- 12. Murder at Mirfield, at mid-day, in his own house, of Mr. James Wraith, (aged 77,) his wife, and Caroline Ellis, his servant. Michael M'Cabe and Patrick Reid, two Irish hawkers, apprehended on suspicion, and after many examinations, committed on the 19th June for trial.
- General Purposes Committee report to the Town Council, that it would not be advisable to treat with the Duke of Norfolk for the purchase of his manorial rights. An alteration suggested in the Market bill, to allow the sale of marketable articles in shops unconnected with houses, assented to by the agent of the Duke. Motion in the Council to erect a Museum of Art, under Mr. Ewart's bill, lost.
- The new County Court, at Sheffield, opened by William Walker, Esq., the Judge; Mr. W. Wake, and Mr. T. W. Rodgers, the deputy stewards of the late Sheffield and Ecclesall Courts, being appointed Clerks.

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- May* 14. Return of the state of the Bank of England more favourable, and the monetary pressure temporarily diminished.
- 15. Decease at Genoa of Daniel O'Connell, aged 72.
- 17. In Mark lane, the whole supply cleared off—best samples English white wheat selling freely from 109s. to 116s. per qr.
- Aged Female Society—receipts £427, expenditure £390.
- 18. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, £5. 7s. 5d.; oats, 40s.; beans, 61s. 4d.; best household bread per 4lbs., 11d.; seconds, 10d.; brown, 9d.
- 19. Mr. T. Duncombe's motion, for a return of convictions for threatening and intimidation at Sheffield, in accordance with the petition presented on the 13th. The Government assented to the motion, Mr. Overend being desirous of the fullest enquiry. It was ordered that along with the return of convictions, the memorials presented in favour of Mr. Overend should also be printed. The return shewed ten convictions, including twenty-five persons; one sentenced to two and the rest to three months' imprisonment; one conviction was confirmed on appeal, and six out of the ten were quashed.
- 25. Average price of Wheat at Sheffield, 105s. 8d.
- 25. Yorkshire Union of Mechanics' Institutes held at Sheffield.
- 27. First sitting of the County Court, at Sheffield, to transact business.
- 28. Fall in the corn market, consequent on the change to fine weather and the large importations. Fall in London on the 24th, 6s. to 7s.; Wakefield, 28th, 10s.; Consols, 87½ to 88 for money; discounts more easy, at 5 to 5½ per cent.
- Susannah Jagger, aged 60, murdered on the Rotherham and Rawmarsh turnpike road, near Aldwark bar, in the forenoon, by Samuel Linley, in a fit of insanity, produced by drinking. He knocked her down and cut her throat, before the parties who saw it could get hold of him.
- 29. Sheffield Union—in-poor, 522 against 298 last year; out-poor, £316. Ecclesall, in-poor, 197 against 147 last year; out-payments, £59.
- June* 2. From the 1st to 15th May, wheat advanced 25s. per qr. This stopped exportation, and on the change to fine weather it fell fully two-thirds of the rise, though it is still dearer than at any period for nearly thirty years.—*Sturge's Report*.—Six weeks average, June 3: 102s. wheat; 56s. 6d. barley; 36s. 3d. oats; 73s. 10d. rye; 59s. 10d. beans; 59s. 3d. peas.
- 3. Botanical Gardens—annual meeting—income, £786; expenditure, £766.
- 5. Money easier, but Exchequer bills paying more than 4½ per cent., not above par.
- 8. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 93s. 5d. Six weeks average on the 10th, 99s. 10d.
- 9. Town Council.—Town Clerk laid down the rule, that in business which the Council must perform, members not voting must be taken to assent; but where the matter is optional with the Council, neutrals are to be considered as dissenting. On the motion of Ald. Dunn, a bye-law was passed, inflicting a fine upon any member refusing to vote.
- 10. Mr. Saml. Roberts, jun., elected Town Trustee, *vice* Mr. John Rodgers, resigned.

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May 10. Sheffield Markets' bill passed both Houses. Site of the new market, the Tontine Inn.

— 14. Athenæum and Mechanics' Institution—plans of Mr. Geo. Alexander, F.S.A., of London, for the new hall adopted.

— 15. Decease, aged 74, of Mr. Saml. Baker, of Howbrook, near Wortley. Had been magistrates' clerk upwards of 30 years.

— 16. Decease of Mr. Wm. Skidmore, aged 82, formerly grocer, Fargate.

— 17. Decease of Mr. Benj. Fenton, aged 63. Mr. Fenton had made a fine collection of pictures and curiosities which, in accordance with his will, were sold by auction July 21.

— Decease of Mr. Wm. Batty, aged 61. Had been constable of Brightside Bierlow for twenty-two years.

— 18. Visitation of Archdeacon Creyke at Rotherham. Explained to the clergy and churchwardens, how to get church rates for repair of churches, according to the judgment of Lord Denman, in the Braintree case, though a majority of the parishioners might oppose them, and urged the duty of making rates.

— 19. Decease of John Frith, of Hathersage, aged 76; parish clerk for forty-one years.

— Many of the trades of the town had meetings, to hear explanations of the working and objects of the National Trades' Union, when several of them agreed to join.

— 20. Decease of the Rev. Edward Goodwin, aged 75. He succeeded his father, as one of the assistant ministers of the parish church, in 1817.

— 21. Joseph Rodgers and Sons *v.* Nowell and Sons, tried in the Court of Common Pleas. Question: the right to strike the name Rodgers, with V. R. and crown. Verdict for the plaintiff; damages, 40s. Application of defendants for new trial, Nov. 6, refused.

— 22. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 93s. 6d.. Bread per 4lbs. 10d. best; 9d. seconds; and 8d. brown.

— Able-bodied pensioners assembled for drill.

— 25. Inspector Wakefield committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Domestic trouble was the cause assigned. He had been one of the most active members of the Sheffield police force for about eight years.

— 28. Sheffield *v.* Bradford and Dalton: Cricket match played at Hyde Park. Sheffield, one innings, 154; Bradford and Dalton, two innings, 138. Return match at Bradford, July 12: Bradford, 199; Sheffield 200, with 3 wickets to fall.

— The Rev. Mr. Moseley, vicar of Rotherham, appointed chaplain of the Rotherham Workhouse. Salary, £40 a-year.

— 29. Decease at Manchester, of the Rev. John Thorpe, son of the late Rev. W. Thorpe, of Bristol, aged 50.

— 30. Sheffield *v.* Manchester: Cricket match at Manchester. Manchester, 240; Sheffield, 244, and four wickets to go down.

— First stone of Trinity Church, Wicker district, laid. The Church was founded by Misses Ann and Elizabeth Harrison.

— Sheffield Fire Office—ten per cent. dividend. Mr. W. Brownell, secretary for thirty-four years, resigned; Mr. E. Jeffcock appointed.

— Decease at Leeds, of typhus fever, of the Rev. Joseph Curr, aged 53, formerly of Sheffield.

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- July* 1. Fete Champetre of the members of the Athenæum, at Wharnccliffe Lodge.
- Sheffield Registration District:—Mortality of last quarter, 1839, 652; 1840, 554; 1841, 528; 1842, 485; 1843, 534; 1844, 464; 1845, 513; 1846, 852; 1847, 636.
- 2. London and North Western Shares, 182 to 184; Manchester and Leeds, 102 to 104; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 91 to 93; Midland, 130 to 132.
- Computation that the deficiency of the keep for stock is equal to one year's consumption, and of cattle, fifteen months' consumption. Prices very high.
- 3. A party of table-blade grinders held to bail, to appear at the Assizes, charged with a riot at Sykes's wheel.
- Grand Duke Constantine, of Russia, and suite, visited Sheffield. Inspected the Cyclops works of Messrs. Johnson, Cammell, and Co., and the manufactory of Messrs. Joseph Rodgers and Sons,
- 5. Sheffield *v.* Burton-on-Trent: Cricket match at Hyde Park. Burton-on-Trent, 215; Sheffield, 217, with six wickets to go down. Return match, July 19: Sheffield, 170; Burton-on-Trent, 174.
- George Wilton Chambers, Esq., of the Clough, near Rotherham, qualified as a magistrate.
- 7. Farewell soirée, at the Music Hall, to the Rev. Jas. Caughey, the American revivalist in the Wesleyan connexion.
- Dispensary—annual meeting—patients, 2438; receipts and expenditure, about £700.
- Plan of proposed Licensed Victuallers' Asylum published.
- 13. Brilliant weather hastening on the harvest. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 7s. 7d. Bread per 4lbs., best, 9d.; seconds, 8d.; brown, 7d.
- 14. Town Council meeting.—Borough fund for the half-year, £976, thus assessed: Sheffield, £600; Ecclesall, £154; Brightside, £115; Upper Hallam, £17; Nether Hallam, £57; Attercliffe, £31. The bye-law to fine members who refused to vote, was rescinded on the recommendation of Sir Geo. Grey.
- Indictment against the Canal Company, for not repairing the Sheffield and Tinsley road to a greater width than seven yards, tried at York. Special verdict, reserving the question of law for the higher Court.
- 17. Alexander and Thomas Heathcote and Henry Sykes, tried at York, for rattening at the Union wheel. Sykes acquitted; the Heathcotes, three months' imprisonment.
- 18. Rev. Saml. Clarkson, of Spring hill college, becomes the minister of Howard street Chapel.
- 20. Patrick Reid tried for the murder of James Wraith, M'Cabe giving evidence—acquitted; but detained till Winter Assize.
- 21. Court of Review decided that the receiver of the late Saml. Shore's estate, was entitled to prove, under the bankruptcy of Parker, Shore, and Co., for £65,660. 9s. 11d.
- 22. James and George Bradley found not guilty of the murder of Mr. Riley, but guilty of the robbery; fifteen years' transportation.
- 23. Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank—eleventh annual meeting—



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dividend, 5 per cent.; Sheffield union bank—fourth meeting—6 per cent.

- July 23.* Parliament prorogued, and dissolved on the 24th.
- Samuel Linley tried for the murder of Susannah Jagger, near Rotherham; not guilty on the ground of insanity.
- Joseph Turner tried for forging a writ at Sheffield; acquitted.
- 24. Town Trustees' accounts published; receipts, £4824.
- Accounts for lighting and cleansing—rates, £4609; expenditure—cleansing, £1169; lighting, £3007.
- Sheffield Union—in-paupers, 473 against 327 last year; out-payments, £264. Ecclesall—in-poor, 195 against 150 last year; out-payments, £54.
- 27. Grand Jury, at Derby Assizes, ignored the bill against Robert Statham, butcher, Chesterfield, charged as an accomplice in the murder of George Collis. Anthony Launt tried as an accomplice in the murder and acquitted.
- 28. Sheffield Election—Nomination day. Mr. John Parker proposed and seconded by Mr. Ald. Dunn and the Master Cutler; Mr. Ward, by Mr. W. Fisher and Ald. Hall; Mr. Thos. Clark, chartist, by Mr. Thos. Briggs and Mr. Isaac Ironside. The shew of hands declared in favour of Mr. Clark and Mr. Ward.
- 29. The poll—Parker, 1125; Ward, 1110; Clark, 326.
- Town Trustees—Mr. M. Ellison resigned. Mr. Thos. Porter 23 votes; Mr. Thos. Blake, 9. Mr. T. A. Ward, town collector for eighteen years, resigned. Mr. W. Butcher elected.
- The Rev. Saml. Earnshaw, of Cambridge, the senior wrangler of his year, and first Smith's prizeman, a native of Sheffield, elected by the Church Burgesses one of the assistant ministers of the parish Church, *vice* the Rev. E. Goodwin, deceased.
- Sheffield *v.* Manchester: Cricket match at Hyde Park. Sheffield one inning, 224; Manchester, two innings, 211.
- 30. Consols, 88½ for money; 88¾ for account. Loans on securities, 6 per cent.
- Decease, aged 72, of Mr. Wm. Clarke, registrar of births and deaths; for many years one of the poor-rate collectors of Sheffield.
- Aug. 2.* Commencement of harvest in fine condition, the weather, since middle of May, having been remarkably favourable.
- Election of Improvement Commissioners: Messrs. I. Ironside, T. Briggs, I. Schofield, Joseph Turner, S. Jackson, Lawton, R. Marsden, and R. Naylor elected.
- 3. James Yates, Esq., president of the Literary and Philosophical Society, entertained the members at Norton Hall.
- 4. Meeting at Leeds of Liberal electors of the West Riding, resolved to nominate Mr. Cobden as a candidate against Mr. Denison, who had counted upon an unopposed re-election.
- The Hon. H. G. Cavendish and Mr. Evans re-elected for North Derbyshire, without opposition.
- Upper Chapel, built in 1700, by the Presbyterians, under the ministry of the Rev. Timothy Jollie, re-modelled. In 1715, the majority of the congregation declared in favour of Unitarian views, when the minority seceded, and built Nether Chapel.

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- Aug.* 7. West Riding election: Lord Morpeth proposed and seconded by Mr. Wm. Milner, Nun Appleton, and Mr. Ald. T. Dunn; Mr. E. B. Denison by the Hon. E. Lascelles and Mr. John Rand; Mr. Cobden, who was on his way to St. Petersburg,) by the Mayor of Leeds (Mr. T. Goodman,) and Mr. W. Rand. The show of hands for Lord Morpeth and Mr. Cobden. Mr. Lascelles, on behalf of Mr. Denison, declined to demand a poll. Immediately after the election, Mr. Denison received a letter from Earl Fitzwilliam, assuring him of his "cordial good wishes," and the "fullest possible support."
- 10. Commencement of a series of great failures in the corn trade, owing to the great fall in prices; and followed by other failures in the East India and West India trades.
  - 10. Half-yearly meeting of the Midland Company: Dividend 7 per cent. per annum.
  - 11. Town Council meeting: Resolution to enforce the law for the sale of potatoes by weight.
  - Mr. W. Lucas elected registrar of the north district, *vice* Mr. W. Clarke, deceased.
  - 12. Decease of Mr. Wm. Bingham, of Norton Woodseats.
  - Church rate meeting at Rotherham: Rate of £256 granted.
  - 13. Rotherham police meeting: Assessment, £288; expenditure, £251.
  - 17. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 68s. 7d.; 4lbs. bread, best, 8d.; seconds, 7d.; brown, 6d.
  - 18. Cutlers' Company: Mr. Henry Mort elected master for the ensuing year; Messrs. F. Fenny and H. Atkin, wardens.
  - Decease, aged 78, of Capt. Thos. Butler, of Brightside Bank.
  - Decease, aged 80, of Mr. Jonathan Woollen, of Crookes moor.
  - Half-yearly meeting of Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Company: Dividend 5 per cent.
  - 19. Meeting of Cemetery Company: Interments during the year, 375; dividend, 10s. per share.
  - 24. Reports of disease in the potato crop renewed.
  - 25. Meeting of the Spring Knife trade to raise a subscription for the Holytown miners.—A general meeting for the same purpose held in the Hall of Science, Sept. 6.
  - 26. Members of Literary and Philosophical Society made an excursion to Roche Abbey.
- Sept.* 1. Sheffield Athenæum and Mechanics' Institute: First stone laid by the Earl of Arundel and Surrey. In the evening, a soiree in the Music Hall; the Earl of Arundel and Surrey in the chair, supported by Lord Morpeth, Mr. John Parker, M.P., Mr. John Abel Smith, M.P., Mr. James Heywood, M.P., Col. Thompson, M.P., Mr. George Thompson, M.P., Mr. E. Baines, jun., &c.
- The weather, with very little exception, has been favourable for the harvest, which, added to the numerous failures in the corn trade, has produced a reduction on wheat of 12s. to 16s. per qr.—*Sturge's Report.*
  - Infirmary: Quarterly meeting. Some years ago, the institution had funded property to the value of £20,000. Successive sales, owing to a deficiency of income, had reduced it to £12,000, and there was now a debt to the bank exceeding £2000.

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- Sept.* 1. Improvement Commissioners : Lighting Committee report that the public lamps had been increased, since 1844, from 763 to 1030. Yearly cost, £4817.
- 2. School of Design: Annual meeting; Lord Morpeth in the chair, supported by the gentlemen named above and others.
- Cutlers' Feast of H. Mort, Esq.: Principal guests, Earl Fitzwilliam, the Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Lord Morpeth, Lord Milton, Lord E. Howard, Mr. John Parker, M.P., Mr. H. G. Ward, M.P., Col. Thompson, M.P., Mr. James Heywood, M.P., Mr. J. A. Smith, M.P., Sir A. J. Knight, &c.
- 4. Sheffield Union: In-paupers, 504, against 340 last year; out-poor, £249: Ecclesall, in-paupers, 212, against 152 last year; out-payments, £69.
- Murder at Swinton of Caleb Barker. A man named Garland had been apprehended at Sheffield for a burglary, and was suspected of the murder, but the Magistrates would not allow him to be taken before the Coroner's jury, who, on the 6th October, returned a verdict, attributing the failure of their enquiry to the interference of the Magistrates. Garland was committed for the burglary, there being no sufficient proof that he was the murderer.
- 6. Cricket Match at Hyde Park—11 All England v. 18 Sheffield: All England, two innings, 135; Sheffield, 1st innings, 126; 2nd do., none out, 12; total, 138.
- 7. Average price of wheat, 55s. 9d.; 4lbs. bread, best, 6d.; seconds, 5d.
- 11. Brewers announce that the reduced price of grain enabled them to return to the old price of malt liquor, which, in consequence of the price of barley, was advanced last autumn 3s. per barrel.
- Thomas Morton injured in an affray with soldiers of the 40th Regiment, causing his death on the 30th September. On the 2nd October, the Coroner's Jury found a verdict of manslaughter against four soldiers. The Magistrates meantime were carrying on a separate enquiry, and on the 5th October committed two other soldiers, Pat Flannery, of the 40th Regiment, and John Dalton, of the 4th Dragoons, for the manslaughter. These two were tried at the Winter Assizes, and acquitted. Against the others there was no prosecution.
- 14. Decease of Mr. Joseph Hobson, aged 75.
- 15. Forgery of notes of the Sheffield and Rotherham Bank discovered. The forged notes put in circulation simultaneously in many of the surrounding towns. Forged Bank of England notes and of the Stourbridge Bank also discovered.
- 16. Decease, owing to an explosion in the Pilley lane pit, of Mr. Joseph Beaumont, agent to Fields, Cooper, and Co., of Worsbro' Bridge Colliery.
- Destructive fire at the Pond street brewery, consuming the malt store, part of the malting premises, and greatly damaging the brewhouse.
- 17. Great alarm caused by numerous failures of large mercantile houses. Consols,  $87\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{5}{8}$  for money; London and North Western shares, 158 to 162; Midland, 113 to 115; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 80 to 82.

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- Sept. 22. Mr. J. T. Crawshaw elected Registrar of the North District, *vice* Mr. W. Lucas, resigned.
- 23. Decease, aged 48, of Mr. Thomas Ellin, of the firm of Thos. Ellin and Co.
- 29. Decease of Mr. Joseph Machon, silver plater, aged 53.
- 30. Agitation at Manchester to check the excessive calls for the making of railways, which made capital scarce for the ordinary purposes of trade.
- Oct. 1. Mortality: Last quarter 1839, 647; 1840, 574; 1841, 413; 1842, 501; 1843, 507; 1844, 493; 1845, 446; 1846, 1039; and 1847, 561.
- Messrs. Lee and Haywood's report on the Sanatory State of Sheffield published.
- Revision of Burgess List. The names on the Burgess Roll increased to 12,825.
- Additional failures; a panic in the commercial world; Bank of England refuses loans on Stock and Exchequer Bills Consols, 85 $\frac{3}{8}$  money; 85 $\frac{1}{2}$  for account.
- 2. Decease, aged 73, of Mr. Wm. Froggatt, of Housley Hall. The estate passes to the Hon. James S. Wortley, M.P., by the bequest of a political admirer.
- 4. Consols, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. difference between price for money and for account of 14th October.
- 5. Clay wheel destroyed by an incendiary fire.
- 6. Fiftieth anniversary meeting of Infirmary: Resolved to appeal to the public for an increase of funds.
- 8. Decease of Miss Wilson, postmistress of Rotherham for more than 50 years, aged 85.
- Gas Company: Dividend for half-year of 20s. per share.
- 9. Consols, 84 $\frac{3}{8}$  to 84 for money; 84 $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  for account. Exchequer Bills, 13s. to 8s. dis.
- 11. Return of Mr. Cobden to England, after more than twelve months' absence on the Continent.
- 12. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 62s. 1d.; bread, 4lbs. best, 7d.; seconds, 6d.; brown, 5d.
- Decease of Mr. Thomas Staniforth, of Hackenthorpe, aged 62.
- Decease of Mr. John Lupton, Greenhill Hall, aged 75.
- 13. Town Council adopt a memorial to the Home Secretary, for a change in the system of fees at the County Court. Claim of the Peverel Court to jurisdiction in Sheffield, Rotherham, Ecclesfield, Whiston, Handsworth, and Treeton revived.
- 14. Decease, aged 67, of Mr. John Hanson, builder.
- From August 26 to 14th October, Consols fallen 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Exchequer Bills, 3s. prem. to 32s. dis.; London and North Western shares, 163 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 146; Midland, 116 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 102; Lancashire and Yorkshire (Manchester and Leeds,) 96 to 79. Consols, for money, 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; for account, 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society: Annual dinner; the Mayor in the chair.
- 16. Criminal statistics of the borough, compiled by the Chief Constable: Persons in custody, 1845, 2221 males; 335 females; 1846, 2514 males; 359 females.
- | Education of Prisoners.          | 1845.               | 1846.        |
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- Oct. 22.* Consols,  $79\frac{5}{8}$  to  $7\frac{7}{8}$  for money;  $80\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  for account; Exchequer Bills, 27s. to 32s. dis. Confidence completely destroyed; great uneasiness as to the position of the Bank of England; several banks suspended, and many great commercial houses.
- 23. Sheffield and Rotherham Bank issue a new note, more difficult to forge.
- 25. On the recommendation of the Government, the Bank of England resolved to grant accommodation at a minimum of 8 per cent., without regard to the restrictions of the Bank Act. This measure restored confidence, and the legal limits of the issues of the Bank were not overpassed.
- A George Hudson, of Liverpool, lays claim to the Dukedom of Devonshire, professing to derive his claim from Mary, the only surviving child of a Duke of Devonshire, whom he calls "Richard Garget, *alias* Cavendish, youngest son of the Duke of Norfolk."
- 27. Question of the working of women at file cutting settled by compromise.
- Decease of Mr. Ebenezer Habershon, of Liverpool, aged 48, youngest son of the late Mr. M. Habershon, of the Holmes.
- 29. Consols  $81\frac{1}{8}$  for account;  $80\frac{3}{4}$  to 81 for Money.
- 30. Sheffield Union—in-paupers, 477; against 337 last year; out-payments, £243; Ecclesall—in-paupers, 199, against 146 last year; out-payments, £71.
- Nov. 1.* Municipal Elections—*St. Peter's Ward*: Geo. Dawson, 230; Jas. Woolley, 230; W. Fisher, jun., 222; H. Atkin, 218. *St. Philip's*: G. A. Wood, 305; H. Payne, surgeon, 302; F. Hoole, 179; G. P. Naylor, 175. *Park*: T. R. Barker, 309; R. Roper, 304; T. Turner, 209; W. Cartledge, 199. *St. George's*: W. Moulson, 269; W. Lawton, 257; H. Payne, 214; C. Peace, 203; S. Mitchell, 137; W. D. Wheeler, 128. *Ecclesall*: I. Ironside, 592; R. Otley, 578; T. Oates, 506; R. Solly, 497. *Brightside*: A. Knowles, 345; J. J. Eyre, 233; M. Hunter, 45. *Nether Hallam*: J. Wigfall, 167; W. Sissons, 104. *Upper Hallam*: J. W. Smith, 42; R. Thompson, 18. *Attercliffe*: J. Kitching, 181; J. H. Appleton, 129.
- Nov. 2.* Meeting on behalf of the Anti-State Church Society.
- 5. Death of the Archbishop of York, Edward Vernon Harcourt, aged 90. Archbishop since 1807.
- Share Market—London and North Western, 150 to 153; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 71 to 73; Midland, 108 to 110.
- Consols for Money, 83; Account,  $83\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Exchequer bills, 12 dis.
- Churchwardens of St. Philip's present an address to the Rev. Mr. Livesey, thanking him for having laid aside the surplice, and resumed the academic gown in his pulpit ministrations.
- 9. Town Council—Ald. E. Vickers and Mr. Isaac Ironside were proposed as candidates for the mayoralty. Ald. Vickers elected by a large majority.
- Average of wheat at Sheffield, 62s. 4d. 4lbs. bread, best, 7d.; seconds, 6d.; brown, 5d.
- 10. Workers' Educational Institute established at the Hall of Science.

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- Nov. 11. Decease of the Rev. W. Bagshawe, M.A., of Banner Cross, aged 84.
- 12. Decease of Mr. Benj. Hollins, builder, late of Sheffield.
- 13. Exchequer bills, having been as low as 35s. dis., reached par.
- 18. Meeting of Parliament.
- 20. County rate for Derbyshire revised. Increase from £912,374, in 1836, to £1,034,541.
- Judges decide that the marriage of a widower with the sister of his deceased wife is void.
- Savings' Bank: Deposits of the year, £49,540; payments to depositors, £52,901.
- 22. Bank of England reduced the rate of discount to 7 per cent., to 6 on the 2nd Dec., and to 5 on the 23rd Dec.
- 24. Writ of *quo warranto* obtained in the Bail Court, calling on Mr. Richard Otley to shew by what authority he claimed to be a Town Councillor for Ecclesall ward. Affidavits that Mr. Otley did not possess a legal qualification.
- 26. Railways—Parliament authorised the raising in 1844 of 18 millions; 1845, 69 millions; 1846, 124 millions; 1847, 38 millions.
- 29. Decease, aged 59, of Mr. Samuel Charles. He served in the Royal Artillery from 1806 to the close of the war; and then was in the employ of Messrs. Jos. Rodgers and Sons for 25 years as a maker of fine cutlery.
- Dec. 1. Dr. Musgrave, Bishop of Hereford, elected Archbishop of York.
- 4. On this and two following days, three inches of rain fell—as much as during the whole previous month.
- 6. Meeting to devise the best means of enabling Mr. Otley to meet the *quo warranto*. Resolutions of confidence passed.
- 8. Town Council memorialise the Duke of Norfolk to put an end to game preserving on his estates near the town.
- Decease, at Hooton Hall, near Maltby, of Wm. Hoyle, Esq.
- 9. Decease, aged 67, of Mr. Wm. Brookes, of the firm of Wm. Brookes and Sons.
- Decease, aged 59, of Mr. George Howson, of the firm of Thos. Sansom and Sons.
- 10. Decease, aged 61, of Mr. Wm. Wilson, formerly of Pond st.
- 11. Severe Influenza very prevalent for several weeks.
- 14. Decease, aged 60, of Mr. John Fowler, Sheaf Foundry.
- 20. Patrick Reid and Michael M'Cabe tried for the murder, on the 12th May, of Caroline Ellis, at Mirfield. On the 22nd, both found guilty and sentenced to death. It then appeared that Reid had confessed that he alone committed the three murders of Mr. and Mrs. Wraith and Caroline Ellis.
- 21. Alex. and Thos. Heathcote convicted of rattening at Kelham Wheel, on the 29th Nov. Seven years' transportation.
- 23. Midland shares, 105 to 107; London and North Western, 145 to 147; Yorkshire and Lancashire, 72 to 74.
- 24. Tender for the mess-rooms and officers' quarters of the new Barracks let to Messrs. Harrison and Hoyle, of Chester. Tenders from £17,000 to £24,000.
- 25. Decease, aged 77, of Mr. Benj. Rose, formerly of Angel street.
- 30. Decease, aged 52, of Mr. Philip Clayton.

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- Jan.* 1. Savings' Bank—received from depositors, £49,540; paid to depositors, £52,901; balance invested, £207,093; number of depositors, 6989; societies depositing, 95.
- 4. Average price of Wheat at Sheffield, 60s. 3d.; best bread 7d. per 4lbs.
- 5. Forkmakers' union—Race v. Dakin—action in the County Court on a promissory note, to recover money lent for the use of the trade.—Verdict for the plaintiff.
- 8. Extraordinary mortality from typhus and influenza.
- Decease, at Woodlands, near Bury, aged 52, of John Fawcett, Esq., late of the firm of William Greaves and Sons, Sheaf Works.
- Sheffield Union: paupers in the house, 560, against 505 last year; out payments, £285. Ecclesall Union: in the house, 221, against 159 last year; out-payments, £64, against £55 last year.
- 11. R. W. Emerson commences a course of lectures before the members of the Athenæum and Mechanics' Institute.
- 12. Town Council petitioned for the removal of the Jewish disabilities, and the reduction of the duty on tea. In answer to a memorial to the Duke of Norfolk, praying that the game on his estates in the immediate neighbourhood of the town, might be destroyed, Mr. Ellison stated that the game had been preserved at the instance of the tenantry, who had requested his Grace to sanction a continuance of the preservation, and he had complied with their request.
- Sudden decease of Mr. Jonathan Roebuck, aged 58, a member of the Town Council for Brightside Ward.
- Decease of Mr. Wm. Clifton, of the Spread Eagle.
- 16. George Marsden, blacksmith, of the Intake, found killed in the Greenland hill pit.
- 18. Decease, aged 77, of Mr. Wm. Taylor, musician.
- 19. Election for Brightside: Mr. Wm. Fisher, Jun., 416; Mr. Wm. Cartledge, 260; majority, 156.
- Sudden decease of John Staniforth, Esq., aged 54, law clerk to the Church Burgesses, the Town Trustees, and the Improvement Commissioners.
- 21. James Napier, sharebroker, did not surrender in the Bankruptcy Court, having absconded during December.
- 21. Medical Sanatory Association formed to co-operate with the Health Committee of the Town Council.
- 22. Decease at Hooton Roberts, aged 78, of Joseph Hoyland, quarter-master of the 2d Sheffield troop of Yeomanry.
- 26. Presentation to Mr. H. E. Hoole, of Green lane Works, of his portrait by his workmen.
- 27. Public meeting, at the Friends' Meeting House, passed resolutions against the proposed increase of our military

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establishments and the calling out of the militia,—petition signed by 13,906 persons.

- Jan.* 27. Meeting in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester: Mr. Cobden declared for the reduction of our warlike establishments.
- Mr. John J. Wheat elected law-clerk to the Church Burgesses, in place of the late Mr. Staniforth.
- 28. Sheffield Banking Company divided 13½ per cent.
- 29. Decease of Mr. John Jackson, of Canklow Mills, aged 58.
- Feb.* 1. Decease of Miss Bailey, of Burngreave.
- Sentence on Michael M'Cabe, convicted of the Mirfield murders, commuted to transportation for life.
- Public meeting to form a Health of Towns' Association.
- 2. A similar meeting held at Rotherham.
- Mr. James Sorby elected clerk to the Improvement Commissioners, *vice* the late Mr. Staniforth.
- 3. Mr. Henry Vickers elected law-clerk to the Town Trustees, in the room of the late Mr. Staniforth.
- Enquiry at the Council Hall, before the Admiralty Commissioner, into the proposal of the River Dun Company to extend their navigation to Sheffield.
- 8. Fall of a moveable crane and part of the scaffolding of the Wicker Viaduct; four men killed.
- 9. Town Council memorialised the Home Secretary respecting the Peverel Court. Employment of the able-bodied poor at hand flour mills discussed.
- Committee appointed to watch the Canal Purchase Bill.
- Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall, in favour of the Anti-State Church Association, addressed by Edward Miall, Esq., and the Rev. C. Stovel.
- Decease, at the Workhouse, of Silly Luke.
- 12. Petition for the abolition of capital punishment received 6500 signatures.
- 16. Half-yearly meeting of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Company, held at Manchester. Dividend of five per cent.
- 18. Lord John Russell proposed an increase of the army and navy estimates, the organization of the militia, and the increase of the income tax to five per cent.
- 22. Breaking out of the French revolution.
- 24. Memorial to the borough Members to resist or to oppose the increase of taxation, and of our warlike expenditure, signed by 2266 electors.
- 25. Decease, at Clough Bank, of Mr. W. Hall, aged 66.
- 28. Meeting of River Dun Company, at Sheffield, adopted a bill to obtain an extension of their navigation to the town.
- 29. Opening of the New Holland branch of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire to Grimsby.
- Mr. Parker and Mr. Ward acknowledge the receipt of the memorial, stating that the Ministry had abandoned the proposed increase of the income tax.
- Mar.* 1. John Drury, the secretary, and Wm. Marsden, T. Bulloss, and Wm. Hall, members of the committee of the razor grinders' union, committed to York, charged with having employed Alexander and Thomas Heathcote to destroy the property of Peter Bradshaw.



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*Mar. 3.* Arrival of Louis Philippe in England.

- 5. Decease of Mr. John Hague, late of Malin Bridge, aged 66.
- 6. Decease of Mr. Jph. Rose, aged 77, late of Mosbro' Moor.
- 8. Decease of Mr. John Brookhouse, of Fargate, aged 58.
- Michael Ellison, Esq., communicated to the Town Council, that the Duke of Norfolk would alter the days for holding the Sheffield fairs, as suggested by the Council, to the Tuesday and Wednesday in Whitsun week, and the last Tuesday and Wednesday in the month of November. The Town Council instructed the Mayor to recommend to the Guardians of the Poor the establishment of industrial schools. A resolution passed by the Council approving the declaration of Lord John Russell, that the Government would not interfere with the internal affairs of the people of France.
- 9. Decease of Mr. Joseph Beckett, secretary to the Union Wheel Company.
- 10. Partial riots in London, Lancashire, and Scotland.
- The Guardians of Sheffield resolve to build an industrial school for 500 children.
- Meeting in Paradise square, to vote a congratulatory address to the people of France, which Mr. Ironside undertook to present in person.
- 13. Thomas Gough tried at Nottingham Assizes, for uttering a forged note of the Sheffield and Rotherham Bank.—Not Guilty.
- 14. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 5½s. 5d.
- Revolution at Vienna.
- 15. Town Council adopt a memorial to Lord Morpeth, deprecating the centralizing powers of the Public Health bill.
- 18. Revolution at Berlin, and Austrians driven out of Milan.
- 20. Meeting in Paradise square, to "take measures for immediately obtaining the rights of the people so long withheld." A memorial to the Queen adopted, praying for the People's Charter.
- 22. John Chatterton and ten others convicted at York Assizes, of a riot at Syke's Wheel. To be imprisoned till the 25th, and enter into recognizances to keep the peace.
- Drury, Bulloss, Hall, and Marsden, committed on the 1st of March, found guilty, and sentenced by Baron Rolfe to ten years' transportation. When the Assizes had terminated, it was discovered that the legal sentence was not more than seven years, and, some weeks after, the Government commuted the sentence to that term.
- 23. Decease of the Rev. Thomas Morgan, Primitive Methodist Minister.
- 28. Registration fee for letters reduced to sixpence.
- 31. Mr. Henry Vincent lectures on the History of Oliver Cromwell.
- Overseers:—Sheffield: Messrs. George Dawson, E. Hudson, Wm. Ibbotson Horn, and Geo D. Wreaks. Ecclesall Bierlow: Messrs. Chas. Speight, John Algor, Thos. Binney Loukes, and Aaron Allott. Brightside Bierlow: Messrs. Joseph Shaw and Thomas Jessop. Attercliffe: Messrs. John Caunt and William Makin.

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Nether Hallam: Messrs. Hatfield, Atkin, Copley, and Wild. Upper Hallam: Mr. Thos. Russell and Mr. Joseph Chadwick. Handsworth: Messrs. John Hibberd and James Foster. Ecclesfield: Messrs. Greaves, Parkin, Denton, and Bedford. Rotherham: Messrs. W. Dyson and Jas. Goodwin.

Mar. 31. Deaths in the Sheffield registration district, for this quarter, 880; being 140 above the highest number in any previous year.

April 3. The Rannoneur Association commences operations in Sheffield.

— 4. Sittings of the Chartist Convention in London—Project for carrying their petition to Parliament by a large procession, prohibited by proclamation on the 6th.

— 6. Crown and Government security bill proposed by Sir G. Grey.

— Decease of Mr. Jos. Ashberry, spring knife manufacturer.

— 10. Extraordinary measures for the defence of the city of London, and great alarm throughout the country.

— Mr. S. Gregory elected surgeon to the Infirmary—*vice* Mr. Thomas resigned.

— Meeting at the Circus passed a resolution calling upon the borough members to resign their seats. It was signed by 1600 electors.

— 12. Town Council. Standing order adopted, giving power to the Mayor to take the sense of the Council, without discussion, on the question whether any business, which he considered objectionable, should be proceeded with; a majority of three fourths being required to quash any motion in this manner. Mr. Briggs moved a memorial to the Queen to dismiss her ministers, and form a Government in favour of the People's Charter—negatived.

— 13. Half-yearly meeting of the Sheffield Gas Company—dispute with the Highway Board as to the removal of pipes. Dividends, 20s. per share.

— Chartist's petition, which was said to have received 5,706,000 signatures, found, on examination, to have only 1,975,496, and many of these fictitious. Mr. O'Connor abandoned his motion founded upon the petition.

— 13. Decease of Mr. Joshua Spooner, Hallam gate, aged 86.

— 14. Inmates of Sheffield Workhouse increased from 694, on the 1st April, to 823. File trade much depressed, and many of the members apply.

— 15. Sheffield Highway accounts—rates collected, £5451; expenditure, 7827.

— Disclosure that "the Hon. & Rev. B. C. F. Douglas," *alias* "Fairfax," for a short time curate of Rawmarsh, had disappeared after victimising many persons in the neighbourhood.

— Guardians for the Sheffield Union: Attercliffe—J. Kitching; Brightside—Messrs. T. Blake and W. Barton; Handsworth—M. Habershon; Sheffield—Messrs. W. A. Mathews, G. Tucker, J. Leonard, G. Turton, C. Peace, W. F. Dixon, A. Booth, and W. Cartledge.

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- Apl.* 15. Guardians for the Ecclesall Bierlow Union: Ecclesall—Messrs. T. R. Barker, William Butcher, J. Eyre, and C. Speight; Nether Hallam—Messrs. G. Ronksley and H. Jubb; Upper Hallam—Mr. C. Marsden; Norton—Messrs. T. B. Holy and J. Veale; Dore—Mr. H. Unwin; Totley—Mr. J. Wood; Beauchief—Mr. G. Sampson.
- 17. Mr. Thos. Briggs and Mr. T. Clark appointed at a meeting, in Paradise square, to attend the Chartist National Assembly in London.
- 18. Decease of Mr. H. V. Bartlett, dentist, aged 61.
- 19. The filesmith's union resolved to maintain their hands who had applied to the parish. During six months, they had paid to their unemployed workmen £4000. The edge-tool grinders take a farm at Wineobank to employ their surplus hands, in imitation of the Britannia metal smiths and file-hardeners.
- 21. Chartist meetings and lectures in Sheffield & Rotherham.
- 22. Decease of Mr. Joseph Lee, formerly of Sharrow vale, aged 53.
- 25. Decease of Mr. John Needham, Bridge Inn, aged 35.
- 26. Mr. H. J. Hunter elected surgeon of the Dispensary, *vice* Mr. S. Gregory.
- Court Leet dinner.
- 27. Decease of Mr. W. R. Bayliffe, ironmonger, Rotherham.
- May* 1. Presentation to Captain Vincent Corbett of a silver cup, and to Lieut. John Jeffcock and Cornet Ellison of handsome swords, by the non-commissioned officers and privates of the A troop of the West-Riding Yeomanry.
- 3. Decease, aged 64, of Mr. W. Earnshaw, draper, Rotherham.
- 4. Decease of Mr. Thos. Whitehead, of Highfield.
- 8. First stone of the church at the Sheffield Cemetery laid by the Rev. Dr. Sutton, the vicar.
- 10. Chartist meeting in Paradise square to consider how £10,000 could be raised for the Chartist National Assembly in London.
- Mr. Thos. Oates admitted as a member of the Town Council for Ecclesall Ward, by a *mandamus* from the Court of Queen's Bench, Mr. Otley having been (unseated by a writ of *quo warranto* for want of the legal qualification.
- Mr. and Mrs. Mark Maugham, of Angel street, killed by being thrown from their gig.
- 11. Town Trustees' accounts—Income, £1906; property purchased for improvements, £3848.
- Arrangements made for the purchase, by the River Dun Company, of the Sheffield Canal from the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Company.
- 13. Criminal statistics of the borough published for 1845, '6, and '7. Taken into custody—1845, 2556; 1846, 2873; 1847, 2580.
- 14. Decease of Mr. J. Robinson, surgeon, Rotherham, aged 76
- 15. Aged Female Society—Persons visited, 437; receipts, £318; payments, £348.

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- May* 17. First stone of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum at Brightside, laid by Robert Bentley, Esq.
- 18. Meeting of persons who had signed the declaration in favour of the extension of the suffrage, vote by ballot, electoral districts, and shorter parliaments. The committee instructed to write to the borough members to ascertain if they would support Mr. Huane's motion for parliamentary reform. The members replied on the 22d in the negative.
  - 20. Inmates of Ecclesall Workhouse, 275, against 196 last year; out payments, £66, against £62 last year.
  - 21. The Unitarian chapel, Norfolk street, re-opened after having been almost entirely rebuilt.
  - 23. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 51s. 8d.
  - 26. Decease of Mr. A. Renton, Change alley, aged 42.
  - 29. Sudden decease of Mr. W. F. Fairbank, aged 43.
  - 30. Mr. Ironside gave an account of his mission to Paris to present the address, of the 10th of March, to the President of the National Assembly.
- June* 3. Decease of Mr. G. T. Lief, Church street, aged 65.
- 5. Botanical Gardens—annual meeting—Income, £795; expenditure, £798.
  - 6. Apprehension of various leaders of the Chartist in different parts of the country on charges of conspiracy, &c. Many of them convicted on the evidence of confederates.
  - 7. Answers of the borough members declining to comply with the requisition transmitted 31st May, requesting their resignation.
  - 7. Cricket: Sheffield v. Manchester—Sheffield, first innings, 8; second, 88; Manchester, first, 100; second, 87.
  - 14. First stone of St. Jude's church, Eldon street district, laid by Geo. Younge, Esq.
  - 19. Soirée of the first Co-operative Land and Building Society held at Uppertorpe on ground they had purchased, and divided into 32 allotments of one rood each.
  - A petition from the electors of Sheffield in favour of a very large extension of the suffrage, secret voting, the repeal of the septennial act, and a more equal apportionment of members to the population of the country, signed by 2200 electors. A number of family petitions were also sent.
  - 20. Decease, aged 41 years, of Mr. Thos. Briggs, member of the Town Council for Brightside ward, from disease of the brain brought on by political excitement and anxiety.
  - 24. Project for erecting a new post-office at the head of the Shambles. Weekly average of letters delivered in Sheffield post office increased from 6848, in 1839, old rate of postage, to 33,735 in 1847, penny postage. Post-office orders issued in 1827, £286. 7s. 4d.; 1847, £52,199. 2s. 8d.; orders paid, 1827, £512. 12s. 2d.; 1847, £69,842. 14s. 5d.
  - 28. Brightside ward election—Mr. Geo. Wall, 316; Mr. W. Cartledge, 221; majority, 95.
  - 30. Sudden decease, in London, from inhaling chloroform of Mr. Walter S. Badger, of Rotherham, aged 23

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- July 3. Cricket: Sheffield v. Nottingham—Nottingham, first in-  
nings, 145; second, 52. Sheffield, first innings, 134  
second, 64, with six wickets to go down.
- 5. Dispensary meeting—patients during the year, 6056,  
nearly double former years. Receipts, £957.
- 6. Copy-right of the *Sheffield Iris* sold to Mr. W. Willott.
- 8. Decease, aged 54, of Mr. John Stephenson, railway con-  
tractor. He was the contractor for the Sheffield and  
Rotherham and great part of the Midland lines.
- 10. First stone of the farm buildings on a piece of land for  
the employment of the able poor of the Sheffield Union,  
at Hollow Meadows, laid by Wilson Overend, Esq.
- Exhibition of the Royal Agricultural Show at York.
- Cricket: Sheffield v. Manchester—Sheffield, first innings.  
144; second, 94. Manchester, first innings, 78; se-  
cond, 161, with four wickets to go down.
- 13. Decease of Mr. John Holland, Sheffield Park, aged 81.
- 19. Union Bank: Dividend, 6 per cent.
- Various disturbances on the moors, in consequence of  
interference with the bilberry getters.
- 21. Indictment of the township of Brightside Bierlow on ac-  
count of the Wicker road, tried at York. Decision that  
the township was liable to repair; and pending the de-  
cision of the indictment of the township against the  
Canal Company, it was arranged that some temporary  
repairs should be made.
- Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank: Dividend, 5 per cent.
- 24. Decease, at Park Grange, of Saml. Roberts, Esq., aged 85.
- 31. Decease of Mr. A. F. Hammond, manager of the Sheffield  
Banking Company, aged 37.
- Aug. 2. Decease of Mr. W. Marsden, late of Millsands, aged 70.
- 3. Decease of Edward Baines, Esq., of Leeds, aged 74.
- 8. Heeley Church consecrated by the Archbishop of York.
- 9. Town Council memorialised the Queen to grant a borough  
Commission of the Peace.
- Half-yearly meeting of the Sheffield, Manchester, and Lin-  
colnshire Company: Dividend 5 per cent.
- 12. Decease, at Chesterfield, of George Stephenson, Esq., the  
eminent railway engineer, aged 67.
- 14. Chartist commotions in London, Lancashire, Bradford, &c.
- Cricket: Sheffield v. York—York, 1st in., 159, 2nd, 94;  
Sheffield, only one innings, 169.
- Alarm for the potato crop, which decayed to a great extent.
- Excursion of the Literary and Philosophical Society to  
Castleton.
- Writ of error granted in the case of Drury, Marsden, Hall,  
and Bulloss.
- 16. Ecclesall Ward: Mr. S. Pearson, 712; Mr. S. S. Brittain,  
619,—to supply the place of Mr. W. Atkinson.
- 17. Cricket: Nottingham v. Sheffield, return match: Notting-  
ham, 1st in., 36; 2nd, 71—Sheffield, 1st, 111; 2nd, 81.
- 21. Decease, at Montaigne de la Cour, Belgium, of Mr. Wm.  
Todd, aged 75. Mr. Todd commenced the *Sheffield  
Mercury*, in March, 1807; was appointed postmaster  
in 1815; and left the country in 1826.

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- Aug.* 24. Death of Mr. Joseph Hudson, parish clerk, aged 55, having been parish clerk for 33 years. Succeeded by John Kirk.
- Destruction by fire of the *Ocean Monarch* emigrant ship; 219 persons saved, 177 lost; in each class were several persons from Sheffield.
- 26. Report of a Committee of the Highway Board on the size, number of interments, and want of drainage of the Sheffield grave-yards.
- 28. Cricket: 16 of Sheffield v. 11 All England—Sheffield, 1st in., 118; 2nd, 77—All England, 1st, 58; 2nd, 82.
- Decease of Mr. Archibald Wilson, wood steward to the Duke of Norfolk.
- 30. Decease of Mr. Maurice Bright, jeweller, Market pl., aged 51.
- Sept.* 3. Decease, at Guernsey, aged 68, of the Rev. Benj. Hobson, originally of Sheffield.
- 7. Cutlers' Feast: F. Fenney, Esq., Master Cutler: principal guests, the Duke of Newcastle, the Earl of Yarborough, Lord Wharncliffe, Lord E. Howard, M.P., John Parker, Esq., M.P., H. G. Ward, Esq., M.P., Lord Clinton, &c.
- St. Peter's Ward: Dr. Corden Thompson elected, *vice* Mr. M. Bright, deceased.
- School of Design: Annual meeting—Lord Wharncliffe presided.
- 12. Decease of Mr. Wm. Cowley, aged 76.
- 13. Town Council: The Mayor announced that the Home Secretary had communicated to him that the memorial in favour of a borough commission would be complied with. Resolution carried, requesting the overseers of the townships to consider the principle of rating, with a view to render it equal throughout the borough.
- Decease of Mr. W. Burgin, late of the firm of W. & J. Burgin.
- Property for widening Snighill purchased by the Town Trustees for £3071.
- 15. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, the Duke of Wellington, &c., arrived at Chatsworth, on a visit to the Duke of Devonshire.
- 21. Sudden death of Lord George Bentinck, M.P., aged 46.
- 26. Last publication of the *Sheffield Iris*. It was commenced by Mr. James Montgomery, in July, 1794, succeeding Gales's *Sheffield Register*, which had been commenced in 1787.
- Decease of Mr. Thomas Ward, farmer, Sheffield Park.
- 27. Thomas Whitehead, a quack doctor, committed to York, on a charge of manslaughter, in having caused the death of George Taylor by maltreatment. On the 18th December, he was found guilty, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment.
- 30. Fall of twenty one arches of the Rother viaduct of the Manchester, Sheffield, & Lincolnshire, killing three men.
- 30. The sentence of seven years' transportation, passed, at the winter assizes, on Alexander and Thomas Heathcote, commuted to eighteen months' imprisonment. It was on their evidence that John Drury and others were convicted at the Lent assizes.

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- Oct. 3. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 54s. 7d. The season unusually wet.
- 4. Fall of an arch in the Sheffield viaduct of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire.
- Mr. J. H. Barber appointed manager of the Sheffield Banking Company, *vice* the late Mr. Hammond; Mr. W. Wild succeeding Mr. Barber as sub-manager.
- 7. Decease of the Earl of Carlisle, aged 75.
- 9. W. S. O'Brien found guilty of high treason in the Irish insurrection, and sentenced to death.
- 13. Trinity Church, Wicker, consecrated by Archbishop of York.
- Gas Company: Half-year's dividend, 20s. per share.
- 14. New valuation for the county rate: Valuation of Upper Strafforth and Tickhill raised from £304,724 to £575,864.
- Removal from Sheffield to Manchester of the office for the Eastern section of the Manchester, Shef. & Lincolnshire.
- Last publication of the *Sheffield Mercury*. It was first published by Mr. W. Todd, in March, 1807; sold to Mr. G. Ridge in 1826; now sold to Mr. W. Willott, and extinguished.
- 16. Meeting to re-organise the People's College as a self-governing and self-supporting institution.
- 17. The Hon. Charles W. W. Fitzwilliam invited by a meeting of electors at Normanton, Lord Milton in the chair, to become a candidate for the West-Riding, if in favour of free trade, economical reform, a safe and gradual extension of the suffrage, and opposed to any further endowment of religion by the state.
- 21. Borough Treasurer's Accounts: Receipts, £5114; cost of police force, £4475; election expenses, £220; salaries, £300; miscellaneous expenses, £471.
- 24. The Hon. C. W. Fitzwilliam issues his address, announcing no political principles.
- 25. Special meeting of the Town Council: the Lord Chancellor having applied for a list of persons eligible to be appointed borough magistrates, a list was given in by each member of the Council, from which the Mayor was instructed to select and send up a list to the Lord Chancellor.
- 30. Mr. Jonathan Wood, of Mill sands, killed by being thrown from his gig, at Bolsover hill.
- Nov. 1. Municipal Elections: St. Peter's Ward—H. Atkin, 334; C. Peace, 324; W. Wilson, 97; H. Hills, 106. St. Philip's Ward—N. R. Holman, 319; J. Dickinson, 299; J. H. Crawshaw, 251; J. Parkin, 233; J. J. Robinson, 26. Park Ward—George Walker and Joseph Woodcock, unopposed. St. George's Ward—E. Thompson, 313; S. Dewsnap, 312; S. Mitchell, 288; T. Lofthouse, 283. Ecclesall Ward—Isaac Schofield, 1240; John Belcher, 1105; S. S. Brittain, 1013; E. Unwin, 646. Brightside Ward—William Fisher, Jun., without opposition. Upper Hallam Ward—G. Tucker, 55; T. W. Rodgers, 45; Geo. Buxton, 22. Nether Hallam—T. Turner, 131; F. Godwin, 55. Attercliffe—Samuel Jackson, without opposition.

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- Nov.3. Meeting of West-Riding delegates at Wakefield: Resolved, that as Mr. Fitzwilliam's address did not recognise the principles of the Normanton resolution of the 17th October, the meeting could not support him.
- 4. Meeting of Mr. Fitzwilliam's friends at Normanton, where he was informed that his address was not satisfactory, and undertook to issue a more explicit declaration of his opinions.
- 7. Decease of Wm. Batty, Esq., aged 87.
- Decease of Mr. John Smith, Knowle House, aged 60.
- 8. Meeting of West Riding electors at Sheffield, declared its adhesion to the Normanton resolution of the 17th Oct., that Mr. Fitzwilliam was not entitled to their support; and appointed delegates to another meeting at Wakefield.
- 9. Thomas Rawson Barker, Esq., elected Mayor.
- 10. Second meeting of West-Riding electors at Wakefield, resolved that Mr. Fitzwilliam's second address was unsatisfactory; and a deputation appointed to inform him of the strong manifestation of opinion against his nomination, and to suggest the propriety of his retiring in favour of a candidate who could avow the principles of the Normanton resolution.
- 17. Another meeting of delegates at Normanton, to whom it was reported that Mr. Fitzwilliam had declined to retire, and it appeared that the meeting was not prepared to nominate another candidate.
- 20. Decease at Worksop, aged 62, of H. S. Wake, Esq.
- 21. Meeting of West-Riding electors in the Council Hall: appointed a deputation to attend a meeting of delegates at Normanton, on the 22nd, to promote the nomination of Mr. Roebuck in opposition to the Hon. C. Fitzwilliam.
- 21. The Hon. C. Fitzwilliam commences his canvass at Leeds.
- 22. The Hon. C. Fitzwilliam withdraws, in consequence of the hostility shewn to him at Leeds. Meeting of delegates at Normanton, resolve by a majority of 17 to 11, to nominate Sir Culling Eardley Eardley.
- 23. Sir C. E. Eardley issues his address, declaring for all the principles of the Normanton resolution, and for the ballot.
- 24. Decease at Oulton, aged 44, of Henry Bentley, Esq., brother of R. Bentley, Esq., of Rotherham.
- Mr. Samuel Osborne Habershon obtains the degree of B.M. in the London University; a gold medal and university scholarship in physiology and comparative anatomy; and a gold medal and equal scholarship, with honorary certificate, in surgery.
- 25. Meeting of Tories and Whigs at Normanton, request Edmund Denison, Esq., to become a candidate.
- 25. Sir Culling E. Eardley commences his canvass at Leeds. The shew of hands in his favour.
- 27. Mr. Denison issues his address. The white flag adopted.
- Sir C. E. Eardley visits Sheffield and Rotherham.
- 28. Decease of Mr James Wild, formerly merchant of Sheffield, aged 87.
- Mr. Denison commences his canvass at Leeds.



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Nov. 29. Decease of Mr. Wm. Saxton, bookseller, aged 53.

— Inquest held by T. Badger, Esq., to ascertain the cause of a fire which took place on the 15th November, on the premises of Mr. W. Kenyon, the Green Man, New Church street. No sufficient evidence as to the origin of the fire, though the jury were of opinion that it was not accidental.

Dec. 1. Mr. Roebuck declines to interfere in the West-Riding contest.

— 2. Sir Culling E. Eardley and Mr. Denison meet at Halifax, where Sir Culling catechises his opponent, and obtains the avowal, that though he had adopted the white flag, he had not changed any of his Tory opinions.

— 4. Meeting of the friends of Sir C. E. Eardley at Music Hall. — Mr. Denison's canvass suspended by illness.

— 7. Sir Culling E. Eardley's canvass suspended by illness.

— 8. Mr. Denison visits Sheffield.

— Decease, aged 53, of Mr. James Dearman, member of the Town Council for Upper Hallam.

— 11. Nomination day. Shew of hands in favour of Sir C. E. Eardley

— 13. The Mayor announces to the Town Council that he had received the Borough Commission, which contained the following names:—The Mayor for the time being; Wm. John Bagshawe, Esq.; Wilson Overend, Esq.; Henry Marwood Greaves, Esq.; Richard Bayley, Esq.; Wm. Jeffcock, Esq.; Rev. W. Alderson; Rev. J. Hand; Thos. Dunn, Esq.; Samuel Butcher, Esq.; Henry Wilkinson, Esq.; Edward Vickers, Esq.; Samuel Roberts, Esq.; Thos. Rawson Barker, Esq.; Thos. Blake, Esq.; Robt. Sorby, Esq.; John Bower Brown, Esq.; Wm. F. Dixon, Esq.; Joseph Haywood, Esq.; Charles Appleby, Esq.; George Portus Naylor, Esq.; John Wilson Hawksworth, Esq.; Hy. Furness Esq.; and John Jobson Smith, Esq.

— 14 and 15. Polling days. The following are the returns of the two committees for Sheffield:—

*First Day.**Second Day.*

	Eardley's Com.		Denison's Com.		Eardley's Com.		Denison's C.	
	E.—D.—	..	E.—D.—	..	E.731	D.679	..	E.—D.—
9 o'clock	57	19	—	—	751	690	..	731 689
10	310	241	266	249	805	714	..	783 713
11	413	446	386	454	844	766	..	— —
12	522	541	499	543	875	793	..	856 792
1	582	594	555	581	916	820	..	892 819
2	666	626	636	622	972	843	..	951 848
3	720	671	701	669	980	857	..	977 871
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Dec. 16. Upper Hallam Ward. T. W. Rodgers, 72; A. C. Branson, 40. Majority, 32.

— 16. First train passed over the Wicker Viaduct of the Lincolnshire line to its junction with the Midland.

— Meeting of the Borough Magistrates elect Mr. Albert Smith their clerk.

— 17. Sudden decease, aged 63, of Edward Humble, Esq., agent for many years to Sir George Sitwell.

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Dec. 18. Declaration of poll at Wakefield :	Majority.	
	Denison.	Eardley.
Aberford..... 946	606	68
Barnsley .... 1598	766	533
Birstal ..... 1504	458	715
Bradford .... 3564	1364	1468
Dent ..... 402	165	108
Doncaster .... 1812	1046	309
Gisburn ..... 730	428	139
Halifax ..... 2285	732	973
Hebden Bridge 891	204	458
Holmfirth.... 731	219	342
Huddersfield .. 2034	713	920
Keighley .... 1302	328	625
Knaresborough 1357	892	151
Leeds ..... 3310	1354	1080
New Delph.... 828	206	413
Otley ..... 1102	384	407
Pateley Bridge 462	186	191
Pontefract .... 777	437	147
Ripon..... 566	383	67
Rotherham.... 814	347	235
Settle ..... 966	526	183
Selby ..... 552	376	66
Sheffield..... 2433	859	973
Skipton ..... 1058	376	373
Snaith ..... 667	432	25
Wakefield .... 2589	956	824
Total ..... 35,280	14,743	11,795
Majority.....	2,948	

- 18. Mr. Cobden publishes his plan for reducing the national expenditure by £10,000,000.
- Decease of Mr. Geo. Cadman, of Whitehouse lane, aged 66.
- 19. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 52s. 1d.
- 20. Public dinner to the past Mayors of Sheffield, William Jeffcock, Esq., Thomas Dunn, Esq., Samuel Butcher, Esq., H. Wilkinson, Esq., and E. Vickers, Esq.
- 20. Decease at Rotherham, of John Rushforth, permanent sergeant of the Rotherham troop of Yeomanry.
- 23. Variety of facilities offered for purchasing small freeholds.
- Ecclesall Union: In-poor, 334, against 202 last year; out-payments, £81, against £72 last year.
- 26. Hannah Betney found drowned in the canal, under suspicious circumstances.
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 51s.; best bread, 6d. per 4lbs.; second ditto, 5d.
- 27. Decease of the Rev. D. Clark, of Cliff House, Dronfield, aged 66.
- Decease of Mr. Thomas Boot, late of Norton, aged 59.
- Annual soirée of the People's College.
- 30. Savings' Bank: Received of depositors, £46,137; paid to depositors, £59,700. Balance due 20th Nov., 1848 £199,514, against £207,201 last year. Depositors, 7251; societies depositing, 46.

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- Jan. 2.* Box of the Sheffield Banking Company, containing bills of exchange, stolen from the Rotherham station.
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 50s. 9d.
- 5. Literary and Philosophical Society: James Ray, Esq., president.
- Midland shares, 85 to 87; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 52 to 56; Sheffield Banking Company's shares, (85,) 113 to 115; Gas Company,  $31\frac{1}{4}$  to  $31\frac{3}{4}$ ; Waterworks,  $147\frac{1}{2}$  to 149. Consols,  $89\frac{1}{8}$ .
- 6. Announcement that Mr. W. Lee, assistant surveyor of the highways of Sheffield and Ecclesall, was appointed one of the Superintending Inspectors of the General Board of Health.
- 8. Widening of Snighill, by removal of old projecting property, commenced. Similar improvements made by the Town Trustees in Trippet lane, Silver street head, Coalpit lane, and Gibraltar street.
- New Society for the Registration of Liberal Electors for the West-Riding organised at Normanton.
- 9. Meeting on the case of the Rev. J. Shore, a clergyman, prosecuted for preaching as a Dissenter, after seceding from the church.
- Decease of Mr. Samuel Grayson, (Woolhouse and Grayson,) aged 60.
- 10. Town Council Meeting. Objections by the Medical Sanatory Association to the drainage of the churchyards.
- 11. Sheffield poor rates, 1842, 3s. 3d. in the pound; 1843, 6s. 3d.; 1844, 4s. 6d.; 1845, 4s; 1846, 3s.; 1847, 3s.; 1848, 3s.
- 13. Decease of Mr. John Broadhead, Hanover square, aged 65.
- 14. New General Baptist Church formed in Eldon street, by secession from the church in Eyre street.
- 15. Institution of the New Reform Society, "to promote free-trade, the ballot, extension of the suffrage, financial reform, and to oppose the extension of religious endowments."
- 16. Magistrates decided that Sunday school rooms used during the week as private school rooms, were liable to be rated.
- 23. Mr. Joseph Sturge and Mr. H. Vincent address a meeting in favour of Mr. Cobden's proposal to settle international disputes by arbitration.
- 22. Walkley Land and Building Society. Shares of £120, to be paid up in fourteen years, securing a rood of land, and a house of the annual value of £13. Previous societies of the same kind at Hallcar and Upperthorpe.
- 24. Explosion at the Darley Main Colliery, 75 lives lost. An investigation of the cause subsequently made by Government inspectors.

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*Jan.* 25. Sheffield Club ball.

— Minutes of the Admiralty for reform of the dockyards (Mr. H. G. Ward, M.P., secretary) issued.

— 26. Sheffield Banking Company: Dividend, 12½ per cent.

— Court of Queen's Bench reversed the judgment passed upon John Drury, Wm. Marsden, Thomas Bulloss, and Wm. Hall, of the razor grinders' union, who were convicted at York Assizes, March, 1848. Detained in custody on other indictments.

— 27. Ecclesall Union: Payments to out-poor, £72, against £58 last year.

— Reports originated by the *Sheffield Times*, that the town was in a state of decay, refuted by the *Independent*.

— Union Bank: Surplus fund added to capital, raising each £8 share to £12.

— Property at corner of Exchange street and Castle folds purchased by the Duke of Norfolk for the purpose of the new markets. The sum awarded by arbitration, £2400.

— 29. Decease of Mr. Samuel Howgate, steel merchant, aged 42.

— 31. Great banquet in the Free Trade Hall, at Manchester, to celebrate the final repeal of the Corn Laws, and welcome the first day of free trade.

*Feb.* 2. Decease, at Peterboro', of Mr. H. Sanderson, surveyor, formerly of Sheffield.

— 7. Sheffield and Rotherham Banking Company—dividend six per cent.

— 8. Enquiry, at the Council Hall, by authority of the Admiralty, as to the circumstances of the Sheffield Canal, in reference to its transference to the River Dun Company.

— 9. Proposal, by the Master Cutler, (Mr. F. Fenney,) to extend the privileges and powers of the Cutlers' Company to other trades than those now included.

— 12. Opening of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway from Sheffield to Beighton, the junction with the Midland.

— 14. Town Council—debates on Court of Requests compensations—Tinsley road—Midland mail trains—Drainage of churchyards—Canal tolls—International arbitration—Case of Drury and others—and the window tax.

— 15. Mr. George Hudson, M.P., presides for the last time at a meeting of the Midland Company.

— 17. Table blade grinders obtain an advance of wages.

— Town Trustees decline to grant the vacant ground at the corner of Townhead street and Tenter street, and at the corner of Coalpit lane and Union street, as solicited by the clergymen of those districts, for the purpose of erecting churches thereon.

— Decease of the Rev. Charles Jos. Pratt, aged 38, senior Roman Catholic priest, of Sheffield. Interred at Masbro', on the 23rd.

— Decease of Mr. Jos. Barker, Snighill, aged 45.

— 19. Meeting to establish a Reform Freehold Land Society, addressed by Mr. Jas. Taylor, Jun., and Mr. W. B. Smith, of Birmingham. Provisional committee appointed.

— 20. Decease, at Bramhope Hall, of Mr. Jno. Newbould, formerly of Sharrow Head, aged 60.

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- Feb.* 21. Decease, at Northallerton, of the Rev. S. Jackson, aged 48, late minister of Mount Zion Chapel.
- Meeting at Council Hall, in support of the Ragged School opened by the Rev. John Manners, M.A.
- 24. Mr. Hudson charged, at the York, Newcastle, and Berwick Railway meeting, of having abused his trust, and a committee appointed, with which began a series of damning disclosures, and the downfall of the "railway king."
- 26. Decease of George Morton, Infirmary road, aged 70, the oldest fender grinder in the trade.
- 28. Meeting of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Company—committee of investigation appointed.
- Decease of Mr. Benj. Jos. Raworth, Arundel street, aged 29.
- Decease of Mr. Geo. Ince, Norfolk row, aged 31.
- Mar.* 1. Messrs. John Aldred, J. Booth, (currier,) Joseph Badger, and T. Wheatley, elected Feoffees of Rotherham.
- The Wortley poor-law union divided into the unions of Penistone and Wortley.
- 3. Decease of John Wilson, Esq., aged 77, of Oakholme.
- 8. Jenny Lind sings at the Music-Hall.
- 12. Drury, Bulloss, Marsden, and Hall again arraigned at York, and a special plea put in, which was argued on demurrer, and judgment postponed.—Bail for the prisoners refused.
- Decease of Mr. George Barnes, Sen., aged 56, of Beehive Works.
- 12. Election of Mr. Thos. Wiley, Old No. 12, Haymarket, as Town Trustee, vice Mr. Wm. Battie, deceased.
- 14. Town Council meeting—Tinsley road—Financial Reform—Peveril Court.
- 17. Coal railway from Dronfield to the Midland, at Whittington, projected.
- 18. Decease of Mr. Robert Robinson Brownell, of Cliffe field, aged 52.
- 20. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 50s. 1d.
- 24. Reduction in price of meat,—beef, 3½d. to 5½d., and choice cuts at 6d. per lb.; mutton (legs,) 5½d. to 6d. ditto; shoulders, 5d. do.; veal, 4½d. to 5d. do.
- 26. Decease of Mr. William Swann, of Dykes Hall, aged 92.
- 27. Meeting in Council Hall to petition for Financial Reform.
- Return to House of Commons of compensation awarded to officers of Courts of Requests. To the officers of the Sheffield and Ecclesall Courts the award was, Mr. John Parker, M.P., steward, £1239; Mr. R. Barker, clerk, £166; Mr. D. Maude, steward, £259; Mr. W. Greenwood, sergeant, £110. Mr. Parker had voluntarily relinquished his compensation, while holding his office under Government.
- 31. Overseers:—Sheffield: Messrs. W. I. Horn, G. Dawson, E. Hudson, and G. D. Wreaks. Ecclesall Bierlow: Messrs. J. Algor, A. Allott, C. Speight, and T. B. Loukes. Nether Hallam: Messrs. J. Hatfield, J. Copley, J. Roebuck, and G. Ridge. Upper Hallam: Messrs. J. Chadwick and W. Garrett. Norton: Messrs. Geo. Hodgkinson and John Wainwright. Totley: Messrs. C. Alsop

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and John Wainwright. Dore: Messrs. S. Godbere and H. Elliott. Beauchief:—Messrs. Geo. Sampson and Paul Hopkinson. Brightside: Messrs. J. Brookes and J. Nanson. Attercliffe: Messrs. J. Hall and S. Smith.

- Mar.* 31. Announcement that Mr. H. G. Ward, M.P. for Sheffield since 1837, was about to resign his seat, on being appointed Lord High Commissioner to the Ionian Islands.
- Apl.* 2. Opening of the news room, coffee room, and chess room of the Athenæum and Mechanics' Institute, Surrey street.
- Opening of the portion of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire line from Brigg to Gainsborough.
- 4. New Reform Society unanimously agree to recommend Mr. John Arthur Roebuck as a candidate to succeed Mr. Ward.
- 5. Great meeting of electors of the borough adopt Mr. Roebuck as a candidate.
- 6. Mr. Thomas Clark, the Chartist candidate for the borough, in 1848, addressed a meeting at the Circus, and proposed a discussion with Mr. Roebuck on the suffrage, with a view to decide whether the Chartists should or should not oppose Mr. Roebuck's election.
- 7. Guardians for the Sheffield Union:—Attercliffe-cum-Darnall: J. Kitching; Brightside: R. Holman and T. Turner; Handsworth: J. Hodgkinson; Sheffield: W. F. Dixon, A. Booth, J. Lennard, W. Cartledge, H. Hills, J. S. Hawksworth, W. A. Matthews, W. Charles, Jun.
- Guardians for the Ecclesall Union:—Beauchief: George Sampson. Dore: W. Taylor. Ecclesall Bierlow: T. R. Barker, W. Butcher, G. Wostenholm, and H. Jubb. Nether Hallam: W. Smith and J. Hatfield. Norton: R. Booker and G. Rogers. Totley: G. Mountford. Upper Hallam: G. H. Woollen.
- Mr. Roebuck's address, as a candidate, to the electors of Sheffield.
- 10. Presentation of a dinner service of silver plate, value 200 guineas, "to Mr. Thomas Wiley, by his Friends and Fellow-Townsmen, as a mark of their sincere esteem and gratitude for the many services, political, social, and benevolent, which he has rendered to the public during a period of twenty years."
- 11. West Riding Magistrates petition against the bill for changing the management of the turnpike roads.
- Town Council meeting:—Tinsley road—Churchyard drainage—Cost of assize prosecutions.
- 11. West-Riding banquet at Wakefield:—Mr. Cobden, Mr. Bright, Colonel Thompson, Mr. Jas. G. Marshall, and other members of Parliament present.
- 12. Mr. Cobden addresses a Financial Reform meeting, at Leeds.
- 13. Mr. T. Clark declares himself a candidate for the representation of the borough.
- 14. Accounts of Sheffield Highways published—receipts from rates, £7071; total receipts, £7538; expenditure, £7504.
- 16. Mr. Thos. Clark addressed a meeting in Paradise square, as candidate for the borough.

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- Apl.* 17. Last arch of Rother viaduct keyed in.
- 18. Sudden death of Mr. Charles Appleby, J.P., of Sheffield, at Derby, on his way to a meeting of the Midland Co.
- Mr. Hudson resigns the chairmanship of the Midland—committee of investigation appointed.
- Prince Albert lays the foundation stone of the entrance gates of the great dock at Grimsby.
- 20. Midland shares, 74 to 76; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 35 to 38.
- The Rev. J. G. Hounsfield, after several remands, held to bail to answer at Old Bailey sessions, on a charge of fraud. Tried 14th June and acquitted.
- 27. New writ for Sheffield issued, Mr. Ward having vacated his seat. Mr. Ward issued his farewell address.
- 30. Mr. J. A. Roebuck addressed a large meeting in Paradise square, and was adopted as a fit representative for Sheffield. Letter from Mr. Clark, declining to oppose.
- May* 3. Mr. J. A. Roebuck elected member for Sheffield without opposition.
- 5. Town Trust accounts:—Receipts, including £1190 for shares sold, £3313; payments, including £1098 railway calls, £2934; expended in Gibraltar street, Coalpit lane, Snighill, and Trippet lane improvements, £4685.
- 8. Decease, in London, of Mr. Henry Doncaster, formerly of Sheffield, aged 43.
- 9. Town Council meeting:—Lead pipes and water—Tinsley road—Mr. Hume's motion—Remodelling police force.
- 14. Rules of the Reform Freehold Society adopted and payments commenced.
- 17. Norfolk street Athenæum—proposal to raise £2000, in £5 shares, to purchase and alter premises for the occupation of members. Not carried out.
- 18. Enquiry as to the value of the Tontine property, required for the new market—claim £10,500; estimate of the valuers of the Duke of Norfolk, £6100—award made in August, £7720, and £243 costs.
- 19. The file trade—number of hands at Sheffield, 2000—payments to the unemployed, from Sept. 1847, to May, 1849, £16,980. The largest number unemployed, 530, now reduced to 330.
- 21. Town Council and Cutlers' Company vote addresses to the Queen and Prince Albert, on an attempt to alarm her Majesty by firing a pistol at her in Hyde Park on the 19th.
- 22. Decease of Mr. John Saynor, Broomgrove Villa, aged 39.
- Sheffield and Tinsley Road Bill passed Committee of the House of Commons.
- 26. Mains of Gas Company extended to Heeley.
- 30. Cricket—Kent v. Yorkshire—three days' match at Hyde Park—Kent, 1st innings, 157; 2nd, 114; Yorkshire, 1st, 95; 2nd, 110.
- June* 1. Sheffield Waterworks—completion of the compensation reservoirs in the Rivelin Valley, empowering the Water Company to take all the water of the Wyming brook.
- 4. Sale of furniture, &c., at Renishaw hall—occupying 16 days.

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- June 4.** Opening of the railway from Ambergate to Matlock and Rowsley.
- 5. Botanical Gardens—annual meeting. The income of £751 had not been exceeded, while the Gardens had been much improved. Shares rising in price, and transferable tickets in great demand.
  - 6. Special meeting of Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Company adopted the report made by the committee appointed in February.
  - 7. Decease of Mr. Alfred Staniforth, grocer, aged 33.
  - 11. Cricket—Sheffield v. York—played at York—Sheffield, 1st innings, 170; 2nd, 175; York, 1st, 120; 2nd, 74.
  - 13. Bill to consolidate the 30 Acts of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Company, and increase the tolls, passes the Committee of the House of Commons.
  - Town Council—Watch and Health Committees—Tinsley Road Bill—Closing of Post-office on Sundays.
  - 15. Dr. Musgrave, Archbishop of York, made his first visitation at Sheffield.
  - Decease of Mr. Samuel Tinker, Wilkinson street, aged 75.
  - 23. Decease, in London, of Mr. Henry Jessop, of New York, of the firm of Wm. Jessop and Sons, Sheffield.
  - 24. Decease of Mr. John Thornely, of Dodworth green, aged 73, the Tory candidate for Sheffield, in 1837.
  - 27. Decease of Mr. John Heiffor, Paradise square, aged 69.
  - 28. Decease of Mr. Robt. Farmer, High street, aged 39.
  - 30. News Room, East Parade, commenced in 1810, in High street, discontinued.
  - Decease, at Ramsey, Isle of Man, of Mr. John Greaves, formerly of the firm of Greaves and Newton.
- July 3.** Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 53s. 8d.
- 5. Sheffield and Tinsley Road—decision of the Judges on the special case, that the Canal Company was liable to repair the road.
  - 7. Mortality of the Unions of Sheffield and Ecclesall—  

Sheffield, 1846,	3309.	1847,	2618.	1848,	2990.
Ecclesall, ..	919.	..	791.	..	825.
  - 9. Cricket—Sheffield v. Yorkshire—played at Leeds—Sheffield, 1st in., 130; 2nd, 93; Yorkshire, 1st, 146; 2nd, 78, with four wickets to go down.
  - 11. The line of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, from Beighton to Gainsborough, inspected by Captain Wynne, preparatory to opening to the public on the 17th.
  - Town Council Meeting—Discussions on churchyard drainage—Tinsley road—Costs of prosecutions, &c.
  - Decease, in Madeira, of Henry Rimington, Esq., Broomhead Hall, aged 29.
  - 12. In the case of Drury and others, the Judges disallowed the plea of *autrefois convict*, but allowed the prisoners to plead over, which would give them the advantage of a new trial. By arrangement, however, the prisoners declined to avail themselves of this, leaving their case in the hands of the Court, the prosecutors agreeing that they should merely be required to enter into their own recognizances to appear for judgment when called upon. On the other indictments no evidence was offered. The



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result was their liberation, and they were received on their arrival at Sheffield the next day, with great rejoicings by their friends.

- July* 14. Ecclesall Union payments to out-poor, £74 against £81 last year.
- 16. First stone of Christ Church, Pitsmoor, laid.
- 21. Decease of Mr. Joseph Swift, of the firm of Swift and Son, aged 31.
- 22. Appearance of Cholera—decease of Mr. John Parkin, of Belmonte, aged 68.
- 24. Decease of Mr. Samuel Crich, formerly of the Black Swan, aged 47.
- . Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill passed Committee of the Lords.
- 25. Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank—dividend, 5 per cent.
- . Cricket—Yorkshire *v.* Lancashire, with Hunt, at Hyde Park—Yorkshire, first innings, 169; second, 117, with five wickets to go down. Lancashire, first innings, 173; second, 112.
- 26. Decease, at Rotherham, of Mr. Jas. Bingham, aged 70.
- 27. Decease of Mr. Samuel Broomhead Ward, of Mount Pleasant, aged 79.
- . Decease, at Leamington, aged 86, of Mr. J. Bright, formerly of Sheffield.
- 28. Royal Assent to the Sheffield and Tinsley Road Bill, and Bill to transfer the Sheffield Canal to the River Dun Company.
- 31. Sale of the books, pictures, &c., at Renishaw hall. Sale produced—furniture, about £3000; plate, £2000; books, pictures, wines, &c., £950.
- . Mr. Ebenezer Elliott, the Corn Law Rhymer, planted in the Botanical Gardens two Indian pines (*Cedrus Deodora*,) near two Chinese pines (*Cryptomaria Japonica*,) previously planted by Mr. James Montgomery.
- Aug.* 1. Decease of Mr. Thomas Hancock, Arundel street, aged 59.
- 3. Cricket—Yorkshire *v.* Lancashire, at Manchester—Lancashire, 1st innings, 87; second innings, 61. Yorkshire, 1st innings, 166, winning in one innings by 18 runs.
- 4. Ecclesall Union—payments to out-poor, £59 against £65 last year.
- 6. Cricket—Sheffield *v.* Yorkshire—Sheffield, 1stinnings, 177; second innings, 83. Yorkshire, 1st innings, 133; second innings, 97.
- . Decease of Mr. W. Parkin, late of West street, aged 66.
- . T. R. Barker, Esq., Mayor; Alderman Hall, Messrs. John Lee, C. Marshall, Joseph Smith, James Bertram, elected Improvement Commissioners.
- . Meeting in Paradise square to sympathise with the Hungarians.
- 7. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 54s. 11d.
- 8. Town Council—County Courts—Peace Congress at Paris.
- 9. Excursion of the Literary and Philosophical Society to Hardwick Hall.
- 15. Decease of Mr. Philip Marshall, Eyre street, aged 55.

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- Aug.* 16. Cutlers' Company: Henry Atkin, Esq., Oakfield, Master Cutler elect; Wardens, Messrs. S. S. Deakin and W. Webster.
- 22. Special meeting of the Midland Company to adopt the report of the committee of investigation.
- Meeting at the Music Hall to sympathise with the Revs. Jas. Everett, S. Dunn, and W. Griffith, Jun., on their expulsion by the Wesleyan Conference.
- Increase of cholera—active precautionary measures by the Unions of Sheffield and Ecclesall.
- 26. Decease, aged 66, in Change alley, of Mr. Thomas Deakin, late of the firm of Jas. and Thos. Deakin. He left by will £3000, to be applied in founding an institution for single women of good character, members of the Church of England, or orthodox dissenters, on condition that an equal sum of money should be given by some other person or persons within two years of the time of his decease.
- 27. Decease, at New York, of Mr. Henry Ibbotson, formerly of Sheffield, aged 52.
- 27. Lecture, by Feargus O'Connor, on the war in Hungary.
- 31. Brewster sessions. Licenses of many houses against which complaints had been made, refused or suspended.
- Decease of Mr. Michael Wing, of Steel bank, aged 60.
- Sept.* 3. Cricket: All England v. 16 of Sheffield, at Hyde park. All England—first innings, 92; second, 65. Sheffield first innings, 89; second, 58.
- 5. School of Design: annual meeting, the Earl of Arundel and Surrey, M.P., in the chair. Government grant increased from £250 to £600 a year, and additional masters appointed.
- Decease of Wm. Smith, Esq., Barnes Hall, aged 88.
- 6. Cutlers' Feast. Principal guests: The Duke of Newcastle, the Earl of Arundel and Surrey, M.P., Earl Fitzwilliam, Lords C. W. and W. P. Clinton, Mr. Parker, M.P., and Mr. Roebuck, M.P.
- 7. The Archbishop of York preached in St. Philip's Church, for the benefit of the Infirmary. Collection, £92. 10s.
- Midland Company's half-yearly meeting. Mr. W. Smith, barrister, of Sheffield, elected a director.
- 8. Decease of Mr. C. W. Beckitt, surgeon.
- Sudden and violent outbreak of cholera at Attercliffe.
- 11. Preparations commenced for the municipal elections.
- 12. Town Council: State of Canal—Water supply at Attercliffe.
- 15. Announcement that the highway boards of the townships of Sheffield, Ecclesall, Nether Hallam, and Brightside had authorised Mr. Harrison and Mr. Holmes, assistant surveyors, to make plans and estimates for a system of drainage, for the benefit of all the townships.
- 19. Crowded meeting at the Music Hall to hear the Revs. J. Everett, S. Dunn, and W. Griffith, Jun.
- 25. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 48s. 3d.
- 26. Decease of Mr. Alfred Ward, of Gell street.
- 28. The Queen and Prince Albert, with the royal family, passed over the Midland line, on their return from Scotland to London.

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*Sept.* 28 Day of humiliation observed in Sheffield.

- Decease of Mr. Henry Bower, of the Wicker type foundry, of cholera, the first of four in the same house.
- 29. Revision of West-Riding lists of voters at Sheffield—gain to the Reformers, 108. Their gain throughout the West-Riding, 266.
- Oct.* 1. Athenæum and Mechanics' Institution: Library of [the Athenæum, and Library and Classes of the Mechanics' Institution, opened.
- Cells under the Rotherham Court-house applied to the purposes of lock-ups, and superintendent's house commenced.
- 2. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 47s. 2d.
- 5. Decease of Mr. Thomas Ibbotson, Philadelphia, aged 82.
- 7. Great flood in the valley of the Dun.
- 10. Town Council meeting: Offer of Water Company to supply Attercliffe—County Court fees—Supply of Water—The Brewster sessions—The Mayor's notice of the day of humiliation—Complaint from Attercliffe against the Sanatory Committee of the Guardians.
- 11. The Congregational Union of England and Wales commenced its autumnal sittings at Sheffield.
- Gas Company—half-yearly dividend of 20s. a share—market price of shares, £34.
- 16. People's College—first anniversary of the People's College, as a self-supporting and self-governing institution.
- 17. Special meeting of Town Council to memorialise the Secretary of State on the County Court fees.
- 18. Festivities at the Oaks, on the coming of age of William Leonard Gell Bagshawe, Esq., eldest son of Wm. J. Bagshawe, Esq.
- 20. The cholera reported to have disappeared. Weekly returns ceased.
- 21. Decease of Mr. Paul Bright, land valuer, Wicker.
- Decease of Mr. Josh. Chambers, of Bailey field, aged 94.
- 22. The Right Hon. M. T. Baines, M.P., qualified at Doncaster sessions as a magistrate of the West-Riding.
- 22. Complaints of the proceedings of the Sanatory Committee of the Board of Guardians in enforcing summarily the removal of swine; public meeting at the Town Hall.
- 23. Final closing of the Tontine Hotel, opened in 1785.
- 24. Special meeting of the Town Council—proposal to memorialise Government to put a stop to the operations of the Post-office, on Sunday, negatived.
- Medical Officers of Ecclesall Union reported that they had attended, during the epidemic, 3053 cases of diarrhœa and cholera, among which there had been 18 deaths from cholera, and 3 from diarrhœa. Average cost of medical attendance and medicine, about 4s. each case.
- Deaths from cholera reported in the Sheffield Union:— Under the medical officers, 56; in private practice, 17.
- 25. Interview of deputation of the Health Committee with the directors of the Waterworks Company, who stated that they should shortly be prepared to furnish an abundant supply, to be on eight hours daily.
- Meeting on behalf of the Ragged School—Earl Fitzwilliam in the chair.

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- Oct. 25. Decease of Mr. Thomas Sawyer, aged 65.
- 26. Violent outbreak of cholera, at Masbro', traceable to a foul drain.
- 27. Publication of borough accounts—receipts from rates, £6306; total receipts, £6820. Expenditure on police, besides £1567 fees, fines, &c., £1443; elections, £206; salaries, £300; miscellaneous, £404. Police force, 1 superintendent, 1 warrant officer, and 120 other men of various grades.
- 28. Decease, of cholera, of Mr. John Holmes, surgeon, Rotherham, aged 32.
- 29. First stone of St. Jude's Church, Moorfields, laid.
- 30. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 43s. 11d.
- Decease of Mr. Philip Andrew, of Fullwood, aged 75.
- Nov. 1. Municipal elections.—St. Peter's (1420 burgesses on roll) —T. Wiley, 550, re-elected; R. Solly, 408, *vice* John Roebuck, 201. St. Philip's (945)—H. E. Hoole, re-elected; W. Groves, *vice* B. Vickers. Park (886)—T. Birks and J. Sellars, re-elected. St. George's (1160)—W. Brittain, (*vice* J. Turton,) 382; Crowther (*vice* B. Schofield) 368; F. Fenney, 283; S. Mitchell, 297. Ecclesall (2988) A. Booth (*vice* I. P. Cutts) 964; W. Harvey (*vice* S. Pearson) 946; S. Brittain, 631; J. W. Dixon, 568. Brightside (1291)—C. Sanderson, 334, *vice* G. Wall, 112. Upper Hallam—T. Platts, 340, *vice* W. A. Matthews, 330. Attercliffe (586)—C. Atkinson, (re-elected,) 244; A. Cavalier, 40.
- 2. Evidence taken by Committee of Town Council as to the complaints of sanatory proceedings at Attercliffe, published. An answer afterwards published by Mr. Watkinson, Union Clerk.
- 3. Plan for the main sewerage of Sheffield, Ecclesall, Nether Hallam, and Brightside, published: estimate for the drainage £11,304, and for works to make it available as manure, £8070.
- A purple beech planted in the ground in front of the Mount, by James Montgomery, Esq., who completed his 78th year on the 4th November.
- 4. Decease of Mr. W. Falding, of Burnt Cross, aged 70.
- 6. Soiree of the Athenæum and Mechanics' Institute, Ald. T. Dunn, in the chair; present, the Earl of Carlisle, Mr. Roebuck, M.P.; Mr. Jos. Heywood, M.P.; Sir A. J. Knight, the Rev. Joseph Hunter, &c.
- 8. Flowering, at Chatsworth, of the Victoria Regia.
- 9. Midland shares, 47, 48; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 19, 20; London and North-Western, 113, 114. Great distrust and depression in all railway property.
- Town Council meeting: T. Birks, Esq., unanimously elected Mayor; Messrs. T. R. Barker, T. Wiley, the Mayor, C. Peace, T. Dunn, I. Schofield, and W. Jeffcock, elected Aldermen—Messrs. Dunn and Jeffcock being re-elected. Discussions on the appointment of Committees—the Attercliffe enquiry—and the Watch rate.
- 12. Meeting at Town Hall, when Mr. Isaac Ironside complained of various alleged breaches of engagements, which had prevented his election as an Alderman.

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- Nov. 14. Meeting at the Congregational Library, London, to originate a memorial fund as a mark of regard to the Rev. John Pye Smith, D.D., LL.D., F.R.S., F.G.S., a native of Sheffield.
- Decease of Mr. Henry Boulton, surgeon, aged 48.
  - Municipal elections—S. Peter's Ward, *vice* Ald. Wiley and C. Peace, R. Waterhouse and H. Hills. Park Ward—*vice* Ald. Barker and Birks, W. A. Matthews, 340; R. Tummon, 331; C. Alcock, 133; and G. Roberts, 125. Ecclesall—*vice* Ald. I. Schofield, A. Cavalier, 504; S. S. Brittain, 21; I. P. Cutts, 3; Nelson, 1.
  - 15. Thanksgiving day, appointed by royal proclamation, for the cessation of the cholera.
  - 20. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 42s. 4d. Great complaints of agricultural distress.
  - 23. Midland shares, 47½, 48½; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 15½, 16½; London and North Western, 112½, 113½; Consols, 93½. Bank of England reduced rate of discount from 3 to 2½.
  - 24. Window of Mr. Fleck's shop (druggist,) Masbro', blown out by explosion of gas.
  - 25. Decease of Mr. T. H. Clarke, of Cliffe House, Dronfield, aged 30.
  - 27. Winter fair—the last Tuesday of November having been appointed instead of the 28th November.
  - 28. Head-quarters of the 3rd Dragoon Guards arrived at Sheffield barracks. Courts martial held on men charged with insubordination at Loughborough.
- Dec. 1. Sheffield Banking Company announce the return to their shareholders of £10 per share of their paid-up capital, having more than they could profitably employ.
- The Rev. W. H. Stowell, of Rotherham College, receives the diploma of D.D. from the University of Glasgow.
  - Decease of Ebenezer Elliott, the Anti-Corn-Law Rhymer. He was born at Masbro', on the 17th March, 1781. He became an inhabitant of Sheffield in 1821, and conducted an iron and steel business there successfully for twenty years. In the year 1841, he retired from business, and took up his abode at Houghton Common, near Barnsley. There he spent the latter days of a useful and a honourable life, and there he died. His last illness was of a painful and lingering description; but was borne with that remarkable firmness of character which distinguished his conduct in his best days. No man possessed greater energy of mind, or more strong self-will. After a resolute though vain contest with his disease, he expired calmly, and without a struggle, in the presence of his beloved family. Mr. Elliott was for many years an occasional correspondent of the *Independent*; and we record his death with feelings of great regret. We were often favoured by his communications—in both prose and verse—whilst he resided in Sheffield; and our poet's corner has even lately been graced by his original productions. Our personal acquaintance with him has been to us a source of much pleasure.—*Independent*.
  - 2. Decease of Queen Dowager, widow of Wm. IV., aged 57.

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Dec. 5. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 40s.

— 7. Consols reached 97.

— Sheffield and Tinsley road—meeting of trustees to fix the site of the bar—Midland Company agreed to pay £100 a-year towards the repair on condition of access to their station from the town free of toll. Accepted, and bar fixed beyond entrance to their coal station.

— 8. Decease, at Uscars, Wortley, of Mr. W. W. Wigglesworth, surgeon, aged 37.

— Explosion of gas, at the vestry offices, Kelham street, doing extensive injury to the property.

— 9. Decease of Mr. David Marshall, West street, aged 60.

— 12. Meeting of shareholders in the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, to complain of the management of the Company, and promote an enquiry.

— Town Council meeting—Debates on expenses of Parliamentary list of voters, and on enclosure of ground at Moorhead.

— 13. Officers of the 3rd Dragoons entered on the occupation of their quarters at the New Barracks.

— 15. Meeting of the directors of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, with a number of the principal shareholders, to consult on the affairs of the Company.

— 18. Meeting at Leeds, attended by Mr. Cobden, M.P., who defied the efforts of Protectionists to restore Corn Laws.

— Meeting to originate a subscription, to place in the Cutlers' Hall, a portrait of the Rev. Joseph Hunter, F.A.S., the historian of Hallamshire, and a native of Sheffield.

— 19. Eight members of the Table-blade Grinders' Union, tried at York, for conspiracy and riot, to compel J. and W. Snape to contribute to the funds of the union; after hearing evidence, on the suggestion of the Judge, the case was terminated by the defendants pleading Guilty and entering into their own recognizances to appear for judgment when called upon.

— 20. Ball for the benefit of the Infirmary.

— Election of Ald. T. R. Barker, as Town Trustee, *vice* Mr. Jos. Levick, resigned.

— 22. Norton Hall and other property of the late Samuel Shore, Esq., advertised for sale under an order of Chancery.

— Ecclesall Union: Payments to the out-poor, £57, against £81 last year. Inmates reduced from 334 to 240.

— Inmates of Sheffield Workhouse reduced from upwards of 800, last year, to 479.

— 24. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 42s. 4½d.

— Sheffield Reform Freehold Society: First purchase of land, near 4½ acres, at Crookes, for £700.

— Strike of the guards and porters of the Midland Company against a decrease of wages—settled on the 26th.

— 28. Midland shares, 41½: Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire shares, 12—14; London and North Western, 109 to 110; Consols, 96¼ to ¾.

— 31. Extinction of ancient Peveril Court, by Act of Parliament.

— Decease of Samuel Hadfield, Esq., of the firm of Robert Hadfield and Co., St. James' street.

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- Jan. 1. Temperance Soiree, attended by Mr. Jno. Cassell, London, and Mr. Lawrence Heyworth, M.P.
- Annoucement that the Rev. John Pye Smith, D.D., LL.D., F.G.S., &c., of Homerton, (a native of Sheffield,) had retired from the pastoral office which he had held nearly 50 years.
- Lord Wharnccliffe refuses to attend a protectionist meeting at York.
- 2. Rev. T. Smith, A.M., announces his resignation of the classical tutorship of Rotherham College.
- 4. Gas Company announce reduction of price to 3s. 11½d. minimum, and 5s. 5d. maximum.
- Preliminary meeting to promote the erection of a new Hotel in place of the Tontine.
- Preparations for erection of new Post-Office commenced.
- Literary and Philosophical Society. Wm. Jackson, Esq., president.
- 5. Wortley Union—erection of Union Workhouse, near Greenoside, announced. Maximum cost, £3000.
- Rotherham Savings' Bank—received during year, £1693; paid out, £1242; balance in bank, £3544.
- 7. Peoples' College opens day classes.
- 8. Wm. Birtles, poor-rate collector, tried for embezzlement, and acquitted.
- Decease of Mr. Matthew Bishop, aged 62.
- 9. Town Council—a committee appointed on Magistrates' clerk's office.
- 12. Thorne v. Butcher—Injunction granted by the Vice-Chancellor to restrain the use of a trade mark.
- Proceedings against Henry Bridges, for keeping an office for sale of lottery tickets, for distribution of property.
- 13. Sunday Post-office labour restricted.
- 15. Three weeks' receipts at Savings' Bank, £3005.
- 17. Exhibition of 1851—meeting to appoint local committee.
- Decease of Mr. James Leigh Leek, aged 55, for some years one of the proprietors of the Sheffield *Iris*.
- 18. Classes of the Mechanics' Institution opened in the new building.
- 19. Savings' Bank — receipts of year, £46,547; payments, £48,232; balance, £203,458.
- Mr. George Hadfield, as representative of the late Samuel Hadfield, presents to the Dispensary £100, the deceased having directed this to be done instead of distributing "the usual mourning compliments among surviving friends."

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- Jan.* 19. Decease of Mr. Thomas R. Porter, aged 24.
- 20. Decease of Mr. John Bridgeford, aged 54. He had been connected with the *Sheffield Iris*, as foreman to Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Blackwell, and afterwards as proprietor, from about 1822 to 1848.
- 21. Decease, at Edinburgh, of Mr. John Mather, aged 68, formerly organist of the Parish Church.
- 22. R. Cobden, M.P., attends a meeting in Sheffield, in favour of parliamentary and financial reform, and peace.
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 41s. 3½d.
- 23. Public breakfast to Mr. Cobden, at the Cutlers' Hall.
- 24. Geo. Hudson, M.P., publishes his defence against charges of railway fraud.
- Judges in Court of Exchequer Chamber, decide that when a majority of rate-payers refuse to make a church-rate, it may be made by the churchwardens, and a minority. Barons Rolfe, Parke, and Chief Justice Wilde dissented.
- Local Executive Committee, for Exhibition, 1851, appointed.
- 25. Mr. Macready's farewell, at Sheffield Theatre.
- Sheffield Banking Company—dividend 10 per cent.
- Allotment among members of Sheffield Reform Freehold Land Society, of 4½ acres of land, at Crookes, in 35 lots, purchased for £700, each lot of the improved value of 40s. a year.
- John Aldred, Esq., elected Greave of Rotherham Feoffees.
- 26. Return to Poor-law Board of state of trade in Sheffield. 49 trades in the last week of 1848, had 97 able-bodied poor in Sheffield Union, and 74 in Ecclesall Union. In same week of 1849, the numbers were respectively 16 and 6.
- Decease of Mr. Wm. Charles, (late W. Charles and Sons,) aged 69.
- 31. Opening of Parliament — Queen's speech received by telegraph at 5.45 p.m.
- Decease of Mr. J. Bellamy, (J. Bellamy & Sons,) aged 74
- Feb.* 1. Decease of Mr. W. Warburton, (late Warburton and Crossland,) aged 60.
- 2. Announcement that in fulfilment of the wishes of the late Mr. Samuel Hadfield, his brother Mr. George Hadfield, was prepared to settle £3000, to be disposed of after the manner of Hanbey's charity.
- Sheffield Union accounts from March 25 to Sept. 28, 1849, shew a decrease in cost of in-maintenance, as compared with 1848, of £1163; and out relief, £4777.
- Rev. J. Batey becomes minister of Eyre street Chapel.
- Decease, aged 60, of Mr. Benjamin Drabble, (Drabble and Sanderson.)
- 5. Violent hurricane.
- 8. Meeting of shareholders in the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, to promote a modification in the board of directors. Ald. T. R. Barker and Mr. C. F. Younge nominated as candidates for the directorship.
- 9. Mr. Denison, M.P., at a meeting of the farmers of Doncaster, defends his vote against Sir J. Trollope's protec-



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tionist amendment, advises the farmers there to consider free-trade a settled question, and assures them that the Protectionists could not form a government, and that the farmers do not bear an unfair share of the public burdens.

- Feb.* 11. Mr. Roebuck censures the mode of attack made upon Lord Torrington's government, in Ceylon, and is rebuked by Mr. Hume, as advocating tyranny.
- 12. Meeting to petition for the Hon. J. S. Wortley's bill to legalise marriage with a deceased wife's sister.
- 13. Town Council—Plans to improve sewerage presented—occupation of cab stands, on Sundays—petition to extend powers of Museums of Art and Public Libraries act—clerkship to the Magistrates—petition for repeal of taxes on knowledge.
- 15. *O'Connor v. Bradshaw, Nottingham Journal*—action for libel—verdict for defendant.
- Decease of the Rev. F. Hall, vicar of Greasbro'.
- 16. Funeral at Masbro' Chapel, of Mrs. Hy. Walker, of Clifton.
- 18. Meeting of members of the two Athenæums—committee appointed to promote a union.
- Silver cup presented to R. Bentley, Esq., of Rotherham, by the workmen of the Rotherham Old Brewery.
- Rev. J. Hunter complies with request to allow his portrait to be painted, to be placed in Cutlers' Hall.
- 19. St. Peter's Ward Burgesses' Association formed.
- 21. Decease of Mr. W. Broomhead, Ridgeway, aged 74.
- 23. Rotherham Feoffees' accounts—income about £790.
- 25. Meeting to petition for repeal of paper, advertisement, and newspaper stamp duties.
- Exchange Brewery required for the New Markets—amount claimed, £16,333; awarded, £6500.
- 26. Average price of wheat, at Sheffield, 42s. 4½d.
- 27. Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire committee of investigation appointed. Charges made against directors and officers of the company. Meeting occupied two days. Ald. Barker and Mr. C. F. Younge appointed directors.
- Sale of the Tontine Hotel, as building materials for removal.
- 28. Sheffield squadron of 1st West-Yorkshire Yeomanry gave a ball for the benefit of the Infirmary.
- Meeting at Rotherham, to promote reform in management of county expenses.
- Mar.* 1. Wesleyan Reform—large meeting to receive the Revs. J. Everett and S. Dunn.
- Share Market—London and North Western, 101½, 102½; Midland, 38½, 39½; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 12½, 13.
- 2. Decease at Masbro', of Mr. R. Beatson, aged 70.
- 4. Tithe Commissioner, J. J. Rawlinson, Esq., visits Sheffield, to ascertain the amount of tithe payable in Sheffield, and the rent charge in lieu to be fixed.
- 9. Earl Fitzwilliam—high steward to the town of Cambridge.

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- Mar.* 12. York Assizes — Laycock (Emily Frances,) *v.* Pickslay, (Edwin John,) breach of promise of marriage—verdict for plaintiff—damages £400.
- 13. Town Council—report of committee on Magistrates' clerk's fees, recommending a reduced table of fees, adopted—afterwards approved by Home Secretary.
- 16. Nottingham Assizes—Laycock (Eliza,) *v.* Neale, (Charles,) breach of promise of marriage—verdict for plaintiff—damages £250.
- . Decease, at Worksop, of Henry Owen, Esq., aged 58.
- 18. Performance at Theatre, by officers of the Prince of Wales' Dragoon Guards, for the benefit of the charities.
- . York assizes—Mudford *v.* Sheffield Fire Office — verdict for plaintiff—damages £600.
- 21. Mayor of Sheffield attends the banquet given by the Lord Mayor of London, to Prince Albert and the provincial Mayors, in connexion with the Exhibition of 1851.
- . Decease of Mr. Thomas Marshall, Barker pool, aged 65.
- 23. Decease of Mr. Cornelius Hackett Purser, aged 53.
- 27. Rotherham Gas Company—10 per cent. dividend—reduction of price, and addition to reserved fund.
- . Decease of Jonathan Alderson, Esq., Gannow hill.
- 28. Sword presented to Lieut. E. Jeffcock, by the members of the B troop of the Sheffield squadron of Yeomanry Cavv.
- 31. Attempt to throw a can of gunpowder through the bed-room window of Wm. Butcher, Esq., Glossop road. Wm. Bailey and Daniel Ensor committed to York, on the 6th April, charged with the offence.
- Apl.* 1. Decease of the Rev. Thos. Robinson, aged 64, governor of the Shrewsbury Hospital.
- 2. Sheffield Union—Cost of able poor, 1848, £2857; ditto in 1849, £1110.
- 3. Decease of the Rev. W. Harris, aged 49. He was elected in May, 1829, one of the assistant chaplains of the Parish church, to succeed the Rev. M. Preston.
- 3. Easter Jury recommend improved arrangements to check the sale of unwholesome meat.
- 4. Sheffield Highways—Mr. John Smith elected assistant surveyor.
- 5. Decease of Mr. Thomas Frith, organist of St. Paul's and St. Philip's, aged 41.
- . Farewell amateur performance of the officers of the Third Dragoons, for the benefit of the Sheffield charities.
- 6. Midland Company—Par value of stock, £9,857,600; market value, £2,857,051.
- . Sheffield and Retford Bank.—Call on shareholders of £11 a share to defray the liabilities.
- . Decease of Thomas Sands, many years drill serjeant of the 1st W.Y.Y.C. He was a Waterloo man.
- . Decease of Mr. E. Wilkinson, carrier, Rotherham, aged 66.
- 8. Financial and Parliamentary reform—Meeting at Theatre, addressed by Sir J. Walmsley, M.P., and Mr. G. Thompson, M.P.

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- Apl.* 8. Water Company's dividend for year,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.
- 9. Rev. J. M. Calvert becomes minister of the Independent chapel, Dronfield.
- 10. Town Council—petition for Parliamentary reform—for the extension of County Courts act—for reduction of stamp duties—for Mr. Fox's bill on education—and for permission to the ratepayers to transfer control of highways to the Council. Watch Committee instructed to take measures for the systematic inspection of meat.
- Decease of Mr. Thomas Smith, solicitor, aged 63.
- 11. Gas Co.—dividend, 20s. per share, with reduction in price.
- 12. Decease of the Rev. Abraham Scott, of the Methodist New Connexion, aged 73.
- Government. rent new Post-office for 21 years, at £100 a year
- 13. Ecclesall Union—Expense of year ending March, 1850, £8691, a decrease of £674 on the expense of preceding year, though the cholera expenses were about £600.
- Sheffield Union—Cholera expenses of 1849, reported to be £2809. The expenses in 1832, £2900. The attacks of cholera *only* reported in 1832, were 1347,—deaths, 402, or  $32\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. 1849, attacks of cholera *and diarrhœa*, 7294, deaths 66, or 1 per cent.
- 19. Navigation and canals of South Yorkshire coal district amalgamated with the South Yorkshire, Doncaster, and Goole Railway Company.
- Sheffield Highways—rates, £7093; expenditure, £6100.
- 23. Meeting of Ecclesall burgesses to hear Mr. I. Ironside explain his reasons for refusing to vote. The meeting resolved that Mr. I. Ironside had not proved non-voting to be right, desirable, or beneficial, and urged him to vote in future in the Town Council.
- National Reform Association Conference.—Ald. Schofield and Mr. C. Alcock, delegates for Sheffield.
- 24. Meeting to originate a monument to the memory of the late Ebenezer Elliott.
- 25. Rotherham Police—receipts, £207; expenditure, £198; 404 persons in custody during the year.
- Rev. John Stacey, appointed governor and chaplain of Shrewsbury Hospital.
- 26. Election of Town Trustee, vice Mr. Samuel Hadfield, deceased. Mr. Edw. Smith, 180 votes; Mr. S. Mitchell, 80.
- May* 5. Decease of Mr. Geo. Eadon, Norfolk street, aged 89.
- Outrages by the gutta percha club.
- 6. Decease of Joseph Valentine, tableknife cutler, aged 40. He was an artizan, but had acquired most of the modern European languages, the Chinese, and several of the dead languages.
- 7. Wath troop of Yeomanry present a sword to Lieut. Biram, of Wentworth.
- 8. Town Council—Walk mill nuisance,—petition in favour of arbitration—compensation for personal injury in capturing a thief.

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- Moyl* 11. Town Trust accounts—receipts from rents and dividends, about £2100. Expended in permanent additions to the trust estates, £740; balance carried to improvement account, £323.
- 12. Decease of Mr. Luke Ellison, formerly of Pinstone street, aged 77.
  - 13. The Rev. George Trevor elected assistant minister of the Parish church, vice the Rev. W. Harris, deceased. The Vicar declines Mr. Trevor's services.
  - Meeting to petition Parliament for secular education, convened in Paradise square, but on account of the smallness of the meeting, adjourned to the Council Hall.
  - 15. Mr. Ironside, in answer to the resolution of 28th April, persists in refusing to vote.
  - 16. Serious misunderstanding between France and England about English claims on Greece.
  - 17. Sarah Marshall, Wm. Bradshaw, and Benj. Hudson, chosen the first occupants of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum.
  - 19. Decease of Mr. H. Armitage, Mousehole forge, aged 45.
  - 20. Cricket between Sheffield and Yorkshire, at Hyde Park—Yorkshire, 1st innings, 87; 2nd, 113. Sheffield, 1st, 148; 2nd, 58.
  - 24. Rotherham Church-rate vestry resolved to acknowledge the exemption of Greasbro' from rating for the purposes of the Parish church.
  - 25. The local clergy, to the number of 26, present a memorial to the Vicar, sympathizing with him on the election of a chaplain to whom he had firmly and conscientiously objected.
  - Mr. George Hadfield, in accordance with the wish of the late Mr. S. Hadfield, settles £3000 in trust, after the manner of Hanbey's charity, for persons excluded from Hanbey's by reason of their not being members of the Church of England.
  - In the Bankruptcy Court, Mr. Commissioner West states that he found a sum of £1500, with interest for some years, to be due to Mr. John Parker, M.P., out of Mr. Hugh Parker's private estate, all the other creditors of which had been paid in full; but Mr. John Parker had declined to make a claim, giving up the sum to the creditors of the partnership estate.
  - 27. *Laycock v. Pickslay*: Rule nisi for new trial discharged.
  - 28. Decease of Robert Bentley, Esq., Rotherham, aged 50. He had previously made the following donations:—Charities of Huddersfield and Lockwood, £1500; Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, £300; Sheffield Infirmary, £200; Sheffield Dispensary, £50; Poor of Rotherham, (through the feoffees,) £2500; Rotherham Dispensary, £400; Rotherham Wesleyan Benevolent Society, £100.
  - 30. Decease in London, aged 75, of B. B. Pegge Burnell, Esq., of Beauchieff Abbey.
  - 31. Tithe Commissioner awards £6 a year to be paid to the vicar, in lieu of all tithes payable in the parish; £4.10s

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to be paid by the Duke of Norfolk, on account of Sheffield Park, and the rest by other owners who should not prove that they were tithe-free.

- June 3.* Botanical Gardens—income, £825, which had been exceeded by £48. Upwards of £500 raised in new shares to diminish the debt.
- 5. Mr. W. Marratt, of Doncaster, elected Coroner, vice Mr. T. R. Mandell, deceased.
- 10. Cricket at Hyde Park—11 All England and 14 of Yorkshire. All England, 1st innings, 107; 2nd, 38; Yorkshire, 1st, 118; 2nd, 28.
- 12. Town Council—Walk mill nuisance—the Hadfield charity—state of Town Hall cells.
- 14. Alderman Schofield charged before a meeting of Wesleyan leaders and trustees with attending reform meetings. The accused declined to plead, and was expelled on the 22nd.
- In compliance with a resolution of the House of Commons, the Government closes the post-offices on Sundays, from the 23rd of June.
- 16. Decease of Mr. James Ray, surgeon, aged 59.
- 18. The *Orion* Liverpool and Glasgow steamer ran upon the rocks at Port Patrick.
- 19. Sheffield Union—Enquiry as to the defective state of drugs supplied in the Dispensary.
- 24. Decease of Mr. James Smith, aged 21, pupil of the late Mr. Ray, from inhaling chloroform.
- Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire—Report of Committee of February; report received, but with instructions to proceed against certain gentlemen to recover the profit made by the Humber Ferries purchase.
- 27. Decease, at Holmesfield Parsonage, aged 88, of the Rev. W. Pashley, incumbent of Holmesfield for 55 years.
- Consecration by Archbishop of York of new portion of cemetery.
- 28. After a week's debate, majority in the House of Commons of 310 to 264, on Mr. Roebuck's motion, approving the foreign policy of the government.
- Decease of Mr. Thomas Settle, of Leavy Greave, aged 74.
- First distribution of the Hadfield Charity, £105 having been given for the purpose by Mr. George Hadfield.
- 29. Decease, at Leamington, of Mr. S. Harwood, late of Sheffield.
- July 2.* Decease of Sir Robt. Peel, caused by a fall from his horse on the 29th June.
- Sale of the Norton Hall, Heeley, and Topley and Dore estates of Mr. Offley Shore.
- Decease of Mr. Robt. Bunting, Regent street, aged 73, (R. Bunting and Sons.)
- Average price of wheat at Sheffield 45s. 6½d.
- 5. Share market: London and North Western, 108½, 109½; Midland, 34¾, 35¼; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 14½, 15.
- 8. Decease of the Duke of Cambridge; born, 1774.

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- July 10. Town Council—Hadfield Charity—Exhibition of 1851—  
Address to Lady Peel—Walk mill.
- The night blowing cereus flowers at the Botanical Gardens.
- 12. Sheffield Police Act: Rates collected, £4602; expenses, £5095.
- Wm. Bailey and Daniel Ensor found guilty at York of throwing an explosive substance at the bed-room window of Mr. W. Butcher: seven years' transportation.
- 15. Hon. Jas. Wortley carries his bill to legalise the marriage of a widower with the sister of his deceased wife through the House of Commons. It was dropped in the House of Lords.
- 17. Trial at York of the libel cause, Richardson v. Wodson, involving the examination of Mr. Geo. Hudson as to his railway transactions.
- 18. Sheffield Union Banking Company: Dividend, 6 per cent.
- 19. The secretary and several of the members of the edge-tool grinders pleaded guilty at York of conspiracy, it being understood that they should be required only to enter into recognizances to appear for judgment when required.
- Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank: Five per cent. dividend; surplus fund, £17,823; capital paid up, £125,350.
- 21. Decease of Mr. Richard Surtees, of Wortley, aged 62, head steward to Lord Wharcliffe.
- 24. Mr. Roebuck, M.P., addressed his constituents at the Town Hall.
- 25. Robbery of the safe of the filesmiths' union of £121 by Saml. Paley, a member of the committee. He was pursued to Hamburg, and part of the money recovered.
- 27. Violent attacks in the *Sheffield Times* on the Vicar and clergy by the partisans of Mr. Trevor.
- 29. Richard Manks completed the task of walking 1000 miles in 1000 consecutive hours, commenced June 17, at the Barrack Tavern Cricket Ground.
- 30. Blessing the bell of the new Catholic Church of St. Marie.
- Aug. 1. At Derby Assizes, Blurton v. Greaves—an action for personal injury sustained by a collision on the road on March 12th. Verdict for the plaintiff: Damages, £120.
- Contract for the New Market taken by Mr. Carlisle, the builder of the Beighton viaduct.
- 5. Cricket at Hyde Park: Nine gentlemen, with Anderson and Letby, v. 11 players. Players, 1st innings, 136; 2nd, 195; gentlemen, 1st innings, 61; 2nd 96.
- Decease of Mr. Geo. Deakin, of Spink House, aged 77.
- 7. Enquiry at Rotherham by Mr. W. Lee, C.E., under the Public Health Act.
- 10. Parker, Shore, and Co.'s Bank: Fourth dividend declared of 1s. in the pound, making 10s.
- 13. Royal assent to the Earl of Effingham's Estate Act, enabling him to improve his property in and about Rotherham, and to let on building leases.
- 14. Town Council: Walk mill—Peace Congress—deficiency of copper coin—management of assize prosecutions.

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- Aug.* 15. Mr. Robt. John Bentley elected feoffee of Rotherham in place of the late Mr. Robt. Bentley.
- Consecration of Christ's Church, Pitsmoor, by the Archbishop of York.
- Cutlers' Company: S. Scott Deakin, Esq., Master-Elect Messrs. W. Webster and M. Hunter, wardens.
- 19. Reduction of fares on the Sheffield and Rotherham line, producing a great increase of traffic.
- Hurricane of wind shaking out greatly the ripe corn.
- 24. Park Wood Springs land and building society—27 acres near Neepsend purchased at £180 an acre, to divide into about 95 allotments.
- Visit of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk to Sheffield from Glossop Hall.
- 28. Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire—Half-yearly meeting—Mr. Morton's attacks upon the board found only six supporters.
- 30. Share market: London and North Western, 111 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 112; Midland, 33 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ .
- 31. The Sunday closing of the post-offices abolished, the offices closing on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m., except for the despatch of mails.
- Sept.* 2. Decease, at Heeley, of Mr. Robt. Holland, aged 80.
- Cricket at Hyde Park: 11 All England v. 15 Sheffield. Sheffield—first innings, 129; second, 104. All England—first innings, 150; second, 84.
- 5. Cutlers' Feast. Principal guests: Earl of Effingham, Lord E. Howard, M.P., E. B. Denison, Esq., M.P.
- 8. Burgess list contains 10,936 voters, being an increase on list 1849 of 371.
- 9. The Rev. James Bromley, expelled by the Wesleyan Conference, addresses the Wesleyan reformers of Sheffield.
- 9. Decease of Mr. John Deakin, button manufacturer, aged 68.
- 11. St. Marie's Catholic Church opened with great pomp.
- Town Council: Report from Mr. J. W. Smith, delegate to the Peace Congress.
- 15. Decease of Mr. John Copeland, solicitor, aged 52.
- 17. Catholic and Apostolic Church, Victoria st: 1st stone laid.
- West-Riding revision Claims of allottees of the Freehold Land Society, at Crookes, established. Liberal gain at Sheffield, 44; at Rotherham, 10.
- 18. Doncaster Races. St. Leger won by Voltigeur, who also won the Cup on the 20th.
- 21. Fall of part of the grinding-wheel of Messrs. Walters and Co., Globe works.
- 24. Hon. Jas. S. Wortley elected Recorder of London.
- 26. Rotherham church-rate meeting. Twopenny rate defeated by shew of hands, but carried by a poll, the opponents not voting.
- 27. Accounts of Borough Treasurer. Collected by watch-rates, £3681; borough rate, £1290. Expenditure: Police, 6041, less £1945, in fees, fines, &c.; elections, £202; salary, £300; miscellaneous, £323.

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- Sept. 27. Virulent personal attacks in the *Sheffield Times*, on the Trevor case—answered by Mr. Robt. Younge, in October.
- 30. Decease Mr. G. Hawksworth, High st., druggist, aged 68.
- Sheffield attorneys agree to a scale of charges, for practice in the County Court.
- Oct. 1. Re-opening of the Sheffield School of Medicine. Introductory lecture by Dr. J. C. Hall.
- Meeting to comply with the requirements of the will of the late Mr. T. Deakin, who left £3000 for a charitable institution, provided that within two years of his death an equal sum should be raised from other sources.
- 2. Fifty-third annual meeting of the Infirmary. Income covering the expenditure. In-patients, 905; out-patients, 3679.
- 5. The Rev. Dr. Stowell, of Rotherham College, accepts an invitation to succeed Dr. Harris, at Cheshunt College.
- 7. Botanical Gardens: Meeting of proprietors to consider a proposition for making a bowling green in the gardens; proposition negatived.
- 9. Town Council: Report of attendance of members—Returns of summonses in hands of warrant officer—Gas and Water companies—Branch post-offices.
- 10. School of Design: Annual meeting attended by Earl Fitzwilliam, John Parker, Esq., M.P., and C. Babbage, Esq. The Mayor's prize awarded to Hy. Archer, silver chaser.
- Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society: Annual dinner attended by J. Parker, Esq., M.P., the Mayor, (T. Birks Esq.,) Aldermen Dunn, Barker, and Carr.
- 11. County Court: Practice by attorneys and agents. Judge lays down the limits within which to confine agents.
- Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway: Special meeting. £6 preference shares created.
- Share market: London and North-Western, 115—116; Midland, 44—45; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 19½—19¾.
- 12. Net Liberal gain in West-Riding revision, 851.
- Great Northern affords to Sheffield a new route to London.
- 14. Special meeting of the Twelve Capital Burgesses, to consider an information in Chancery against the trust, filed by the Attorney-General, on the relation of Mr. Jos. Wilson. The Court was asked to declare the trusts of the charter; to ascertain the property of the trust; to settle scheme for future management; and to authorise, if necessary, an application to Parliament.
- 15. Annual soirée of People's College. Wilson Overend, Esq., chairman. Students, 630, an increase of 110 on the preceding year.
- 24. Soirée to Rev. Canon Trevor, at Music Hall, by his friends.
- Decease of Mr. John Nowill, aged 62, late John Nowill and Sons, Meadow street.
- 25. Great civic banquet at York, given by the provincial Mayors to Prince Albert and the Lord Mayor of London.
- Mr. Herbert J. Walker elected house surgeon of Dispensary, vice Mr. G. T. Nicholson, deceased.



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- Oct.* 27. Violent Romish controversy created by the constitution by the Pope, of a Catholic hierarchy in England.
- 30. Town Council: Report on gas and water supply. Resolution to require the payment of the fines of Mr. Ironside, for non-attendance at the Watch Committee.
- Exhibition of 1851: Sheffield applicants for space, 292; space required, 2169 square feet floor room; 8147, counter room; 3365, wall room; total, 13,681 sq. feet.
- Nov.* 1. Municipal elections: St. Peter's ward, T. E. Mycock and Thos. Oates, vice G. Dawson and J. Woolley. St. Philip's ward, W. Fawcett, 364, and G. Shallcross, 359, vice G. Wood, 355, and H. Payne, 346. Park ward, S. Jessop, vice R. Roper; and R. Tummon. St. George's ward, Wm. Moulson and W. Lawton. Ecclesall ward, G. Roberts, 988, vice T. Oates, and Isaac Ironside, 603, re-elected after an embittered contest on the non-voting question, in which G. L. Saunders polled 569. Brightside ward, C. Alcock, 487, vice A. Knowles, defeating H. Hinde, who polled 309. Upper Hallam, J. W. Smith re-elected. Nether Hallam, T. Wigfall re-elected. Attercliffe, Geo. Hill, vice John Kitching.
- Completion of the hydraulic cranes, &c., of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire, at New Holland.
- 6. Guardians of Sheffield Union resolve to manufacture gas.
- 8. John Robinson committed to York, charged with criminal assault on Miss Eliza Newton, Foxhill. Convicted at Winter Assizes, 17th December, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.
- Share market—London and North Western, 117, 117½; Midland, 41½, 41¾; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 19¼, 19¾.
- 9. Town Council: Alderman T. B. Turton elected Mayor by 27 votes against 21 for Alderman Carr. Watch rate and election of Committees.
- 11. Anti-State Church meeting, attended by the Rev. J. Gordon, Coventry, and Mr. E. Miall.
- 13. Earl Fitzwilliam announces a reduction of his rents.
- Notice of an application to Parliament for an Act to amend the charter of the Twelve Capital Burgesses and Commonalty. Proposal to reform the trust.
- Meeting at Normanton of delegates from the Yorkshire boards of guardians, to promote reform in the management of the county expenditure.
- 14. Branch of the National Public School Association, for Secular Instruction, founded at Sheffield.
- 15. Death of Mr. Thomas Firth, aged 61, of the firm of Thomas Firth and Sons.
- 16. Award of Mr. J. J. Rawlinson, tithe commissioner, that the Duke of Norfolk is liable to pay the Vicar 30s. a year as a modus for one-third the small tithes of Sheffield Park, but for the other two-thirds there is no liability.
- Nov.* 18. Meeting at Rotherham against the papal aggression.
- 22. County meeting at York against the papal bull of 24th Sept.

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- 23. Hollow Meadows farm—outlay of £4298, of which only £1571 was to the able poor and their families. The assets and receipts, taking the buildings, furniture, &c., at the sum they cost, £3533, showing a loss of £715.
- . Thirty acres and a half of the Heeley property of Mr. Shore, with buildings and wood valued at £600, purchased for the Reform Freehold Society for £4100.
- 24. Rev. D. Loxton becomes the pastor of Mount Zion Chapel.
- 25. Rotherham Guardians memorialise Sir G. Grey on the subject of the county rate expenditure.
- . Exhibition, 1851—space allotted to Sheffield—counter and floor space, 4000 square feet; wall space, 8000. To be thus divided, 59 square feet for raw material; 1937 for machinery; 2000 for manufactures; and 13 for fine arts.
- 26. Conference of representatives of Freehold Land Societies at Birmingham.
- 30. *Heath v. Unwin*, in the Court of Common Pleas. Verdict for the defendant, enabling the plaintiff to appeal to the Court of Error.
- Dec. 2. Mr. Roebuck, M.P., addresses Lord John Russell on the Romish Controversy, accusing him of having fomented religious bigotry by his letter of Nov. 4.
- 3. Protestant meeting at Cutlers' Hall, to address the Queen and Archbishop of York on the papal aggression.
- . The Earl of Carlisle lectures on America before the Leeds Mechanics' Institution.
- 4. Deputations from boards of guardians have an interview with Lord J. Russell, to urge the appointment of county boards to manage the expenditure.
- . Decease of Mr. Henry Payne, aged 37 (Ward and Payne.)
- 9. Twelve Capital Burgesses refuse to make any further payment of salary to the Rev. G. Trevor. Subscription made to enforce Mr. Trevor's claim by law. On the 28th, Mr. T. Creswick and others offered to pay Mr. Trevor's salary by private subscription, pending the legal settlement of his claim.
- 11. Town Council—Surgeon to police force—Ward meetings—Committee on new carriage bridge—Museums and public libraries—Committee on gas supply.
- . Decease of Mr. Thomas Pierson, (Wilson, Younge, and Pierson, solicitors,) aged 50.
- 12. Letter of the Duke of Norfolk to Lord Beaumont, declaring "that ultra-montane opinions (of papal authority) are totally incompatible with allegiance to our Sovereign, and with the Constitution."
- 19. Mr. Stirling Howard elected president of Sheffield Library, vice Mr. T. Pierson, deceased.
- 20. Mr. Henry Fowler, C.E., sails for Bombay, having the first contract of the great Indian Peninsular railway.
- . Share market—London and North Western, 125½, 126½; Midland, 47½, 48; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 27½, 27¾.

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OF THE

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JANUARY.

New streets laid out in Rotherham, under the Earl of Effingham's Estate Act.

Inmates of Sheffield Workhouse reduced to 365.

1. Fifteen families of Mormonites started from Sheffield, and others from Rotherham and the neighbourhood, for the Salt Lake.

1. Claim of toll to the Lord of the Manor for goods exposed for sale in the streets at the fair, brought before the County Court.—Court without jurisdiction.

1. John Hyde, estate agent, committed for trial charged with obtaining money by false pretences.—Acquitted at Sessions.

1. Park Wood Spring Land and Building Society dinner, on the occasion of the purchase of 27A. 6P. of land, to be divided into 95 allotments, at a cost, including roads, &c., of £63 each.

3. Decease of Mr. C. Hibble, the London agent of the United Towns Licensed Victuallers' Association.

4. Ecclesall Union—inmates 183, against 246 last year; out relief £49, against £51 last year.

7. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 43s. 0¼d.

7. Soiree of the Mechanics' Institution; John Parker, Esq., M.P.

7. John Harrison, clerk in Mr. Bentley's brewery, Rotherham, found guilty, at sessions, of embezzlement.—Six months' imprmt.

8. First distribution of the late Mr. R. Bentley's charity at Rotherham; £2500 invested to yield £100 a year, for distribution among six poor men and four poor women, in sums of £10 each.

8. Testimonial to the Rev. John Pye Smith, D.D., LL.D., F.R.S., &c., a native of Sheffield, presented at a public breakfast at the London Tavern.

8. Town Council—committee appointed on Church Burgess Trust—resolution in favour of the application of the Museum and Lib. Act—committee to consider the erection of a municipal hall.

9. Decease of the Rev. T. Sutton, D.D., Vicar of Sheffield, Canon of York, and Rural Dean. Born November, 1777, and presented to the living 30th March, 1805.

10. Local shares: Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 26½, 27; Midland, 47½, 48½; Sheffield Banking Company, 107, 112; Sheffield and Rotherham Bank, 7¼, 7½; Sheffield and Hallamshire, 27, 28; Union Bank, 11, 12; Gas Company, 32½, 33½; Water Works, 172, 7.

10. Meeting of Rev. Canon Trevor's friends voted an address to the Archbishop, to promote the admission of Mr. Trevor to the pulpit of the Parish church. The Archbishop promised to lay the memorial before the new Vicar.

12. Decease of the Duke of Newcastle; born January, 1785; became Duke, 1795.

17. The Rev. Thomas Sale, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Sheffield by the Rev. M. Preston, of Cheshunt, was inducted.

17. Decease of Mr. John Newton, grocer, Market place, aged 28.

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18. Sheffield Savings' Bank accounts to 20th November: Balance, invested by 8269 private depositors and 77 societies, £214,855. Deposits during yr., £54,362; pd. to depositors., £48,010.

20. The new Vicar informs the Rev. Canon Trevor that he could not commence his ministry by reversing the decision of his predecessor.

21. Savings' Bank receipts since December 30, £8949, against £6138 in 1850, and £5629 in 1849.

24. Murder of Geo. Frith, of Berry Moor bottom, near Barnsley. His brother, J. Frith, committed for the murder, but acquitted.

29. Decease of Mr. Geo. Jervis, druggist, aged 64.

30. Decease of Mr. Jos. J. Eyre, solicitor, aged 34.

30. Ward meetings on the subject of the Libraries and Museums Act. Most of them passed resolutions in favour of it, but against the erection of a municipal hall.

31. Sheffield Banking Company—dividend  $10\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

31. Sheffield and Retford Bank—winding up. Capital, £300,000 in 6000 shares. Only £45,000 called up. Failed in 1846, with £100,000 liabilities, reduced by December, 1850, to £31,877. Two calls, of £5 and £11 per share, and other assets, had reduced this to £5319, besides the cost of winding up. It was expected that the calls would produce the further sum necessary to discharge the liabilities, and the Master in Chancery authorised compromises to be made with various shareholders who were wholly unable to meet the calls.

## FEBRUARY.

1. Decease of Mr. Jno. Fewsdale, of T. and J. Fewsdale, aged 44.

1. Publication, after a long interval, of weekly returns of the Sheffield Union. Inmates 381, against 563 last year. Out relief £172, against £291 last year.

4. Meeting to petition for repeal of the law rendering invalid the marriage of a widower with the sister of his deceased wife.

5. Decease, at Guildford, Surrey, of the Rev. John Pye Smith, D.D., &c., aged 76.

5. Sheffield and Rotherham Bank—dividend 5 per cent.

5. Town Council: The Town Clerk communicated the fact that, in accordance with a recent decision, the Council should have elected nine aldermen on the 9th November last, in place of Ald. H. Wilkinson, J. Carr, T. B. Turton, E. Lowe, G. Turton, J. W. Hawksworth, and E. Vickers—resolved to apply for a writ of mandamus to authorise the Council to make the election—Memorial to Attorney-General as to Chancery suit pending respecting the Church Burgess Trust—borough rate—proposed municipal hall abandoned—resolved to take votes of the burgesses on the Museum and Library Act—petition in favour of Mr. Hume's measure of parliamentary reform—Mr. Ironside's petition on the Papal aggression negatived—petitions to repeal taxes on knowledge, for control of ratepayers over county expenditure, for repeal of window duty—return of persons excused rates last three years, being in receipt of parochial relief.

10. Midland Company, by a large majority, sanction a bill to legalise the £50 shares, and to purchase the Leeds and Bradford.

10. Meeting of Sheffield Exhibitors in the Great Exhibition, to make preliminary arrangements.

12. Hollow Meadows Farm—report of Farm Committee strongly condemning its management, but approving of the ridding of waste land as a labour test.

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12. Recognition of the Rev. D. Loxton of Mount Zion chapel.
14. Decease of Mr. Jas. Laycock, hair seating manfr., aged 37.
14. The Rev. John Blackburn, M.A., of Attercliffe, appointed to the canonry of Riccall, vacant by the death of the late Dr. Sutton.
16. Decease of Mr. Geo. Tucker, of Clarke house lane, aged 51.
19. Meeting at Rotherham to negotiate with the Water Company for an improved supply, or to originate a new company.
20. Lord John Russell promised for next session a measure to extend the franchise.
22. Decease of Mr. Jas. Theaker, London Coffee House, aged 53.
24. Lord John Russell resigns office; Lord Stanley sent for.
24. The Rev. Dr. Kerns lectures on "The authenticity of the Scriptures," at the Hall of Science, and defends it against the attacks of Mr. Ironside, Mr. Otley, and others.
26. Mr. W. Rooke Harrison elected for Upper Hallam Ward, *vice* the late Mr. Tucker.

## MARCH.

1. The adoption of the Library and Museum Act negatived by the burgesses by 29½ to 10½. Mr. H. Payne, surgeon, elected an assessor for St. Philip's Ward, declined to serve, alleging that he was not qualified.
2. Decease of Mr. John Rowbotham, of Gell street, aged 51.
3. Warehouse of Walker, Wall, and Co., Exchange street, burnt.
3. Lord Stanley having failed to form a government, and Lord John Russell being unable to procure the aid of the Peelites, the government resumed under the advice of the Duke of Wellington.
3. Decease of Mr. James Woodhouse, manufacturer, aged 65.
5. Rotherham Cemetery Company—dividend of 2½ per cent.
5. Rotherham Water Company—dividend of 5 per cent., with an addition to reserve fund.
6. Decease of Mr. R. Truswell, of Truswell and Co., brewers.
7. The Rev. J. Maclean lectures at the Town Hall, on Wesleyan Methodism, and was interrogated by the Wesleyan Reformers.
7. Decease of Mr. Richd. Bramley, of Bridlington Quay, aged 78.
11. Mr. Austin, Assistant Commissioner, attends to receive evidence which had been tendered respecting the conduct of the Union Clerk as to the Hollow Meadows Farm. On the 12th May, the Poor Law Board gave judgment that while they "considered Mr. Watkinson fully acquitted of any fraudulent misapplication of any property belonging to the Guardians, they are of opinion that he has been guilty of much irregularity and laxity as regards his dealing in several instances with portions of that property, and they are under the necessity, therefore, of saying that his conduct in the instance above referred to, appears to them to call for serious animadversion."
11. Meeting to nominate Guardians for the township of Sheffield.
11. Price of Wheat at Sheffield, 39s. 9¾d.
12. Decease of Mr. Thomas Pearson, Surrey street, aged 83.
12. Town Council—New election of assessor ordered in place of Mr. H. Payne; petition to enable the Guardians to maintain schools for children of out poor; vote of sympathy to Mrs. Tucker.
15. Decease of Mr. Wm. Hoyland, Church street, aged 71.
15. Tillotson *v.* Aldam—Writ of enquiry to assess damages in an action for assault; verdict for plaintiff, £100.
16. Decease of Mr. Jon. Beardshaw, of the firm of J. Beardshaw and Sons, Garden street, aged 71.

17. Commencement of six nights' discussion at the Theatre, between Dr. Sleight and Mr. Otley, on the authenticity of the Bible.

17. Decease of Mr. Chas. Brookfield, solicitor, aged 78.

18. At Leamington Priors, aged 64, Saml. Newbould, Esq.

18. Decease of Mr. John Curr, silversmith, aged 57.

20. Accidentally drowned in attempting to cross the Rother, at Beighton, in his gig, Mr. Samuel Linley, aged 45, traveller for Messrs. Porter and Prest.

20. Sheffield Union expenditure—1841, £21,466; 1842, £20,727; 1843, £42,576; 1844, £33,707; 1845, £27,361; 1846, £22,082; 1847, £21,301; 1848, £26,189; 1849, £37,220; 1850, £26,455.

24. Decease of Mr. John Booth, carrier, Rotherham, aged 54.

27. Presentation of silver candelabrum to M. J. Ellison, Esq., "by his fellow-townsmen, admirers of cricket, for his persevering and generous exertions in promoting that manly and national game in the town of Sheffield."

28. Decease of Mr. Jph. Outram, Black Swan, Snighill, aged 51.

31. Meeting at Rotherham to form an association for the restoration of Protection.

31. Ecclesall Highways—Election of Board—R. Otley, 182; G. Buxton, 183; H. Belcher, J. Dungworth, J. Hill, W. Furniss, T. B. Loukes, J. Nelson, J. Padley, G. Swinden, 179 each. The other list had from 96 to 100 votes each.

31. Decease of Mr. J. Cooper, confectioner, High street, aged 73.

31. Decease of Mr. James Tibbetts, aged 46.

31. Census taken.—SHEF. UNION POPULATION RETURNS, 1851.

TOWNSHIP.	No. of separate occupiers.	HOUSES.			POPULATION.			Population, 1841.	Increase over 1841.
		Inhabited.	Unhabtd.	Bld-ing.	Males	Fe-males.	Total, 1851.		
Sheffield .....	16,866	16,676	147	120	41,700	41,728	83428	67,967	15,461
Brightside ....	2,467	2,456	28	33	5,979	6,060	12039	10,089	1,050
Attercliffe.....	992	988	4	9	2,475	2,396	4871	4,156	715
Handsworth ..	686	679	14	11	1,683	1,581	3264	2,862	402
Total .....	21,011	20,799	193	173	51,837	51,765	103602	85,074	18,888
Populatn., 1841	..	17,616	257	127	42,066	43,008	85074	85,074	18,528
Increase .....	..	3,183	..	46	9,771	8,7	18528	..	..

The Sheffield Census was accompanied by some very defective returns of schools. ECCLESALL UNION.

TOWNSHIPS.	HOUSES.			POPULATION.			Population, 1841.	Increase.
	Occu-pied.	Unin-habtd.	Bld-ing.	Males	Fe. males.	Total, 1851.		
Ecclesall Bierlow..	4,927	58	47	11,934	12,616	24,550	20,005	4,545
Nether Hallam.....	1,773	26	52	4,399	4,497	8,896	7,275	1,621
Upper Hallam.....	298	4	2	802	697	1,499	1,399	1,000
Norton .....	367	8	..	753	903	1,856	1,907	..
Dore .....	122	..	..	317	257	574	559	15
Totley .....	79	..	..	228	175	403	408	..
Beauchief .....	24	..	..	62	71	133	75	58
Total .....	7,560	96	101	18,495	19,216	37,911	31,628	7,239

\* In Norton, there was a decrease of 51, and at Totley, 5 inhabitants, compared with the return in 1841.

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ROTHERHAM UNION.	Houses.			1851.		1841.	
	Inhtd.	Unhtd.	Bldng.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Rotherham.....	1273	18	0	3205	3111	2656	2705
Kimberworth.....	1397	52	64	3448	3448	2610	2447
25 other Townships	4002	144	39	10,002	9822	9129	8,979

## APRIL.

3. The Rev. Canon Trevor applied to the Church Burgesses to obtain a mandamus against the Vicar, requiring him to admit Mr. Trevor to the due discharge of his office. The Burgesses declined.

5. Rotherham guardians elected without any contest.

5. Ecclesall Union:—Ecclesall—T. R. Barker, G. Buxton, S. Mitchell, T. N. Bardwell; Nether Hallam—G. Ronksley, G. Hawksworth; Upper Hallam—W. R. Harrison; Beauchief—G. Sampson; Dore—W. Taylor; Norton—G. Rogers, Rev. H. H. Pearson; Totley—G. Mountford.

7. Water Works Company— $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. for half year; increased rental, £358; increased cost of the daily supply, £800 to £900.

9. Town Council—gas fitters' memorial—Public Health Act—the Mandamus—Secular Education.

11. Decease, in London, of Mr. Edward Hallam, aged 48, collector of highway rates.

12. District Savings' Banks opened in several parts of the town.

13. Decease of Mr. W. Wright, of Howard House, aged 64.

14. Sheffield Union:—Attercliffe, Rev. J. Blackburn; Brightside, W. Groves, 696; T. Turner, 667; defeating W. Jarvis, 406; J. Wall, 396. Handsworth, J. Hodgkinson, 199; defeating W. Cadman, 150. Sheffield, C. Alcock, 5401; T. E. Mycock, 5201; P. Ashberry, 4784; C. Peace, 4466; W. L. Humfrey, 3912; J. Woodcock, 3688; H. Crawshaw, 3621; A. Booth, 3564; defeating J. Woolley, J. G. Robson, W. Crowther, G. Slack, J. Walker, W. Butcher, J. S. Hawksworth, J. Taylor, W. Renton.

15. Mandamus for the election of aldermen issued.

15. Explosion of gas from the overflowing of one of the gasometers in Shudehill.

15. Reports of Mr. W. Lee, superintending inspector of the General Board of Health, recommending the application of the act to Rotherham and Worksop.

23. The Rev. Canon Trevor offers his services to the Guardians as gratuitous Chaplain. The Guardians offered to place Mr. Trevor on the same footing as other ministers of religion who visit the Workhouse, whereupon, in June, he appealed to the Poor-Law Board. In the correspondence, a fallacious return was made by the Union Clerk as to the religious state of the inmates, and that being disproved, the subject dropped.

23. Decease of Mr. James Barton, West street, aged 68.

24. Election of Churchwardens—the Vicar read a letter written by his predecessor in 1819, to the effect that he had claimed the election of both churchwardens, but had agreed, saving the rights of his successor, to allow one to be elected by the parishioners. The Vicar stated that he should act in the same way.

25. Rotherham Vestry Meeting resolved that the owners of tenements of £6 a year and under, should be rated to the poor instead of the tenants.

28. Public meeting to petition in favour of a defensive enactment against the Papal Aggression.

28. Exhibition Jurors for Sheffield—Cutlery, Mr. Ald. Peace;

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silver-plated goods, Mr. Robert Younge; iron and general hardware, Mr. Sterling Howard.

## MAY.

1. Opening of the Great Exhibition.

3. John Wilkinson, of Wilson's yard, Duke street, Park, killed by his wife and her cousin, Wm. Battersby. Committed for trial for the murder, but found guilty of manslaughter.

3. Water Company's shares sold by auction for £181; and Sheffield Banking Company's shares, £125. 10s.

5. Public meeting to promote a subscription for the assistance of the Hungarian refugees, resident in Sheffield.

8. A deputation of Mr. Canon Trevor's friends waited on the Vicar to request his assent to a plan for having Mr. Trevor licensed to a proprietary chapel, hereafter to become a district parish church. The Vicar, after consideration, declined to accede.

10. Sheffield Highways accounts,—receipts, balance, £1133; rates, &c., £7029; expenditure, £6067.

10. Town Trust accounts—receipts, £2141. Balance of £713 carried to Street Improvement account.

10. The Queen visited the Sheffield department of the Exhibition, Mr. H. E. Hoole being required to attend her Majesty to afford explanations.

10. Earl Fitzwilliam's rents adjusted to a new valuation on the basis of 5s. 10d.  $\frac{1}{2}$  bsbl. for wheat, a reduction of about 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent.

12. Small meeting called by Messrs. Ironside, Booth, Lawton, and others, resolved that "Messrs. C. Alcock, W. Groves, J. Ironside, W. Harvey, T. E. Mycock, W. R. Harrison, and W. Crowther, be and are hereby elected aldermen of this borough;" and by another resolution, the Town Council was called upon to perform "the ministerial act of confirming the decision of the meeting." After this sham, some of the parties dubbed themselves "the People's Aldermen."

12. Cricket—11 All England v. 14 of Yorkshire, at Hyde Park. Yorkshire, 1st innings, 183; All England, 1st, 47; 2nd, 83.

14. Town Council—Messrs. T. B. Turton, J. W. Pyc-Smith, E. Vickers, H. E. Hoole, W. Fawcett, W. A. Matthews, and T. E. Mycock elected aldermen. Committee appointed to consider the applying for a local act or the Public Health Act. Watch Committee to enquire as to the better means of extinguishing fires.

18. Mount Tabor chapel opened by the Wesleyan Reformers.

18. Geo. Russell elected huntsman of the Hallamshire harriers, *vice* Geo. Sampson, deceased.

19. Decease, at Maltby, aged 82, of Robt. Fisher, Esq., formerly of the firm of Robt. and Wm. Fisher.

19. On the Midland Railway, near Clay Cross, luggage train ran into passenger train.—Killed: Mr. John Blake, of the firm of Blake and Parkin, aged 34; John Meynell, Esq., of Tipton Grove, near Chesterfield. Injured: Mrs. Meynell, Mr. E. Broadbent, Barrack Tavern; Mr. Horncastle, Royal Oak, Pond street; Mr. Ashton, of Wheeldon street, and other persons. Skelton, driver of the luggage train, committed for manslaughter, but acquitted. Thompson, guard of the passenger train, prosecuted by the Company, but acquitted. Compensation awarded to Mrs. Blake, at Derby Assizes, £4000; to Mr. Broadbent, by agreement, £450, and costs of preparing for action. Rule *nisi* for new trial in case of Mrs. Blake;



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20. Meeting of ratepayers of Kimberworth memorialised the General Board of Health not to interfere with their highways.

20. Warehouse of Mr. Mawer, cabinet maker, High street, Rotherham, destroyed by fire.

21. First stone of the new Savings' Bank at Rotherham laid.

22. St. Peter's Ward: John Carr elected, *vice* Ald. Mycock.—Park Ward: D. Wood, *vice* Ald. Matthews.—St. Philip's Ward: G. A. Wood, 411; J. Robson, 408; defeating J. W. Dixon, 230; and J. Wortley, 231; *vice* Ald. Hoole and Fawcett.—Upper Hallam, G. H. Parker, 58; defeating J. Taylor, 54; *vice* Ald. Pye Smith.—Mr. Parker declined to declare his qualification.

24. Criminal statistics of the borough shew an increase of minor offences, but a decrease of felonies and convictions.—Persons in custody, 1845, 2556; 1846, 2873; 1847, 2680; 1848, 3006; 1849, 3093; 1850, 3187.—Felonies: 1845, 346; 1849, 407; 1850, 285. Convictions in 1850, less by 57, or 26 per cent., than in 1849.

31. Waterworks Co. resolve to construct a new and larger reservoir at Redmires, and to obtain more extensive gathering grounds.

31. The Rev. J. Thomas, B.A., of Thetford, Norfolk, accepts the pastorate of Garden street Chapel.

31. The Rev. Canon Trevor obtains, in the Bail Court, a rule *nisi* for a mandamus to the Rev. T. Sale, to admit the Rev. Geo. Trevor to the exercise of the duties of chaplain of the Parish Church. In June, the rule was made absolute, but was not issued, and in December, Mr. Trevor announced that he should not proceed with it.

## JUNE.

Decrease of 55,852 in the Wesleyan Society announced.—Decrease in Sheffield, 4734.

1. Decease of W. J. Bagshawe, Esq., of The Oaks, aged 58. In June, 1826, became a magistrate, and in June, 1832, succeeded his father, Sir W. Bagshawe. Succeeded by his son, W. L. G. Bagshawe, Esq., born Oct., 1828.

2. Upper Hallam Ward: Jas. Taylor, 98, against R. Roper, Jun., 65, *vice* G. H. Parker, refused the declaration.

4. Storm of hail and snow on the Derbyshire hills.

4. The Rev. Mr. Morton, M.A., curate of St. James's, *vice* the Rev. Dr. Kerns. The Rev. F. Whitty, M.A., incumbent of Carver street district, *vice* the Rev. J. Sheldon, deceased.

5. Decease, aged 38, of the Rev. J. F. Robinson, M.A., late curate of Bradfield.

6. Decease of Mr. Wilford Mettam, aged 38, late of the firm of W. Greaves and Sons, Sheaf Works.

9. Another explosion in Oaks Colliery, near Barnsley—3 killed.

11. Decease, aged 78, of Mr. John Spear, of Spear and Jackson, Etna Works.

13. Town Council—Upper Hallam election—Mr. Ironside protests against the election of aldermen—night watchmen—the Gas Co. and the gas fitters—disbanding the army—the watch committee and the magistrates.

14. Sheffield Union.—Inmates 306 against 376 las year; out poor, 3295, receiving £289, against 3183, receiving £271 last year. Ecclesall Union.—Inmates, 184, against 189 last year; out-relief, £50, against £51 last year.

17. Decease, at Blackpool, Mr. Ed. Colley, of Hall and Colley.

17. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 42s. 10d.

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21. Colliery explosions:—		Deaths.
1812. May 25th.	Felling.....	92..explosion.
1815. May 3rd.	Heaton.....	75..inundation
1815. June 18th.	Newbottle.....	57..explosion.
1821. Oct. 23rd.	Wallsend .....	52.. „
1823. Nov. 3rd.	Plainpit, Rainton.....	59.. „
1835. June 10th.	Wallsend.....	102.. „
1838. July 4th.	Silkstone .....	26..inundation.
1839. June 28th.	South-Hilder, South Shields.	51..explosion.
1841. Nov. 22nd.	Mount Osborne, Barnsley ..	15.. „
1842. Feb. 22nd.	Hopwoods, Barnsley .....	3.. „
1843. March 10th.	Do. Do. ....	2.. „
1844. Sept. 28th.	Haswell .....	95.. „
1845. June 11th.	Oaks, near Barnsley .....	3.. „
1847. Jan. 29th.	Darley Maine .....	6.. „
1847. March 5th.	Oaks.....	73.. „
1847. Aug. 27th.	Darley Maine .....	2.. „
1849. Jan. 24th.	Do. ....	75.. „
1851. June 9th.	Oaks.....	3.. „

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25. Sheffield Fire Office—dividend 10 per cent.

30. Meetings of the ratepayers of Ecclesall and Nether Hallam appoint Mr. Thos. Smith, vestry clerk.

30. Hanbey and Hadfield charities.—The distributors, after making the annual benefactions, dine together, in accordance with the wish of the late Mr. S. Hadfield.

## JULY.

2. Opening of the New Corn Exchange at Worksop.

2. The Earl of Arundel and Surrey resigns his seat for Arundel, differing from the Duke of Norfolk as to the Papal Aggression Bill. Afterwards returned for Limerick.

9. Town Council—Local Improvement Act—proposed carriage bridge over the Dun—Church Burgesses Committee—liberation of Kossuth—the parliamentary franchise—the national debt—the Peace Congress—weight of candles.

11. Decease of Mr. Thos. Ramsey, Crookes Moor, aged 80.

11. Maude v. Sleigh—action tried in the County Court, by Henry Maude, reporter, to recover from Dr. Sleigh £50. Plaintiff alleged that Dr. Sleigh had engaged him as reporter for a projected Tory newspaper, which had fallen through. Defendant alleged that the engagement was conditional on the appearance of the paper.—Judgment for the defendant.

16. Dinner to the Local Commissioners,—Wilson Overend, Esq., and Mr. Aud. Dunn, by the Sheffield exhibitors.

17. Rotherham church-rate meeting. Amendment for a rate of a farthing in the pound not put by the chairman, and the rate of 2½d. declared to be carried. The meeting broke up in confusion.

18. Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank—dividend 5 per cent.; surplus fund, £20,429.

21. Competition between Great Northern and Midland and North Western Companies for Exhibition traffic to London—third class fares to London and back reduced to 10s.; on the 23rd to 5s.

21. Bill for winding up the Chartist Land Company passed.

21. Cricket—Surrey v. Yorkshire—Surrey, 1st innings, 164; 2nd, 93; Yorkshire, 1st, 95; 2nd, 90.

22. Marriage of Lord E. Howard to the Hon. Miss Talbot.
23. Sheffield Union Bank—dividend  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.
27. Decease of Mr. G. M. Jervis, solicitor, aged 33.
28. Eclipse of the sun—total, in a line across Europe from the coast of Norway to the Caspian Sea. †
28. Cricket—Lancashire v. Yorkshire—Lancashire, 1st innings, 184; 2nd, 69; Yorkshire, 140; 2d, 114; several wickets to go down.
30. Decease of Hollis Solly, Esq., at Port Madoc, aged 73.

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4. Cricket: Surrey v. Yorkshire, return match at Kensington. Yorkshire, first innings, 71; second, 101. Surrey, first innings, 160; second, 13, without the loss of a wicket.
4. Testimonial presented to the Rev. W. Bruce, incumbent of the Wicker church, on his removal to St. James's, Bristol.
- 4 Messrs. S. Mitchell, J. Ryalls, W. Jeffreys, C. Alcock, A. Booth, W. Groves, W. Crowther, C. Unwin, W. Harvey, elected Improvement Commissioners.
5. Yorkr. Agricultural Society to hold next meeting at Sheffield.
6. Decease of Mr. T. Stones, sec. saw-makers' union, aged 40.
8. The Rev. Canon Trevor obtains a decree in Chancery, requiring the Church Burgesses to pay his salary and costs.
11. Cutlers' Company: Wm. Webster, Esq., master; M. Hunter, Esq., and Mr. Ald. Matthews, wardens.
13. Town Council: Extinguishing fires; lodging-houses act; finance; itinerant greengrocers; Peace Congress; Yorkshire Agricultural Society; local improvement act; the national debt.
19. £3000 raised by subscription to meet the requirements of the will of the late Mr. T. Deakin, who left £3000 to aid in forming an institution for unmarried women.
21. Cricket: Yorkshire and Lancashire, at Manchester. Lancashire, 1st, 71; 2nd, 125. Yorkshire, 1st, 155; 2nd, 44, with five wickets to go down.
25. Public meeting resolved to apply to Parliament for a local improvement act, and appointed a committee.
27. The Queen spent the night at Doncaster.
29. Meeting of the Local Commissioners and Exhibitors recommend the application of the surplus funds of the Exhibition to establish a central college of arts and manufactures.
29. Committal of Thomas Linley for the manslaughter of Geo. Rastrick. Acquitted at the Winter Assizes.
30. The Duke of Norfolk seceded from the Roman Catholic Church, and joined the Church of England.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Cricket: All England v. Sheffield. Sheffield, first innings, 134; second, 105. All England, first innings, 263.
2. Decease of Mr. Geo. Turton, Townhead street, aged 60.
4. Cutlers' Feast: Principal guests—Lord Wharnccliffe, the Hon. Mr. Wortley, Sir T. W. White, Bart., E. B. Denison, Esq., M.P., John Parker, Esq., M.P., and J. A. Roebuck, Esq., M.P.
4. Rd. Manks completed, at the Barrack Tavern, the task of walking 1000 quarter miles in 1000 quarter hours, 1000 half miles in 1000 half hours, and 1000 miles in 1000 hours in succession.
5. Publication of Burgess list, containing 12,211 names—an increase upon 1851 of 1234.
7. Decease of the Rev. John Hanson, called "the Vicar of Loxley," aged 73.

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7. Decease of Mr. Saml. Marshall, of the Tower Mills, aged 60.
7. Decease of Mr. Simpson, aged 70, formerly grocer in Hartshd.
10. Town Council: Churchyards; short-weight candles; local improvement act committee; Upper Hallam; the bridges; Kossuth.
14. Fire at the Black Horse, High street, Rotherham. Mrs. Nicholson, the landlady, aged 82, burnt to death, and her granddaughter,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years old, killed by a fall.
15. Opening of the Victoria Station of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire.
17. Mr. H. Bloor elected registrar for Nether Hallam.
17. Annual meetings of the Sheffield Ragged School. Lord Wharnclyffe in the chair.
20. Sheffield Union: inmates, 321 against 352 last year; out-relief to 3328, £288 against £320 to 3546 last year. Ecclesall Union: inmates, 165 against 192 last year; out-relief, £50 against £48 last year.
22. Members of the Athenæum and Mechanics' Institution resolve to separate the two sections.
22. Decease of Mr. Paul Rodgers, aged 63. Though a self-educated man, he was the author of various literary productions of much merit, and was highly esteemed by many persons of distinction.
24. Decease of Mr. C. Haslehurst, of Sheffield Park, aged 49.
24. Mr. Farnall, poor law inspector, states the average cost of the paupers of the Sheffield Union to be £4. 8s.  $2\frac{1}{4}$ d. per year, while the average of the rest of his district was £3. 5s.  $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. The rate in Sheffield was 1s.  $5\frac{1}{4}$ d., and in the rest of his district 1s.  $0\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound.
26. Revision of the West-Riding lists at Sheffield—Sheffield gain to the liberal party, 52; gain on the whole Riding, 1135.
27. Circulation of the *Independent* for 1850 shewn to be 207,000—the first of the Sheffield and the third of the Yorkshire papers.
29. Cricket: Sheffield *v.* Dalton, at Manchester—Dalton, first, 101; second, 134. Sheffield, first, 102; second, 127.
30. School of Design—Annual meeting: the Earl of Yarborough in the chair.
30. Decease of Mr. Ebenezer Birks, of Pond street, aged 80.
30. Meeting at the Cutlers' Hall resolved to form a New Gas Consumers' Company. Capital, £60,000 in 12,000 £5 shares.

## OCTOBER.

1. Improvement Commissioners resolve to concur in the application for a local improvement act.
1. Revision of the burgess roll—Claims of burgesses to be enrolled in each ward, in which they possessed qualifications, rejected.
2. Decease, at Thurcroft Hall, Mr. John Crossley Wilson, eldest son of the late John Wilson, Esq., of Oakholme.
6. Aggregate meeting of the Wesleyan Mutual Aid Association held in Sheffield. Refused the Wesleyan chapels, the local preachers occupied the dissenting pulpits.
8. Town Council—Gas—the Exhibition surplus—petition for universal suffrage, &c.—the Water Company and their new act—address to Kossuth.
8. No. of visitors at the Great Exhibition, 109,032.
9. Meeting of the Gas Company defy threatened opposition.
10. The Queen visits Manchester.
11. Close of the Exhibition which had been visited by more than  $5\frac{1}{2}$  millions of people, and realised surplus receipts £250,000

Council medal awarded to Messrs. Spear and Jackson. Prize medals and "honourable mentions" awarded to many others.

12. The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, late secretary of the Irish Evangelical Society, enters upon the incumbency of the Wicker church.

14. Decease of Ald. T. Wiley, aged 57, of Old No. 12, Haymarket.

21. Peoples' College annual soirée—the Hon. G. W. Fitzwilliam, M.P., in the chair.

22. Decease of Mr. Robt. Rogers, of Norfolk row, aged 64.

22. Mr. Lee recommends the application of the Public Health Act to Rotherham and Kimberworth.

23. Mr. Joseph Paxton, the designer of the Crystal Palace, knighted. £5000 awarded to him.

23. Kossuth arrives at Southampton.

24. Town Council—Gas—Mr. Carr elected Alderman, *vice* the late Mr. Wiley.

27. Plans of Mr. S. Worth and Mr. S. F. Holmes for new carriage bridge over the Dun adopted.

### NOVEMBER.

1. Municipal Elections: St. Peter's, H. Hills re-elected; H. Hinde, *vice* H. Atkin. St. Philip's, R. Holman, 346 (re-elected; ) G. S. Brittain, 339 (*vice* J. Dickenson; ) J. Wortley, 218; J. W. Dixon, 213. Park: J. Woodcock, 425 (re-elected; ) G. Bassett, 385 (*vice* G. Walker; ) R. Elliott, 345; W. Howarth, 316. St. George's: E. Thompson, S. Dewsnap, re-elected. Ecclesall: J. Belcher, re-elected, C. Thomson, *vice* A. Cavalier. Brightside: G. L. Saunders, 513, *vice* W. Fisher, Junr., 452. Upper Hallam: W. R. Harrison, re-elected. Nether Hallam: T. Turner, re-elected. Attercliffe: J. Foster, *vice* S. Jackson.

3. The Athenæum, formerly connected with the Mechanics' Institution, becomes the Lyceum Club.

3. St. Peter's ward: W. Fisher, Jun., 439, (*vice* Ald. Carr; ) J. Wilson, 296.

4. Jas. Montgomery, Esq., on the event of his 80th birth-day, plants an oak in front of the Infirmary.

7. F. O'Connor visits Sheffield, and is received by a meagre audience in the Hall of Science.

10. Town Council: Ald. Carr elected Mayor. Bridge committee—lodging-houses—watch rate deferred to examine the cause of its inefficient collection—hour of meeting changed—letter carriers' memorial—complaints of irregular voting.

10. Reform Freehold Land Society: Members, 258; shares, 423. The Heeley estate, in 171 lots, purchased by 87 members.

11. Kossuth at Manchester.

13. Celebration of opening of Rotherham Savings' Bank. Earl of Effingham, Earl Fitzwilliam, &c. present.

15. Notices of application to parliament for local improvement act, new bridges and streets act, and an extended gathering ground for the Water Company.

17. Church of England Instruction Society—annual meeting. Earl of Effingham in the chair.

24. Meeting of ratepayers of Rotherham repudiated a notice given to apply for a local improvement act on the 25th. Similar meeting at Masbro'.

25. Death of Mr. W. Ducker, aged 79; for 52 years beadle of the Revolution Sick Society.

27. Decease of Mr. G. Fisher, George Inn, Market place, aged 55.

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29. Samuel Paley, who had robbed the box of the filesmiths' union of £121, and escaped to Hamburg in July, 1850, having returned to Sheffield, was charged with neglect of family.

## DECEMBER.

2. Temperance soiree and ball in the New Market Hall.
  2. Louis Napoleon subverts the French constitution.
  3. Proposal to provide new premises for the School of Design.
  3. Reform Conference at Manchester.
  3. Local Improvement Bill rejected on various fallacious pretexts by meeting in the Council Hall.
  6. Explosion and loss of three lives in Woodthorpe Colliery.—Joseph Oldfield, the underground steward, committed for manslaughter, but acquitted.
  7. Decease of Mr. John Ragg, of W. and J. Ragg, Nursery st.
  8. Decease of Mr. John Seward, Division street, aged 48.
  8. Wesleyan Reform meeting—vote of sympathy with the proprietor of the *Wesleyan Times*, sentenced to imprisonment for libel.
  8. Opening dinner of the Lyceum.
  9. Lecture by E. Baines, Esq., on the rival Manchester schemes of education.
  10. Town Council.—Card playing at Christmas—attendance of Watch Committee—letter carriers—voting in different wards at different elections—bye-laws of lodging-houses—improvement act—magistrates' clerk—the Caffre war.
  13. Duke of Newcastle discourses to his tenantry on free trade, reduction of rents, improved farming, &c.
  13. Decease of Mr. S. Cohen, rabbi of the Jewish synagogue.
  15. Death of Mr. John Jones, Market place, aged 64.
- Savings' Bank deposits to 20th Nov. shew "the large increase over the previous year of £15,669. 17s. 8d., the amount of deposits being—in 1850, £54,362. 8s. 8d.; and in 1851, £70,032. 6s. 4d. The number of depositors in 1850 was 8346; in 1851, 10,033—showing an increase of 1687. As contrasted with the year 1849, the amount of deposits shows a still further increase. In the year ending Nov. 20th, 1849, the total amount due to depositors was £263,118. 15s. 5d.; Nov. 20th, 1850, £214,855. 18s. 3d.; and Nov., 1851, £237,985. 3s. 5d.; increase to Nov., 1850, £11,737. 2s. 10d.; to Nov., 1851, £23,129. 5s. 2d.
15. Subscribers to the Elliott monument resolve to employ Mr. N. Burnard to sculpture a statue to be erected in the town.
  15. Thos. Child, of the Flying Dutchman beerhouse, Masbro', convicted by the magistrates in the penalty of £25 and costs, for obtaining a license by a false certificate—he not being the *bona fide* tenant of the house, but only the servant of a brewer.
  20. Explosion at Warren Vale Colliery, Rawmarsh, 50 killed and 9 seriously injured.
  24. Opening of the Norfolk Market.
  26. Local Shares:—Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire 32½..33½; Midland, 56¾..37¼; Sheffield Banking Company, 128..132; Sheffield and Rotherham Bank, 7..7½; Sheffield and Hallamshire, 29..30; Union Bank, 14¾..15¼; Gas, 29..30; Water Works, 160..165.
  27. Savings' Bank Accounts;—Deposits for the year ending 20th Nov.. £70,034; payments, £53,290. No. of depositors, 9951; societies depositing, 82. Balance in the bank, £237,985.

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## JANUARY.

2. Inquest on 52 men and boys killed by the Warren Vale colliery explosion, Dec. 20. Verdict—Accidentally killed. £2400 raised for the relief of the bereaved families.

4. George and Elizabeth Hall, of Parkhill lane, found dead in their bed-room, suffocated by gases from an ignited ash-pit.

7. Decease of Dr. F. W. Osborne, of Cheney row, aged 37.

8. Ecclesall vestry agreed to stop up part of Mackenzie walk.

8. Meeting at Rotherham, to commence a subscription for the Rawmarsh sufferers.

8. James Ellis, John Green, and Edward Marshall, apprehended at Sheffield, for uttering forgeries on the Yorkshire Banking Company. Committed for trial by the Leeds magistrates. The issue of the notes had been simultaneous in Sheffield, Bradford, Pontefract, &c. Found guilty at the Spring assizes. Ellis transported for life; Green and Marshall 15 years each. Jones and Jackson confederates for 20 and 15 years respectively.

9. Savings' Bank—extended hours of business to accommodate increasing depositors.

12. Mechanics' Institution soirée attended by J. Parker, Esq., M.P., and J. A. Roebuck, Esq., M.P.

13. Mr. Roebuck addresses his constituents in the Council Hall—resolution of approval.

14. Town Council—Bridges over the Don—Magistrates' clerk's salary—coalpit explosions.

14. Wm. Overend, Esq., presents £50 to the School of Design for a prize for the best design for an article of Sheffield manufacture, and the ladies' committee to present a testimonial to Mr. Montgomery, give £60 for an annual medal and a free pupil.

15. Mr. Jas. Cumming, surgeon, Buxton, and his son drowned at Matlock bath when boating on the river.

15. Decease of Wm. Caley, son of Sir A. J. Knight, M.D., aged 26.

17. Education—of 80 men and boys in Messrs. Jos. Rodgers and Son's wheel, two only cannot read and four cannot write. At Globe Works, of 269 workmen, 176 read and write, 47 read, and 46 do neither.

19. Omnibus commenced from the Royal Hotel to Heeley. Shortly followed by others to Attercliffe, the Barracks, the Botanical Gardens, and Broomhill.

19. Meeting at the Lecture Hall of the Mechanics' Institution addressed by Sir Joshua Walmsley, M.P., and Geo. Thompson, Esq., M.P., on Parliamentary Reform.

19. Anti-State Church meeting at Rotherham addressed by Mr. J. Kingsley, of London.

21. Annual meeting of the Athenæum—total income, £691; expenditure, including removal, £996.

21. Meeting of Magistrates to consider the resolution of the Town Council in favour of paying their clerk by salary—resolve to pray the Secretary of State not to charge the tenure and conditions of the clerk's office. Secretary of State replies, that he can-

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not act without the recommendation of the Magistrates. Mr. A. Smith had held the office for 32 years.

21. Poor law auditor disallowed several items of the Sheffield guardians' accounts as illegal. Surcharges afterwards remitted.

22. Meeting of Rotherham commissioners to consider the provisional order of the General Board of Health to apply the Public Health Act to Rotherham.

23. Feoffees of Rotherham publish accounts—receipts, £839; expenditure, £676.

23. Decease of Mr. Thos. Judd, of Castle street.

26. Anti-State Church meeting in the Council Hall—deputation: J. Kingsley, Esq., M.A., of London, and the Rev. J. R. Campbell, of Edinburgh.

26, 27 and 28. Garotte robberies in several places near the town.

28. Elihu Burrett addressed a meeting in Lyceum Hall on the Ocean Penny Postage.

30. Decease of Mr. John Potter, aged 55, late of Treetor.

30. Sheffield Banking Co.—div. of 12 p. ct. and inc. of surp. fund.

30. Number of registered common lodging-houses in Sheffield, 215, with 488 bedrooms—accommodation for 1771 lodgers.

30. Rule *nisi* for criminal information against Mr. I. Ironside for a libel on Mr. Barwell, a director of the Midland Company. Rule made absolute in April—case set down for trial at Yorkshire Summer Assizes, but the *venu* changed to Middlesex. In Nov., the case was settled by the retraction and apology of Mr. Ironside.

31. Fire at Messrs. Marsdens, Bridge st.—damage £4000.

#### FEBRUARY.

3. Meeting in Friends' Meeting House, resolutions passed denouncing the impolicy and injustice of the Caffre war.

4. Meeting at the Town Hall resolved on forming a volunteer rifle corps, on the ground of the possibility of invasion by the French. The project was afterwards discouraged by the government and dropped.

4. Improvement Commissioners' meeting resolved to request the Watch Committee to require a daily return of chimneys which emitted large quantities of smoke.

4. Sheffield and Rotherham Bank dividend 5 per cent., and increase to the reserve fund.

5. Bursting of the Bilberry reservoir, at Holme, near Holmfirth, 100 lives lost. Verdict of the coroner's jury, on the 27th, attached great blame to the commissioners and overlookers.

5. The Earl of Yarborough purchases a sideboard, by Mr. Hoyles, a pupil of the School of Design, for 200 guineas.

9. Meeting at the Council Hall, to invite Mr. Toulmin Smith to become a candidate for the Borough.

9. Conference of reformers of various degrees failed to agree on a basis for united action on parliamentary reform.

9. Reform Bill proposed by Lord J. Russell would raise Sheffield constituency from 5352 to 11,386.

11. Town Council: Magistrates' Clerk's salary—Watch Rate—Road in Upper Hallam—Hour of meeting—Lady's and Neepsend Bridges—The Gas Consumers' Company—The Town Council and the Magistrates—Cost of Sheffield Police Force £48. 8s. 10d. per man, against £57. 6s. in Manchester; £60. 6s. 1½d. in Leeds; £62. 10s. 4d. in Birmingham. Proportion of force to population in Birmingham, 1 in 716½; Manchester, 1 in 681½; Sheffield, 1 in 1140½. Watch Rates, 1847 to 1850, 77⅔ per cent. collected.



11. Explosion of gas at Messrs. Wake's office, Castle street.
12. Decease of Mr. William Ellin, Brincliffe Edge, aged 50.
13. The Rev. Canon Trevor, in a letter to the *Evening Journal*, a tractarian paper, advises the high church clergy, "Let us keep together, and not try to go faster than our people will go with us."
16. Mr. J. T. Smith addressed a meeting in explanation of his political principles, and is adopted as a candidate.
17. Decease, aged 37, of Mr. Robert Beatson, eldest son of the late John Beatson, Esq., of Rotherham.
20. Decease, in London, of H. P. Harwood, Esq., M.D., formerly of Sheffield.

20. Defeat and resignation of Lord J. Russell's government on the Militia Bill,—succeeded by Lord Derby's government.

21. Rule for a new trial made absolute in the case of *Blake v. the Midland Railway Company*. Afterwards settled by compromise.

23. Meeting to promote a monument in the Parish church to the late vicar, Dr. Sutton.

25. Midland meeting,  $2\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. dividend.

26. *Staniland v. Willott*—Lord Chancellor decides the appeal from Vice-Chancellor against the defendant, but allowing appeal.

26. Public meeting commenced subscription for the Holmfirth sufferers. 7122 persons, earning £3748 per week, thrown out of employ. Sheffield subscribed £2572. Similar meeting at Rotherham on the 25th.

26. Public meeting to petition against the Militia Bill.

27. Decease, at Torquay, of T. M. Johnson, Esq., of the firm of Johnson, Cammell, and Co.

29. Decease of Mr. R. Fuchlin, of Glossop road, aged 42.

#### MARCH.

1. Public meeting to request the magistrates to re-consider their decision respecting their clerk's salary.

1. Public meeting to promote a working man's subscription for the sufferers by the Holmfirth catastrophe.

2. Re-constitution of the Anti-Corn Law League, £27,520 subscribed. Subscription afterwards reached £80,000.

4. Free Trade meeting at Leeds, Mr. Cobden announces his readiness to stand again for the West Riding the free trade.

6. The Rev. Canon Trevor is appointed incumbent of Gillcarr.

9. Announcement that Messrs. J. Parker and Roebuck would again be candidates for Sheffield.

9—10. Mr. J. T. Smith delivered two lectures on the constitution of England.

10. Town Council—Borough rate unnecessary; County expenditure; Public Prosecutor; Improvement Bill committee discharged; Free Trade; Taxes on Knowledge.

11. John Longley acquitted of uttering forged notes at Huddersfield, he having been at Sheffield at the time.

12. Lawrence Bertie committed to York for the manslaughter John Drake.

13. Decease of Mr. Ed, Marshall, of Fitzwilliam st., aged 68.

16. Meeting in the Council Hall to receive a deputation from the amalgamated Society of Engineers.

16. Decease, at London, of Mr. J. E. Pearson, of Sheffield.

17. Mr. J. T. Smith issues his address to the electors.

18. Banquet given by Messrs. Hutchings, Brown, and Wright, contractors, in the Lock Pit, at Grimsby, to celebrate the opening of the Docks.

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19. Decease of Mr. Charles Cadman, aged 72.

23. Annis Laycock or Smith and her infant daughter found murdered at Smithies, near Barnsley. Open verdict.

25. Vestry meetings in Sheffield, Brightside, and Nether Hallam resolve to instruct the Highway Boards to permit the Gas Consumers' Company to lay their pipes in the highways.

25. Registrars notice great increase of births and marriages. Prevalence of small pox.

25. Decease of Mr. F. Fenney, aged 52.

26. Penalty of £20 recovered against Mr. James Crowther, chemist, Rotherham, for practising as an apothecary without legal qualification.

27. Sheffield Union—In-paupers 353, against 365 last year; out-relief, £257 against £267 last year. Farm men employed 33 against 21. Ecclesall Union—In-paupers 178, against 181 last year; out-relief £61, against £56 last year.

27. Decease of Mr. F. Woolhouse, Old Haymarket, aged 60.

29. Messrs. Hadfield and Toulmin Smith address a meeting in the Town Hall. Mr. Hadfield adopted as colleague of Mr. J. T. Smith.

29. Meeting of Messrs. Parker and Roebuck's friends. Mr. Hadfield's nomination having been promoted in opposition to Mr. Roebuck, the latter was invited to come down and address the electors.—Amendment to substitute Mr. Hadfield's name for Mr. Roebuck's, negatived.

30. Decease of John Sanderson, Esq., of New Hall, aged 74.

## APRIL.

2. Mr. Hadfield withdraws his name from the contest for the borough, on the requirement that he should do so or stand in conjunction with Mr. Toulmin Smith.

2. Magistrates appoint overseers independently of the recommendation of the vestries. Mr. I. Ironside discharges the overseers from acting.

2. Decease, at Dumfries, of Mr. E. Harwood, formerly of Sheffield.

2. Alderman T. Birks elected town trustee. W. F. Dixon, Esq., had been requested to stand but withdrew.

3. Rotherham Guardians elected without a contest.

5. Meeting of Gas Consumers' Company. In six months, 1650 individuals and firms had become shareholders.

5. Preamble of Sheffield Bridges and Streets Bill proved.

6. Memorials of the Town Council to the Quarter Sessions for the widening of the Lady's bridge, and that debtors might be committed to Wakefield. Both applications were refused, but with consent to the sending of the debtors to Halifax gaol.

8. Messrs. Parker and Roebuck address a public meeting in Paradise square. Mr. Roebuck is approved by a large majority, Mr. Parker supported by a large minority.

10. Average price of Wheat at Sheffield, 45s. 3½d.

10. United Gas Company—Reduction of price since June, 1838. June, 1838, to March, 1848, 8s. 4d. max., and 6s. 8d. min.; from the union to Dec. 31, 1844, 6s. 8d. max., and 6s. min.; from Dec. 31, min. reduced to 5s.; from March, 1847, 5s. 10d. max., 4s. 7d. min.; from March, 1850, 5s. 5d. and 3s. 11½d.; from March, 1851, 5s. and 3s. 4d.; present reduction, 4s. 7d. and 3s. 1½d. Half-year's dividend, 22s.

11. Decease of Mr. Hugh Mellor, surgeon, of Hillfoot, aged 89.

12. Water Company—4 per cent. for half-year. Shares, 168—172.

12. Ecclesall Union—Levy of rates, as compared with March, 1851. Ecclesall, £1700, against £2000 last year; Nether Hallam, £750 against £800; Upper Hallam, £230 against £400; Norton, £280 against £450; Dore, £60 against £60; Totley, £40 against £60; Beauchief, £5 against £10. Election of Guardians:—Beauchief, G. Sampson; Dore, Rev. J. T. Aldred; Ecclesall, T. R. Barker, 2084; G. Buxton, 1680; R. Solly, 1591; S. Mitchell, 1463; defeating G. Dixon, 1188; J. Knowles, 915. Nether Hallam, I. Bower, F. Goodwin; Norton, G. Rogers, A. Linley; Totley, G. Mountford; Upper Hallam, W. R. Harrison; defeating A. Unwin.

12. Sheffield Union:—Attercliffe, C. Atkinson; Brightside, F. Turner, W. Groves; Handsworth, J. Rhodes; Sheffield, G. L. Saunders, 2961; E. Bussey, 2923; W. Crowther, 2908; W. J. Sparrow, 2670; J. Crossland, 2629; F. Kay, 2470; W. Butcher, 2021; T. G. Potter, 1976; defeating sixteen others.

14. Town Council—Lady's Bridge; fires; case of Mason, Taylor, and Winker; the Militia; the numbering of houses.

15. Decease of Mr. Robert Kay, of the Intake.

15. Wm. Overend, Esq., accepts a requisition to become a candidate for the borough.

19. Mr. Toulmin Smith's committee having given up to Mr. Hadfield's friends that gentleman's agreement to withdraw from the contest, Mr. Toulmin Smith wrote, altogether repudiating the transaction—"as it will be impossible otherwise to avoid being implicated impliedly in it—and as I will have no hand in any affair of bargain and sale of representation—I feel called upon to declare that nothing (under any conceivable form of circumstances) shall now induce me to be even nominated at the forthcoming election for Sheffield."

20. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 42s. 3½d.

21. Great Exhibition—Accounts of Local Committee: Subscriptions, £1041; paid to Royal Commissioners, £500; expenses, £494.

23. Application of United Gas Company for an injunction to restrain the Gas Consumers' Company from breaking up the streets to lay their pipes, adjourned to last day of the session.

24. Highway Accounts published. Receipts from rates, £5900; expen., £6911; bal. from late board, £2095; to new board, £1273.

29. Holmfirth flood—Sheffield subscriptions, £1930; ditto, from working men's committee, £314—£2244. Claims for loss, exclusive of £33,000 by the mortgagees of reservoirs, £67,224.

#### MAY.

3. Ecclesall vestry meeting agrees to stop up part of Mill lane, Mackenzie walk, and a connecting footpath.

6. Meeting in Town Hall approves of Mr. Geo. Hadfield as candidate for the borough.

7. Mr. Raynor reports to the Improvement Commissioners the result of enquiries in Birmingham, as to the abatement of the smoke nuisance.

8. Town Trustees' Accounts—Receipts, £2289; disbursements £833; balance of £1456 carried to Streets improvement account; received by sales of land, £1449; total expenditure on Streets improvement account, £2126.

8. Mr. Hadfield issues his address to the electors.

10. Meeting of Messrs. Parker and Roebuck's friends at the Council H

10. Mr. Hadfield addressed a meeting in Ecclesall, and subsequently in Brightside, the Park, Attercliffe, and Nether Hallam.

12. Town Council—Botanical Gardens.

13. Mr. Roebuck meets the dissenters at the Royal Hotel, at noon, and addresses a public meeting in the Town Hall in the evening. The following week, Mr. Roebuck addressed several district meetings.

13. Decease of Mr. Thomas Armitage, formerly of Mousehole forge, aged 65.

14. Local shares—Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire,  $34\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $34\frac{1}{2}$ ; Midland,  $70\frac{1}{8}$ ,  $70\frac{3}{8}$ ; Sheffield Banking Company, 132 4; Sheffield and Rotherham Bank, 7,  $7\frac{1}{4}$ ; Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank, 32, 33; Sheffield Union Bank, 15, 16; United Gas, 30,  $30\frac{1}{2}$ ; Gas Consumers,  $\frac{1}{8}$  dis.; Waterworks, 168, 172.

17. Mr. Roebuck addresses a meeting in Ecclesall, and subsequently in St. Philip's, St. George's, Brightside, and the Park.

17. Mr. Overend addresses a meeting in Ecclesall, and on following days in the Council Hall, Brightside, St. George's, St. Philip's, &c.

17. Cricket—11 of England v. 14 of Yorkshire—Yorkshire, 312; England, 136, with seven wickets to go down. Drawn game.

19. Water Company's bill to obtain an increased supply, defeated in parliament.

22. Testimonial presented to the Rev. Thomas Smith, A.M., having been classical tutor of Rotherham College for 33 years. In Nov. resigns pastorate of Nether Chapel.

22. Decease of Mr. Ebenezer Smith, aged 66.

24. Mr. Overend addresses meetings in the Park, Attercliffe, and Nether Hallam.

24. Application of the United Gas Company to Vice-Chancellor Turner, for an injunction to restrain the Gas Consumers' Company from laying their pipes, refused with costs.

25. Farewell testimonial to the Rev. Canon Blackburn, by the children of Attercliffe schools, on his leaving Attercliffe. On 31st, the inhabitants presented to Mr. Blackburn an address, on resigning the perpetual curacy of Attercliffe, held for nearly 35 years.

27. Grimsby new dock opened.

#### JUNE.

2. Detection of Ernest Grapel, a German resident in Birmingham, in issuing a forged draft at Sheffield, and committal to York. His forgeries were executed with water colours, and had been successfully issued in several places.

3. Meeting to consider a project for forming the Don Reservoir and Waterworks Company—project dropped.

5. Decease of Mr. Edward Gillbee, of Western bank, aged 50.

7. Mr. Overend addresses a meeting in Paradise square.

7. Mr. Hadfield addresses meetings in Attercliffe, St. Philip's, Nether Hallam, St. Peter's, St. George's, and Ecclesall.

8. Accident on the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway—two lives lost.

9. Town Council—Bridges' bill parliamentary expenses, £1771, having been increased £500 by threatened opposition—Post-Office—Lodging houses.

9. Feargus O'Connor strikes several members in the House of Commons, is arrested, and sent to an asylum for lunatics.

16. Sheffield Savings' bank, general fund, £251,528; depositors since commencement, 1st March, 1819, 30,517; increase during the half year, £12,860; net increase of depositors, 673.

18. Mr. Overend addresses a meeting in Ecclesall.  
 19. Prospectus of Sheffield and Rotherham Waterworks Company announced—3000 shares of £50 each.  
 21. *Heath v. Unwin*. The Court of Exchequer on writ of error to set aside the verdict for defendant, gave judgment for plaintiff.  
 24. Mr. R. Cobden and Mr. E. B. Denison offer themselves again to the electors of the West Riding, and Mr. John Parker and Mr. J. A. Roebuck to the electors of Sheffield.  
 26. Sheffield and Ecclesall Unions. Salaries of officers. Sheffield, £1344; Ecclesall, £714.  
 27. Decease of Mr. Wm. Waterman, of the Wicker, aged 42.  
 28. Mr. J. Parker addresses a meeting in Paradise square, afterwards in Ecclesall, Upper and Nether Hallam, Attercliffe, &c.  
 28. Mr. Hadfield addresses ward meetings during the week.

JULY.

1. Parliament dissolved. Mr. George Hadfield issues a second address to the electors.  
 2. Meeting of West Riding Registration Association at Norman-ton forms a committee to secure the return of Mr. Cobden.  
 6. Borough election. Nomination. Mr. John Parker proposed by Ald. Dunn and Ald. Pye-Smith; Mr. Roebuck by Mr. Wm. Fisher and Ald. Barker; Mr. G. Hadfield by Ald. Hoole and Ald. Schofield; Mr. W. Overend by Mr. W. F. Dixon and Mr. H. Atkin. Show of hands for Mr. Roebuck and Mr. Hadfield.  
 7. Polling and declaration. Total number polled 4001; Roebuck, 2092; Hadfield, 1853; Parker, 1580; Overend, 1180.

	ANALYSIS OF POLL.										Number voted.
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Sheffield . . . .	125	42	327	298	540	59	227	704	13	74	2409
Ecclesall . . . .	31	15	87	163	175	20	94	236	6	32	159
Brightside . . . .	12	6	27	65	107	8	35	69	4	9	342
Neth. Hallam . . . .	9	2	43	43	45	12	15	63	5	13	255
Upp. Hallam . . . .	1	—	17	27	8	2	5	11	1	10	82
Attercliffe . . . .	3	1	4	14	24	1	19	19	1	6	93
Total . . . .	181	66	505	610	899	102	395	1102	30	144	4034

14. Town Council. Bridges and streets. Enactment of bye-laws against the smoke nuisance, which were disallowed by the Sec. of State in Nov., after having extended the time for their consideration.  
 15. Proposed testimonial to J. Parker, Esq., late M.P. for Sheffield.  
 15. Hand corn-mills at Sheffield workhouse, which had been used to employ the able-bodied, ordered to be sold.  
 16. Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank, £5 per cent. interest.  
 17. West Riding. Messrs. Cobden and Denison elected.  
 19. *Duke of Norfolk v. Tennant*. Action tried at York Assizes to dispossess the tenant of the Exchange brewery, for infraction of lease. Agreement for the defendant to give up possession in four months, and receive £3000, each party paying his own costs, and all proceedings at law or in equity to cease.  
 20. *Sheffield v. Manchester*, at Manchester. Sheffield 251, and five wickets to fall. Manchester, 249.  
 20. Decease of Mr. C. Picksley, of Endcliffe Cottage, aged 71.  
 24. Proposal to hold a national exhibition of metal work at Sheffield in 1853. Afterwards postponed.  
 24. Decease of Mr. A. Whitaker, of Fargate, aged 58.  
 26. Water Company make arrangements with the millowners to purchase works on the Rivelin, and give satisfactory water compensation to the millowners on the Loxley and Dun.

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26. Cricket: Sheffield v. Manchester return match—Sheffield, one innings, 229; Manchester, two innings, 207.

28. Meeting at Sheffield of Wesleyan Conference—simultaneous meetings of "the moderates," and followed by delegate meetings of reformers.

29. Attorney-General v. Sheffield Gas Consumers' Company—judgment on the 3rd August, leaving the parties complaining to their legal remedy. Motion refused without costs. Case argued 6th August before the Lords Justices of Appeal, the question of costs reserved and liberty to plaintiffs to indict, or bring an action.

30. Infirmary ball—realised £90.

31. Improvement Commissioners' rates, £4832; street soil, £362; expenditure on cleansing, £1420; lighting, £3630; salaries, £268; miscellaneous, £51.

## AUGUST.

2. And following days Yorkshire Agricultural and Horticultural Societies hold their exhibitions in Sheffield.

4. At Sharrow Lodge, Mr. Jas. Sorby, solicitor, aged 58.

4. Decease at Intake, of Mr. W. Newbould, 73.

6. Mr. Farnall, the poor law inspector, states to the Sheffield guardians that in Sheffield  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in the 100 were paupers; in Bradford,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in the 100. Average cost of Sheffield paupers, 84s.  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. per head yearly, but in his whole district, 67s.  $6\frac{1}{4}$ d.; relief last year, £16,600, or 1s.  $3\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the £; expenses, £6758, or  $6\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the £.

6. Rotherham Board of Health—persons elected to the Board of Health for the townships of Rotherham, Masbro', and Brinsworth—*Rotherham*, Messrs. R. J. Bentley, James Hodgson, John Kerr, Thomas Turner, Eastwood, John Guest, and George Haywood. *Kimberworth*, Messrs. Micah Barber, George Brown, Jas. Yates, George Shaw, Wm. Beatson, and John Spencer. *Brinsworth*, J. Haywood, Wheathill; and J. Waring, Haworth Hall.

10. Conservative dinner to Wm. Overend, Esq.

11. Town Council—smoke nuisance—bridges—debtors' prison.

11. First meeting of Rotherham Board of Health.

12. Mr. W. Woodhead, solicitor, loses his hand by an accident with his gun on the moors.

13. Cutlers' Company—Election of officers: M. Hunter, Esq., Master-Elect; Messrs. W. A. Matthews and T. Moulson, jun., wardens. Portrait of the Rev. Jos. Hunter, F.S.A., by Pickersgill, R.A., painted by subscription, and presented to the Cutlers' Company to hang in their hall.

13. Decease of Mr. Geo. Drabble, Broomgrove terrace.

15. Upper chapel—the Rev. Thos. Hincks, late of Exeter, succeeds the Rev. T. B. Stannus as minister.

15. Decease of Mr. Geo. Atkin, Barber nook, aged 76.

17. Decease of Mr. T. McQuhae, Old Cock, Paradise sq., aged 55.

17. Death, at Stockton Hermitage, nr. York, of Mr. R. Thompson.

19. First stone of Rotherham Mechanics' Institution laid by the Hon. and Rev. W. Howard.

19. Alfred Waddington murders his illegitimate child by cutting its head off, and attempts to murder its mother and another woman. Found guilty of murder, and condemned 20th Dec.

21. Decease of Lieut. W. Atkin, H.P., 58th regiment, aged 63.

27. Brewster Sessions—60 applications for new licenses, about double the usual number.

28. Proposal to erect St. Peter's National Schools for 450 boys and girls and 350 infants.

30. Performance at the Music Hall of Mr. Charles Dickens and his amateur company, in aid of the Guild of Literature and Art.

30. Foundation stone of the works of the Gas Consumers' Company laid by the Mayor.

30. Meeting of South Yorkshire Company—reported that the Great Northern had repudiated their agreement to amalgamate.

#### SEPTEMBER.

1. Improvement Commissioners—election of clerk *vice* Mr. Jas. Sorby deceased—Mr. W. Smith, jun., 41 votes; Mr. Henry Vickers, 14; Mr. Robt. Waterhouse, jun., 7.

2. First stone of St. Thomas' church, Brightside, laid by the Rev. Canon Blackburn.

2. Cutlers' feast—principal guests, Lord Milton, M.P., Lord E. Howard, M.P., Sir C. Wood, M.P., E. B. Denison, M.P., G. Hadfield, Esq., M.P., and the Rev. Jos. Hunter, F.S.A.

2. Murder, at Black bank, of Alexander Robison by Jas. Barbour. The prisoner was found guilty 22nd Dec., and condemned.

3. Magistrates grant a theatrical license to the Adelphi Concert Hall for three months.

6. Cricket—United 11 of England *v.* 15 of Sheffield. Sheffield, 147; England, 150, with 9 wickets to go down.

6. Burgess list contains 16485 names; the increase being, St. Peter's, 831; Park, 1347; St. Philips, 1228; St. George's, 846.

8. Great Northern train ran off the Lincolnshire line near Woodhouse Junction. C. Tuckwood, the guard, and Samuel Wright, the driver killed.

8. Town Council—bridges—church burgess trust—drunkenness—water company—direct taxation.

13. Fire at Messrs. Firth and Sons, Saville street.

14. Rate-payers of Rotherham devolve the watching and lighting of the town upon the Local Board of Health.

14. Death of the Duke of Wellington—born 1769.

14. Twenty-one stacks burned at Mr. John Hawke's, of Darnall.

15. Precautions taken by the Ecclesall Union against cholera.

16. Decease at Richmond of Mr. W. Townend Smilter, aged 53.

27. A second day mail to London.

28. Decease of P. P. Firth, Esq., Rosehill, Rotherham, aged 52.

30. Charitable Sick Society present to James Dixon, Esq., a bible and stand, "as president of the financial committee of the society for 25 years."

30. Great floods in the north of Edinburgh.

30. West-Riding revision at Sheffield—Liberal gain 88. New claims by allottees at Shirebrook, 55. Statement that 1200 freehold allotments had been purchased in the neighbourhood.

30. Decease of the Rev. W. Alderson, rector of Aston, aged 79. In the commission of the peace since 1817.

#### OCTOBER.

1. Gas Consumers' Company commence laying their mains. Commotion on the 5th from the filling up of the trenches by the old company. Magistrates, through the Mayor, attempt in vain to mediate.

1. Meeting to promote erection of carriage bridge at Neepsend, and foot bridge at Ball street.

1. Decease of Mr. W. H. Garnett, late of Blake, Garnett and Co., aged 70.

2. United Gas Company announce a reduction on 31st March, 1853, to 3s. per 1000.

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4. Enrolment of volunteers in the militia.

4. Decease of Mr. W. Ibbotson, aged 62, late of Globe Works.

5. Sheffield vestry meeting adjourned from 20th Sept., to consider extensive scheme of drainage—opinion of Counsel against its legality—resolved to empower the Highway Board to take such steps as they deem necessary for efficient drainage.

6. Meeting of Gas Consumers' Company—notion of amalgamation repudiated.

9. Reported agreement to amalgamate the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire with the London and North Western, or Great Northern.

13. United Gas Company's Meeting—dividend 22s. per share—policy of the directors supported.

13. Town Council—Water Company and fire plugs—bridges and streets—lodging houses—bridge rate made, and contract adopted—local debtors prison—drunkenness.

13. Sheffield Guardians—dissensions at meetings—swill cart question—board room carpet, &c.

14. Order of the poor-law board as to relief opposed by guardians of Sheffield, Rotherham, and many northeru unions.

15. Decease at Hassop Hall of the Earl of Newburgh, born 1794, succeeded his brother in 1833.

16. Decease of Mr. W. Marshall, (Parkin & Marshall,) aged 45.

16. Accounts of borough treasurer—receipts from rates, &c., £4480; constables fees, &c., £2320; cost of police, £6215; elections, £212; salaries, £300; miscellaneous, £329; watchmen, 65; constables, 39; superior officers, 17, and superintendant, 1.

16. Men employed in laying pipes of Gas Consumers' Company convicted by magistrates for injury to the highway. Appeal against convictions.

17. Decease of James Dixon, Esq., Page Hall, aged 76.

18. Decease of Mr. T. Laycock, Stand House, aged 57.

19. Decease of H. Wheat, Esq., Norwood Hall, aged 64.

19. Meeting of the School of Design—the Duke of Newcastle in the chair.

19. People's College—students, 553; average attendance, 115; 4th annual meeting—principles, self-government and self support.

22. At Doncaster Sessions—true bill found against directors of Gas Consumers' Company and their contractors—and against Brightside Highway Board for breaking up Neepsend lane.

23. Agreement to amalgamate York and North Midland, York, Newcastle and Berwick, and Leeds Northern.

23. Renewed disturbances between the two gas companies.

25. Decease of Mr. W. Hounsfild, Tinsley, aged 46.

25. Meeting to support Gas Consumers' Company.

27. Town Council—conduct of the gas companies—finance.

29. Fall of Saville st. viaduct, on Sheffield and Rotherham line.

#### NOVEMBER.

1. Municipal elections—St. Peter's, R. Solly, 901; F. Hoole, 721; R. Waterhouse, 387. Ecclesall, Harvey, 737; Booth, 634; Sissons, 141. Brightside, Sanderson, 510; R. Jackson, 387. Nether Hallam, Platts, 320; Parkin, 140. Park, R. Elliott and W. Howarth. St. Philip's, W. Groves, G. H. Robson. Upper Hallam, T. Gatley. Attercliffe, C. Atkinson. St. George's, W. Crowther, W. Ibbitt.

2. Meeting to decide the Council to choose Mr. Alderman Schofield as Mayor.



2. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 43s. 4d.
2. Great free-trade banquet at Manchester.
3. Midland Company agree to terms of amalgamation with the London and North Western.
4. Opening of the new parliament.
5. Fall of embankment on Sheffield and Manchester line, near the engine house—three men killed.
7. Fall of Moorfields church, through the giving way of the foundation of the tower.
8. Father Gavazzi commences a course of lectures on the papacy.
8. Holmfirth subscriptions—surplus subscriptions 8s. in the pound, amounting to £948. 18s. 10d. returned—resolved that such sums as should not be claimed by the subscribers by the 1st Dec., should be divided between the Infirmary, Dispensary, Ragged School, and Temperance Hall.
9. Town Council—election of Mayor—Alderman Matthews, 35 votes; Ald. Schofield, 17. Lodging houses—election of committees—choice of presiding aldermen—poor-law board—highways.
13. Sheffield Union—in-paupers, 356, against 338 last year. Out relief, £230; against £270 last year. Men on farm, 17; against 15 last year. Ecclesall Union—in-poor, 192; against 167 last year. Outpayments, £47; against £46 last year.
13. Scheme proposed by the relator in the Chancery suit for a change in the church burgess trust.
15. Vestry meeting approves of erection of foot bridge in Ball street, and requests the highway board to contribute to it.
15. Brightside ward meeting abusing members for not voting for Ald. Schofield, who writes that his "mind is quite made up to retire," having been "deceived and betrayed by imitation democrats."
16. Decease of Mr. George Oates, aged 63, author of works on "Exchange and Interest"
18. Funeral, at St. Paul's Cathedral, of the Duke of Wellington.
19. Robbery at Brinsworth bar, and deadly assault on Samuel Hansley, the keeper.
22. Decease, at Worksop, of Mr. R. Wm. Gainsford, aged 79.
22. Meeting in Ecclesall ward to censure the members of the Council, who voted against electing Ald. Schofield as Mayor.
23. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 46s. 2d.
25. Decease of Mr. W. Barton, late of the Wicker, aged 58.
26. Free-trade affirmed in the House of Commons by 468 to 53.
26. Rowley v. Rowley—judgment of divorce in the Ecclesiastical Court at York.
28. The Rev. S. Dunn becomes minister of Garden st. Chapel.
29. Decease of Mr. T. Parkin, of the firm of Birks & Parkin.

## DECEMBER.

1. Toll ceased at Broomspring field bar.
4. Decease of the Rev. W. Burrows, aged 52, Methodist New Connexion Minister of Sheffield South Circuit.
6. Forcible resistance by the United Gas Company to the Gas Consumers' Company continued for several days. Various proceedings before the magistrates.
6. Water Works Company agreed to plan for extension of works requiring a share capital of £150,000 to be raised in £50 shares.
7. Deceased, at Scarborough, of Mr. John K. Tillotson, aged 49.
8. Town Council. Erroneous returns of committee of elections. Presiding Aldermen. Smoke-preventive bye-laws disallowed. Scotland gaol. Scheme for Church Burgess Trust adopted.

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Highway Boards and Gas Companies. Amalgamation of railways, Sunday trains. Reform of Parliament.

8. Lord J. Russell at the soiree of the Leeds Mechanics' Institution.

10. Magistrates refuse to renew the theatrical license to the Adelphi Concert Hall, or to grant one to the Surrey Music Hall.

11. Ch. Burgess Trust. Other schemes for this trust on behalf of the district churches, &c., laid before the Master in Chancery.

11. The Rev. C. Wilkinson appointed incumbent of Attercliffe, *vice* Rev. Canon Blackburn resigned. The Rev. Canon Trevor had warned the Archbishop against licensing any other than one of the chaplains of the parish church to the office.

12. Decease, aged 73, of the Rev. Joseph Gilbert, of Nottingham, formerly of Nether chapel.

13. Magistrates urge the rival gas companies to suspend operations, and submit their case to arbitration. Gas Consumers' Company refuse—United Gas Company assent.

13. International Postage Association formed.

14. The Earl of Carlisle lectures on the Poetry of Gray before the Sheffield Mechanics' Institute.

15. Meeting approved and resolved to support the establishment of a West Riding Penitentiary, with local houses of refuge.

15. Upper Hallam proposed carriage road from the Highland Laddie to Nether green.

16. Mr. Disraeli's budget lost by 305 to 286. Ministers resign.

17. Case against servant of the United Gas Co. for breaking pipes of the Consumers' Co. brought before the magistrates. Mr. W. Wake for the United Gas Co. avowed that the act had been committed by his advice, in the assertion of a legal right. The magistrates decided that the case was not within their jurisdiction.

22. Fire-damp explosion at Elsecar Colliery, 9 killed & 11 injured.

22. Mr. W. W. Tinsley elected house surgeon of the Infirmary, *vice* Mr. Law, resigned.

22. Application to Vice-Chancellor Turner for an injunction to restrain the Gas Consumers' Company from breaking up the streets along the frontages of private property without consent of the owners. Hearing postponed.

24. Prospectus to form a public company of 1200 £5 shares to erect a public room to hold 3000 persons.

25 and 27. Violent hurricanes, like those of Jan. 6th, 1839.

27. Lord Aberdeen announces the formation of his government.

31. Fall of rain in 1852 compared with average fall from 1836 to 1851, and the wettest and driest years in that period:—

	Wettest.	Driest.	Average.	
	1839.	1844.	1836—1851.	1852.
January .....	2.675	2.305	3.394	5.230
February .....	2.400	1.580	2.775	5.630
March .....	3.240	3.725	2.923	1.110
April .....	1.539	.640	2.854	.270
May .....	.830	.595	2.819	1.885
June .....	5.225	2.415	3.519	5.235
July .....	9.085	3.535	4.390	2.275
August .....	5.705	3.820	3.641	2.400
September ....	6.115	4.635	3.332	5.245
October .....	3.420	3.480	4.236	3.725
November ....	6.200	3.185	3.871	8.045
December .....	2.830	.230	3.191	4.850
	49.255	30.145	40.980	45.900

The wettest month in 17 years, July, 1839,—next, Nov., 1852

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OF THE

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JANUARY.

1. Decease of Wm. Parker, Esq., Nelson place, aged 77.
1. Savings' Bank accounts to 20th Nov. Received of depositors, £77,007; paid out to depositors, £64,065. Total balances, £257,357. Depositors, 11,257 individuals and 70 societies.
1. Wages paid in anticipation of Christmas estimated at 70 per cent. more than in any previous year.
4. Father Gavazzi commences his farewell lectures on the Popish system, the Jesuits, the Inquisition, &c.
5. Average price of corn at Sheffield, 48s. 11½d.
5. Meeting at the Council Hall to promote the erection of a large public hall by shares. Several thousand pounds subscribed, but the scheme fell through.
5. Improvement Commissioners—Mr. Ironside moved a resolution in favour of the new, and censuring the old gas company, alleging that the commissioners were paying 10s. per lamp more than was reasonable.
6. Sudden death of T. Sands Branson, Esq., solicitor, aged 30.
6. Inquest on ten colliers who perished at the explosion of Elsecar colliery, on the 22nd Dec.—Verdict—"Accidental death."
8. Execution, at York, of Alfred Waddington, for the murder of his illegitimate child. Barbour respited to make enquiry into a pretended confession.
12. Town Council meeting: new gas company—Neepsend bridge—drunkenness—extension of watching district—Water company in parliament—magistrates' clerk's salary—bye-laws for smoke consumption, afterwards disallowed by Home Secretary.
13. Average quantity of water passing down the River Dun, at Sheffield, ascertained to be 1,041,160 gallons per minute.
13. The Attorney-General v. the Gas Consumers' Company—motion for an injunction before the Lords Justices of Appeal, ordered to stand over, and the cause to be heard with the motion.
14. Fall of portion of the new Mechanics' Hall, at Rotherham.
15. Execution of James Barbour, at York, for the murder of Alexander Robison, after confessing his guilt.
17. Soirée of the congregation of the Upper Chapel, Norfolk street, to welcome the new minister, the Rev. T. Hincks, B.A.
17. Rodgers v. Nowell: Vice-Chancellor Stuart refuses to commit one of defendants for breach of injunction of Dec., 1847.
19. Rev. R. S. Bayley lectures on Milton, Bunyan, De Foe, and Goldsmith.
19. Decease of Mr. B. Withers, aged 71.
20. Rate of discount raised from 2½ to 3 per cent.
21. Explosion at the New Cottam Pit, near Eckington; 7 killed.
22. Sheffield Union: inmates, 381, against 375 last year. Out-relief, £224, to 2861 persons, against £262, to 3254 persons, last

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year.—Ecclesall Union: inmates, 186, against 174 last year. Out-relief, £53, against £51 last year. Average cost of in-paupers, in Sheffield Union, £4. 14s. 2½d. per head yearly; average of the district being £5. 8s. 1½d. Average cost of the out-poor, £4. 3s. 11½d.; that of the district being £3. 2s. 7½d.

22. Meeting of Magistrates to consider the proposal of the Town Council to pay the Magistrates' Clerk by salary: Resolved unanimously, "that sufficient reasons do not exist to induce the magistrates to certify their approval of the recommendation of the Town Council."

26. Soirée to the Rev. R. S. Bayley, by the students of the People's College.

28. Sheffield Banking Company divide 12 per cent., and add to the surplus fund.

28. Decease of the Rev. Thomas Smith, A.M., minister of Nether Chapel from 1817 to 1852, aged 67.

29. Addresses to the women of the United States extensively signed, remonstrating against slavery.

29. Marriage of Louis Napoleon to Mdlle. Montijo.

### FEBRUARY.

1. Advance in the price of coal.

1. Hearing of the cause of the Attorney-General v. the Gas Consumers' Company before the Lords Justices of Appeal. No judgment, the Lords Justices not being agreed.

2. Improvement Commissioners' meeting: Mr. Ironside proposes a censure on those commissioners who had protested against the resolution of the last meeting in favour of the New Gas Company. The subject deferred to the next meeting, with an order that notice of it should be given.

2. Wilson Overend, Esq. receives a commission as one of the deputy-lieutenants of the West-Riding.

6. Unsuccessful insurrection at Milan.

8. Extension for six years of Heath's patent for the manufacture of steel.

9. Town Council—crowded streets—Neepsend bridge—Water Company—magistrates' clerk's salary—international penny postage—county rates—duty on apprenticeship indentures—long speeches and long sittings.

11. Attorney-General v. New Gas Company—re-hearing before the Lord Chancellor and the Lords' Justices—judgment on the 16th for defendants.

13. Decease of Mr. H. Atkin, Eyre street, aged 48.

14. Decease of Rev. Mark Docker, aged 74, chaplain of the Sheffield Cemetery, and formerly minister of Garden st. Chapel.

17. Decease of Mr. Wm. Fenton, Clark street, aged 24.

18. United Gas Company convicted by the magistrates for the insufficient repair of Westbar, after opening it.

21. Meeting at the Town-Hall to promote a subscription to pay the legal expenses of the New Gas Company.

22. Rodgers v. Nowill—Judgment of Vice-Chancellor Stuart, on 17th Jan. reversed by Lords' Justices of Appeal, who ordered that defendant should be committed, unless he made a satisfactory arrangement, and paid costs. On the first of March, defendant undertook to mark all his cutlery William Rodgers.

22. Decease at Hanstead, Herts., of Isaac Solly, Esq., aged 83, senior trustee of Hollis's Hospital.

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26. Lord Aberdeen expresses his concurrence in the views of a deputation of the Peace Society.

26. Petition of the Town Council to be admitted to present a scheme for the administration of Church Burgesses' Trust dismissed with costs.

27. Doncaster Church totally destroyed by fire.

28. Prince Menschikoff arrived at Constantinople to make demands which issued in war between Russia and Turkey.

## MARCH.

2. Improvement Commissioners meeting—Mr. Ironside's motion of January, in favour of the New Gas Company, rescinded by a numerous meeting.

4. Decease of Mr. T. Jackson, Pinstone street, aged 58.

9. Town Council—water company's bill—watch rate—church burgesses trust—drunkenness—marriage law, &c.

9. First stone of the borough bridge laid by Mr. Ald. Carr.

11. Decease at Bognor, aged 56, of Sir Geo. Sitwell, Bart., of Renishaw Hall.

11. Mr. Ald. Carr elected a Town Trustee, vice Mr. B. Withers, deceased.

14. Water Company's bill passed the committee of the Commons.

15. Directors of the Gas Consumers' Company, and members of the Brightside highway board found guilty, at York assizes, of obstructing Neepsend lane.

17. Decease of Mr. G. W. Freeman, official assignee of the Sheffield Court of Bankruptcy.

25. Decease, at Tapton, aged 95, of Mary, widow of the late Wm. Shore, Esq.

28. Contest for the election of highway surveyors for Sheffield.—Messrs. I. Ironside, J. Wilson, G. L. Saunders, S. Staniforth, C. Alcock, J. Nadin, W. Downing, W. Appleyard, G. Holden, S. Bacon, J. Pearson, T. Peel, J. Wood, C. Dewsnap, G. S. Brittain, and M. Beal elected. Highway accounts—receipts—rates, £5828; materials, &c., £555; balance, £1273. Expenditure, £6105; balance, £1552. Accounts not laid before the magistrates on the ground that the vestry passed them.

29. Average price of wheat at Sheffield, 48s. 8½d.

30. Pipes of the Gas Consumers' Company broken when being laid in front of the property of Messrs. W. and B. Wake, in Castle st., to dispute the right to lay them.

30. First election of four annuitants of the Deakin charity.

## APRIL.

1. United Gas Company reduce the price to 3s. per 1000.

3. Decease of Mr. James Roberts, (Roberts and Mettam,) Barker pool, aged 52.

5. Dr. Jacob, principal of the Collegiate School, elected head master of Christ's Hospital.

5. Indictment against the Sheffield and Brightside highway board, and officers of the Gas Consumers' Company ignored at Pontefract sessions.

6. Meeting of Gas Consumers' Company—dissensions as to the dismissal of the engineer, and a committee of enquiry proposed.

7. John Brewin, Esq. appointed official assignee of the Court of Bankruptcy, vice Mr. Freeman deceased.

13. Adjourned meeting of Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Company—motion for committee of investigation negatived.

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13. Town Council—Water Company—Lady's bridge—standing orders to limit motions on general questions—watch rate—India.—Sabbath observance—conviction of John Green—Church Burgess trust.

14. Decease of Mr. Benjamin Rawlins, late registrar of the west district, aged 69.

16. Election of guardians.—Sheffield Union—Those marked \* were elected.—*Attercliffe-cum-Darnall*: \*J. Hewitt, 107; G. Hill, 87; C. Atkinson, 77. *Brightside Bierlow*: \*T. Turner, 554; \*W. Jarvis, 551; W. I. Horn, 267; J. Wall, 232; J. S. Nanson, 220; M. Hunter, 47. *Handsworth*: \*J. Rhodes. *Sheffield*: \*T. Birks, 5023; \*Wm. Harvey, 3970; \*T. E. Mycock, 3943; \*E. Vickers, 3678; \*A. Booth, 3555; \*J. Crossland, 2965; \*T. Peel, 2562; \*W. Butcher, 2455; H. Crawshaw, 2453; W. Crowther, 2424; Rev. T. Sale, 2250; J. Woodcock, 2247; H. Atkin, 1976; G. L. Saunders, 1919; G. Holden, 1881; W. J. Beet, 1829; S. Mitchell, 1718; E. Bussey, 1633; T. Flint, 1610; F. Kay, 1606; T. B. Turton, 1230; C. Milner, 993; S. S. Brittain, 805; H. E. Hoole, 767; J. Swift, 710; W. V. Radley, 521; J. Booth, 426; W. Stacey, 304; T. Beet, 277; E. Unwin, 261. *Ecclesall Union*.—*Beauchieff*: \*G. Sampson. *Dore*: \*Rev. J. T. F. Aldred. *Ecclesall Bierlow*: \*T. R. Barker, 1839; \*J. Sharman, 1475; \*G. Buxton, 1392; \*G. Bramall, 1369; R. Solly, 1357; S. Mitchell, 1011; J. Weston, 850; S. Roberts, 815; T. Jessop, 570; S. Sampson, 543; B. J. Eyre, 309. *Nether Hallam*: \*G. Ronksley, 726; \*F. Godwin, 519; I. Bower, 514; W. Stead, 281; W. R. Harrison, 211 (retired during the contest.) *Norton*: \*G. Rogers, \*A. Linley. *Totley*: \*G. Mountford. *Upper Hallam*: \*W. R. Harrison.

17. Decease of Mr. J. Johnson, bookseller, Fargate, aged 77.

18. Sudden death of Mr. John Broadbent, aged 73, formerly of the Bull and Mouth, Waingate.

27. Mr. Jon. Barber elected one of the surgeons of the Infirmary, vice Wilson Overend, Esq., resigned.

29. Local shares—Midland, 75½; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 30; Sheffield Banking Company, 136; Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank, 37; Sheffield and Rotherham, 10½; Sheffield Union, 22½; United Gas, 26; Gas Consumers', (£3) 2 dis.; Water Works, 152.

## MAY.

1. Decease of Hannah Chambers, formerly of Bailey street, in her 102nd year.

4. Mr. Hadfield's bill to make one probate of a will sufficient read a second time. Afterwards withdrawn on the assurance that government would deal with the subject.

9. Fall of snow for about 15 hours, unequalled since May, 1817. In July, the Bradfield Game Association resolved to defer the opening of the moors from 12th August till the 21st September, in consequence of many broods of young birds having been destroyed in the snow storm of 9th May.

11. Town Trust accounts—rents, £653; dividends, £1360; loan repaid and land sold, £1043; total receipts, £3070. Additions to estate, £250; carried to improvement account, £1513; other outlays, £1310. The mortgage debt of the trust, £8000, towards repayment of which £2000 has been invested.

12. Decease of Mr. John C. Earl, merchant, The Edge, aged 55.

12. Decease at Brixton, Surrey, of Mr. Wm. Turton, (T. Turton and Sons,) Sheaf Works.

14. Meeting to promote erection of new bridges across the Sheaf and Porter.

— Town Council—Scotland st. Gaol—borough bridge—Neepsend bridge—costs of Chancery proceedings as to Church Burgess trust—bankruptcy court—scheme for Church Burgess trust—registration of deeds.

15. Decease of Mr. G. O. Brown, Masbro', aged 44.

16. Messrs. Jos. Rodgers and Sons advance wages by renewing 1d. in the 1s. as file money. Advance of wages in building trades.

23. Meeting at Rotherham to petition in favour of the Sunday closing of public houses.

23. Sheffield Union in-paupers, 359, against 388 last year; out-relief to 2884 persons £231, against 3101 and £247 last year. Ecclesall Union in-paupers 163, against 177; to out-poor, £54, against £47.

24. Decease of Mr. B. Martin, late of Sheffield, merchant, aged 71.

25. First muster at Doncaster of Third West York Militia.

26. Decease of Mr. W. Worrall, (Worrall, Hallam, and Co., needle manufacturers,) aged 40.

28. The Rev. W. S. Grignon appointed principal of the Sheffield Collegiate School, *vice* the Rev. Dr. Jacob, resigned.

29. Suicide of Mr. Chas. Atkin, (Broadhead & Atkin,) aged 44.

31. Formidable gas explosion in Spital hill, causing considerable damage to property, arising from a fractured pipe of the Gas Consumers' Company.

#### JUNE.

1. South mail leaves at 9.40 instead of 8.55 p.m.

1. Rise in prices of agricultural produce since 1852, Dorset butter, 80s. to 100s. per cwt.; Cork butter, 56s. to 92s.; bacon, 52s. to 66s.; inferior beasts, 34 per cent.; prime beasts, 27 per cent.; average rise in wheat, 9 per cent.; on the best, 22 per cent.

1. Mr. Samuel Brewin appointed Poor-Law auditor, *vice* Mr. John Brewin, appointed official assignee in bankruptcy.

1. Census return of proportion of scholars to population—day scholars in 1818, 1 in 17.25; 1833, 1 in 11.27; 1851, 1 in 8.36. Sunday do. — 1 in 24.40; — 1 in 9.28; — 1 in 7.45. The proportion in Sheffield, where the returns were very imperfect, was 1 in 9.06.

2. Rate of discount raised from 3 to 3½ per cent. Agitation among labourers of various kinds for advance of wages.

4. Court of Queen's Bench confirms the conviction at York of members of the Gas Consumers' Co. and the Brightside highway board, for illegally breaking up the streets.

8. Committee of investigation into the affairs of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Co. appointed.

8. Town Council—Neepsend bridge—borough bridge—purchase of property—gaming—government education bill—Turkey—the spy system.

8. Subscription of £1200 raised in Sheffield and Rotherham in aid of the Commercial Travellers' Schools. First stone laid at Pinner, near London, 20th July.

9. Tea and coffee services presented to Messrs. B. Staniforth and W. Reaney, by the Park Burgesses' Association, in acknowledgment of their public services.

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14. Petitions against the Registration of Assurances Bill.

16. Monument erected by subscription in the chancel of the Parish Church to the memory of the Rev. Dr. Sutton, late Vicar.

17. Price of local shares—Midland, 72 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 30; Sheffield Banking Co., 137; Sheffield and Rotherham Bank, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank, 38; Union Bank, 23; United Gas, 27; Gas Consumers', 3—2 dis.; Water Works, 151.

18. Review of Third West York Militia at Doncaster. Men released from duty on 21st.

21. Gas Consumers' Co. announce that they are ready to light the town.

24. Duke of Norfolk agrees to give up his action against Gas Consumers' Co. for laying mains without authority through or in front of his property, on their undertaking not to do it again without the authority of parliament.

25. Scheme considered by Town Trustees for relieving streets of excess of traffic, by a new street from Lady's Bridge to bottom of Angel street, and thence to the corner of York st. and High st.

26. Decease at Manchester of Mr. John Taylor, formerly managing director of the Sheffield Mechanics' Institution.

27. Mr. Charles Esam appointed secretary to the Sheffield Fire Office, *vice* Mr. E. Jeffcock, resigned.

— Proposal to erect on the site of the Crookes moor workhouse a vestry room and offices out of the poor rates. Approved by a vestry meeting, but not carried out.

— Royal assent to the Water Co.'s bill, enabling them to afford a greatly increased supply.

28. Sudden death of Mr. J. Blurton, printer, aged 46.

— Complete removal of the Ecclesall market.

#### JULY.

1. Nether Hallam indicted at Rotherham Sessions for non-repair of Brookhill road.

4. Gas Consumers' Co. *v.* W. R. Harrison—Chancery suit to compel a shareholder to execute the deed of the company, dismissed with costs, on the ground that the deed did not correspond with the prospectus.

4. Norfolk Park—announcement that it is open to visitors during November, December, January, and February, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; in March, April, September, and October, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and rest of the year from 6 a.m. till 9 p.m.

7. Parker testimonial—resolved to apply the fund to the establishment for ten years of a biennial scholarship in the School of Design of ten guineas, and the residue in the purchase of a piece of plate, to be presented to Mr. John Parker.

7. Ecclesall Union—decrease of poor rates as compared with 1842-3:—Ecclesall, 1842-3, £7056; 1852-3, £4154; Nether Hallam, £3300—£1633; Upper Hallam, £1044—£519; Norton, £1028—£694; Dore, £223—£125; Totley, £146—£70; Beauchieff, £108—£17.

11. Indictments at York against Ecclesall and Nether Hallam for non-repair of Fullwood road. Special case to be submitted to the Court of Queen's Bench; meantime the road to be repaired by Nether Hallam, with a conditional indemnity from Ecclesall.

13. Town Council—wages of police force raised—bridges and streets—purchase of property—borough rate—town trustees and



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Lady's bridge—hackney coaches—Crystal Palace and Sunday—the Old Barracks—training prevention act.

15. Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank divided  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent—surplus fund near £2600.

17. Decease of Mr. W. Lucas, late of the Mills, aged 54.

18. The Mayor refutes the allegations of Lord Ashburton that Sheffield is losing ground in edge tools and cutlery.

18. Advance of wages of the file grinders.

18. Mr. Wm. Pole Thornhill elected for North Derbyshire, *vice* Mr. Wm. Evans resigned. One day's polling: Thornhill, 1657; T. W. Evans, 1171.

21. Union Banking Co.—dividend 8 per cent.

21. Mr. John White resigns the office of superintendent of the markets, having held it for 27 years—succeeded by Mr. Jos. Oates, Jun.

22. York Assizes—several actions of ejectment at York against Gas Consumers' Co. for laying pipes under the pavement in front of various properties. Verdicts for the plaintiffs in two cases—in one, plaintiffs non-suited—in another, record withdrawn.

22. Foundation stone of a monument to the late Mr. Ald. Wiley laid at the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, Grimesthorpe.

23. Considerable number of dogs destroyed with prussic acid, being found at large, contrary to the order of the Mayor.

23. Accounts of Improvement Commissioners—rates, £5171; making, with other receipts, £5520. Cost—streets cleansing, £1427; lighting, £3677; salaries, £276; miscellaneous, £67.

23. Attorney-General's scheme for Church Burgess Trust published.

26. Shares in Gas Consumers' Company, £4 paid, sold by auction at 10s. per share.

26. File trade make a return from their funds to their members of 20s. per man and 6s. per boy, (as was done in 1852,) reserving a large fund in hand.

27. Silver tea and coffee service presented to Mr. John Eadon, by a number of his former pupils.

28. Weather wet and cold. Average price of wheat 51s. 10d.

30. Blackburn Valley line completed from the Sheffield and Rotherham to Thorncliffe.

—. Advance of 5d. per ton on coal and 1s. 6d. on coke.

—. Cricket—Sheffield *v.* Leeds, Bradford, and York. Leeds, &c., 1st innings, 63; 2nd innings, 93. Sheffield, 1st innings, 93; 2nd innings, 65, with five wickets to fall.

## AUGUST.

1. Messrs. S. Bacon, R. Elliott, M. Beal, S. Dewsnap, W. Smith, and M. Smith, elected Improvement Commissioners, *vice* Messrs. H. Atkin, T. Laycock, R. Staniforth, J. Broadbent, (deceased,) T. R. Barker and J. Bertram (seats vacated.)

2. The Rev. Jas. Rennie, M.A., ordained minister of Lee croft chapel.

3. W. A. Matthews, Esq., Mayor, chosen Master Cutler for the ensuing year; Mr. T. Moulson, Senior Warden; and Mr. Samuel Jackson, Junior Warden.

4. Cricket match at Rotherham, between the United 11 of England and 22 of Rotherham and district. England, 1st innings, 32; 2nd innings, 43. Rotherham, 1st innings, 64; 2nd innings, 13, with 12 wickets to fall.

4. Repeal of Advertisement and Newspaper Supplement duties.
4. The Rev. T. Sale, Vicar, appointed surrogate
6. Decease of Mr. Wm. Wakefield, Gell street, aged 70.
10. Decease at Shirecliffe Hall, of John Watson, Esq., aged 79.
- Town Council—Church Burgess Trust—bridge committee—purchase of property, &c. White gloves presented to Town Clerk, there being no notice on the paper.
11. Review of steam fleet at Spithead.
17. Mr. Wm. Savil elected house surgeon of the Rotherham Dispensary.
17. Middleton Hall, the seat of Lord Denman, robbed in a mysterious manner of a quantity of plate. It had been stolen by a travelling mason, who was taken with his booty at York.
18. Cricket: Manchester v. Sheffield. Sheffield, 1st innings, 76; 2nd innings, 40. Manchester, one innings, 167.
24. Indictment against Major Beresford and others for conspiracy to bribe the electors of Derby removed to the Court of Queen's Bench.
- Union clerk of Sheffield Union makes his report on the farm experiment, which was referred to the farm committee. Nothing further done in it during the year.
26. Brewster Sessions. 75 applications for new licenses, 25 granted, viz., Sheffield, 40, granted 9; Ecclesall, 11, granted 6; Brightside, 12, granted 4; Attercliffe, 4, granted 2; Nether Hallam, 8, granted 4; Upper Hallam, 1, granted 0.
- Heath v. Smith action for infringement of patent by the use of carburet of manganese in the manufacture of steel, at Liverpool Assizes. Verdict for the defendant. Rule nisi for new trial afterwards on ground of misdirection.
- Decease of Jas. Sanderson, Esq., Endcliffe Grange, aged 70.
30. Brightside Highway board declines further intercourse with the Sheffield board while Mr. Ironside remains its chairman.
31. Accident on the Great Northern to the train by which the Right Hon. Thos. Challis, Lord Mayor of London, and J. A. Roebuck, Esq., M.P., were coming to the Cutlers' Feast. The Lord Mayor was obliged to return to London.
- Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway—half-yearly meeting—large majority resolve to discontinue conveying the shareholders to the meetings at the expense of the company.
- Cholera appears at Newcastle, Gateshead, &c., and subsequently in London, Liverpool, &c. Sheffield remains healthy.
- Adelphi Theatre offered for sale by auction, but not sold.

## SEPTEMBER.

1. Grand Duchess Maria of Russia visits Chatsworth.
1. Cutlers' Feast—Master Cutler (W. A. Matthews, Esq., the Mayor.) Principal guests—Lord Wharnccliffe; the Lord Mayor of York; Lord E. Heward, M.P.; J. A. Roebuck, Esq., M.P.; E. B. Denison, Esq., M.P.; G. Hadfield, Esq., M.P.; S. M. Peto, Esq., M.P.; the Hon. F. Wortley; the Mayors of Leeds, Doncaster, and Wakefield, &c. On the 3rd, the workmen of Spring and Sheaf Works, to the number of about 800 were entertained.
2. Rate of discount raised to 4 per cent. Harvest late, reports unfavourable. Rapid fall in funds and shares commenced.
5. Burgess list for 1853-4 contains 16,836 names.
5. Meeting at the Town Hall passes resolutions condemnatory of the conduct of the Sheffield Highway Board as to the collectors.

salaries, the payment of deputations to London, and the Chairman's insulting letter to the Brightside board.

7. The Mayor and Master Cutler (W. A. Matthews, Esq.) entertains the members of the Corporation at the Cutlers' Hall.

7. Contract by the Improvement Commissioners with the United Gas Company to light the street lamps for three years, at 40s.

14. Town Council—Board of Ordnance decline to give the old barracks to the Council—Mr. Ironside's correspondence with the bridge committee on surplus land—proposal to erect a Council Hall—Church Burgess trust—dry grinding, &c.

17. Sheffield Union—in-poor, 328, against 337 last year; out poor, 2748, received £231, against 2919, who received £235 last year. Ecclesall in-poor, 155, against 172 last year; out payments, £50, against £50 last year.

28. Fall in stocks and shares continued till it amounted to a panic. Consols fell to  $90\frac{3}{4}$ ; Midlands, 58; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 19; Sheffield Banking, 139; Sheffield and Rotherham, 11; Sheffield and Hallamshire, 40; Sheffield Union,  $24\frac{1}{2}$ ; United Gas, 28; Gas Consumers', 3-2 dis.; Waterworks, 150. Average price of wheat, 56s. 9d.

28. Nether Hallam Ward—Mr. P. Ashberry elected by a majority of 200 to 108 against Mr. S. Bacon, to supply the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. T. Platts.

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3. Meeting of the Nether Hallam ratepayers to consider the means of trying the right to the toll bar on the Wadsley and Langsett road. Question tried at Doncaster Sessions and decided against the ratepayers.

3. Public meeting declares in favour of Free Library and Museum's Act, and requests Mr. Solly to renew his motion in the Town Council for its adoption.

5. Half-yearly meeting of Gas Consumers' Company, and special meeting to consider proposal for a committee of enquiry. An angry recriminatory meeting, which finally resolved to submit the report and accounts to Ald. Carr, and request him to report upon them.—No report made by Ald. Carr up to the end of the year.

8. Church rate contest at Rotherham—rate negatived by 1013 to 513. The sums required afterwards raised by voluntary subscription.

8. During the week several robberies effected or attempted in jewellers shops.

9. Decease of Mr. Joshua T. Gunn, wine merchant, aged 79.

10 and following days, Courts of Arbitration were held on the claims of the owners of several lots of property required by the Corporation for the new streets. In all the cases the costs of enquiry fell upon the Corporation.

12. Town Council—dry grinding—bridges and streets—council hall—enactment of smoke consuming bye-laws, (which were allowed by Secretary of State)—free library and museum.

—. Poor Law Inspector addresses the guardians of the Sheffield Union on the propriety of providing a new union workhouse.

13. United Gas Company—half-yearly meeting—dividend of 20s. declared, though from April to June the price had been 3s. per 1000. Had that been the price of the whole half-year there would have been no dividend.

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16. The Rev. H. Batchelor, late of Fetter lane Chapel, London, assumes the pastorate of Nether Chapel.

17. Opening of Rotherham Mechanics' Institute celebrated by a bazaar, an oratorio, a concert, and a soiree.

24. John Parker, Esq., late M.P. for Sheffield, sworn a member of her Majesty's Right Hon. Privy Council.

25. Mr. Cobden, M.P., presides at meeting of Barnsley Mechanics' Institution.

26. Voting of burgesses on the adoption of Free Library and Museums Act: for, 837; against, 232.

— Annual meeting of Peoples' College. Dr. L. Playfair presides.

27. Ratepayers of Rotherham elect a Burial Board to provide for the closing of the churchyard.

— School of Design—annual meeting—£3300 had been subscribed to erect a new school. Overend prize of £50 to Godfrey Sykes; Mayor's prize, 10 guineas, to Charles Green; Master Cutler's prize, £5, Jas. Gamble; Montgomery prize to T. Gregory.

31. Town Council—dry grinding—council hall—new streets and Neepsend bridge—sanitary measures.

— Theatre opened by Messrs. Coleman and Johnson.

#### NOVEMBER.

1. Municipal elections—St. Peter's, W. Fisher, jun., and T. Oates re-elected. Park, Sydney Jessop re-elected, and John Crossland, *vice* R. Tummon. Brightside, C. Alcock re-elected Upper Hallam, W. Booth, *vice* James Taylor. Attercliffe, G. Hill re-elected. Ecclesall, H. Vickers, 1170; M. Beal, 1158 (elected); I. Ironside, 608; J. Wood, 598. St. George's Ward, W. Moulson, 833; W. Lawton, 831 (re-elected); W. Skinner, 465; J. Webster, 444. St. Philip's, G. A. Wood, 466 (re-elected); Geo. Trickett, 382, *vice* G. Shallcross, 122. Nether Hallam, J. Crowley, 476 (elected); C. G. Carlisle, 331.

3. Vocal Union, (formerly the Apollo Catch and Glee Society,) gives its first concert.

9. Town Council—Mr. F. Hoole elected Mayor by 32 votes to Mr. W. Fisher, jun., 15. Messrs. T. R. Barker, J. Carr, T. Birks, C. Peace, T. Dunn, I. Schofield, and W. Jeffcock having completed their term as aldermen, retired. The election fell on W. Fisher, 35; T. Dunn, 33; F. Hoole, 30; J. Carr, 29; H. Hinde, 24; R. Solly, 23; T. R. Barker, 18. Election of committees—complaint of the voting on Free Library and Museum, and a committee appointed.

12. Gas Consumers' Co. give notice of application to parliament.

16. Mechanics' library soiree to celebrate its usefulness for 30 years. The Mayor in the chair. Present: Earl Fitzwilliam, the Rev. T. Sale, Wilson Ovcrend, Esq., E. Smith, Esq., Messrs. Ald. Dunn, Pye-Smith, &c.

16. Sheffield Guardians resolved, "That Mr. Watkinson, the clerk of this union, having carelessly lost, or disengenuously kept back, a letter from the Chesterfield union, requesting this union to relieve one of their aged paupers, thus involving grievous wrong by delay—and also by addressing language calculated to give great pain and distress; and having set this board at defiance, when an unanimous resolution was passed censuring such conduct: resolved, that the chairman be requested to write a letter to the Poor Law Commissioners, to enquire whether this conduct on the part of the clerk has their sanction."

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17. St. Peter's ward—election of four Councillors, *vice* Ald. Fisher, Hoole, Solly, and Hinde. W. L. Humfrey, 1168; I. Schofield, 938; N. Moore, 879; C. E. Broadbent, 856; W. Smith, jun., 420; M. E. Hadfield, 412; J. Shortridge, 404.

17. Decease of Mr. Paul Ashley, late of Watson's walk, aged 48.

17. Special Sessions at Wakefield refuses to make a grant for widening the Lady's bridge.

22. Decease, at Hassop Hall, of Dorothy Countess of Newburgh.

24. Decease of Mr. Thos. Roebuck, Machon Bank, aged 35.

25. The directors of the Gas Consumers' Company and members of the Brightside Highway Board convicted at York of illegally opening the streets, sentenced by the Court of Queen's Bench to a nominal penalty on entering into recognizances not further to offend.

28. Decease suddenly, in Rotherham church, of Mr. Cooper, of Effingham Cottage, Masbro', aged 67.

## DECEMBER.

1. At Elsecar, Phebe Sadler, with her son and daughter and a lodger, were all suffocated during the night by the effluvia which escaped from a furnace in the Iron Works into the house.

1. Brewers advance in the price of ale on account of the rise in the value of the materials.

2. Presentation of silver horn to David Sellars, huntsman to Sheffield harriers.

5. Dinner to the Mayor by the members of the legal profession.

7. Auxiliary to the Trade Protection Society formed to pay the costs of sending fraudulent debtors to prison.

— Increased scarcity and advance in the price of coal.

— The Union Clerk of Sheffield charged with violating the orders of the guardians in the case of the non-settled poor. Chairman directed to apply to the Poor Law Board to make enquiry, and the books sealed up in the meantime.

— Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire special meeting adopts the report of the committee of investigation.

8. Meeting to promote the closing of shops and markets at 11 on Saturday nights, which commenced on the 31st Dec.

9 and 12. Mr. J. B. Gough lectures in the Music Hall on total abstinence. On the 13th at Rotherham.

9. Decease of Mr. H. G. Long, merchant, aged 64.

10. Rowley *v.* Rowley. Judicial committee of the Privy Council reverse judgment of the Consistory Court at York, and order the defendant, Mrs. Rowley, to return to her husband Mr. J. J. Rowley.

14. Town Council—Branch money order offices—representation of the borough—Library and Museum committee to carry out the act—Lady's bridge—probate and fire insurance duties—post-office arrangements—County Court prisoners.

16.—Lord Palmerston resigns the office of Home Secretary, but resumed it on the 24th.

18. Decease of Mr. Henry Longden, Broom place, aged 71.

19. Church of England Instruction Society. Proposal to erect a building for its accommodation.

19. Rotherham Baths sold to Mr. James Hodgson, miller, for £1375. Cost five years ago £3000.

19. Decease of Mr. Saml. Frost, Crookes moor, aged 63.

21. Proprietary of the Rotherham Cemetery resolve to offer it to the Burial Board for £2500.

21. Decease, aged 54, of Rev. A. A. Barker, incumbent of Baslow.

22. Decease of Mr. Simeon Dewsnap, town councillor for St. George's Ward, aged 37.

22. Singleton and Co. v. the Corporation. Court of Arbitration as to price for Norrisfield Saw-mills. It was agreed that Singleton and Co. should receive £8500, and remove their steam engine and machinery.

23. R. N. Philipps, Esq., of Broomhall, gazetted as a deputy-lieutenant of the city of London.

26. Splendid epergne and salver presented to W. A. Matthews, Esq., Mayor and Master Cutler, 1853, "by a few friends in testimony of his private worth and public spirit."

27, 28, and 29. Bazaar, for the alteration of Queen street Chapel, realised £580.

28. Soiree of the Mechanics' Institute—Inaugural address by the new principal, Mr. J. W. Slater.

29, 30, and 31. Mr. Farnell, Poor Law Inspector, engaged in enquiry as to the conduct of Mr. John Watkinson, clerk to the Sheffield Union.

29. Opening of Trinity schools, Wicker.

30. Mr. Isaac Ironside elected for St. George's ward, vice Mr. S Dewsnap, deceased

31. Price of local shares—Midland, 62½; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 22½; Sheffield Banking Company, 140; Sheffield and Rotherham Bank, 107½; Sheffield and Hallamshire, 38½; Sheffield Union, 23½; United Gas, 36½; Gas Consumers, 1½; Water Works, 147. Wheat, 70s. per qr.

31. Savings' Bank accounts to Nov. Investments of the year, £284,445; increase, £27,041. Received from depositors, £91,338; increase, £14,431. Paid to depositors, £71,599; increase, £7523. Due to depositors, £285,292; increase, £27,435. Number of depositors, 12,204; increase, 780.

31. The Rev. Jas. Breakey accepts the call of the Sheffield Presbyterian church.

31. Presentation of plate to Mr. W. Thompson by the workmen of Messrs. Blake and Parkin, Meadow works.

31. Commencement of the Ball street foot-bridge.

31. Fall of rain in 1852 and '53, compared with average fall from 1836 to 1851, and the wettest and driest years in that period:—

	Wettest.	Dryest.	Average.	1852.	1853.
	1839.	1844.	1836—1851.	1852.	1853.
January ....	2.675	.. 2.305	.. 3.394	.. 5.233	.. 4.395
February.....	2.400	.. 1.580	.. 2.775	.. 5.630	.. 1.315
March.....	3.240	.. 3.725	.. 2.923	.. 1.110	.. 1.865
April .....	1.530	.. .610	.. 2.854	.. .270	.. 2.050
May .....	.833	.. .595	.. 2.819	.. 1.835	.. 1.645
June .....	5.225	.. 2.415	.. 3.519	.. 5.235	.. 4.800
July .....	9.085	.. 3.535	.. 4.390	.. 2.275	.. 4.330
August ....	5.705	.. 3.820	.. 3.681	.. 2.400	.. 3.165
September..	6.115	.. 4.635	.. 3.882	.. 5.245	.. 2.970
October ....	3.420	.. 3.480	.. 4.236	.. 3.725	.. 5.555
November ..	6.200	.. 3.185	.. 3.871	.. 8.015	.. 2.430
December ..	2.830	.. .230	.. 3.194	.. 4.850	.. 1.270
	49.255	30.145	40.980	45.900	35.790

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4. After intense cold, heavy fall of snow which blocked up the railways for some days, and greatly embarrassed the trade of the country. In the town, the omnibuses ceased to run and the cabs were worked with pairs of horses. Coals very scarce and dear. Many street lamps out in consequence of the frost.

5. Decease, aged 30, of Henry, (son of the Rev. Peter Wright,) late of New York.

6. Decease, aged 25, of Timothy, youngest son of the late R. Bentley, Esq., of Rotherham.

7. Advance of wages demanded in the file trade with indications of a contest between masters and workmen.

7. Nathl. R. Philipps, Esq., of Broomhall (qualified at Pontefract sessions) and Jas. Wilson Rimington Wilson, Esq., of Broomhead Hall, placed on the commission for the West-Riding.

7. Proposed bill of the Gas Consumers' Company (having failed to carry on without parliamentary powers)—capital £60,000, £49,900 subscribed for and more than half paid up, with power to raise £40,000 more, and power to borrow. Profits not to exceed 7½ per cent. and maximum price of gas 3s. per 1000 cubic feet. Company not to amalgamate without consent of Town Council.

9. Meeting to urge war against Russia in aid of Turkey.

11. Town Council—special constables—the late Councillor S. Dewsnap—means to build Neepsend bridge—Borough and Free Library rate—memorial to abolish Poor Law Board—committee to enforce smoke bye-law—memorial on costs of bankruptcies—committee on working of County Court act—memorial to the members of Parliament attending the proposed Reform banquet on the 19th January—vote of thanks to Geo. Hadfield, Esq., M.P.

13. House of the Rev. J. J. Shrubsole destroyed by fire.

13.—Explosion of gas in the house of Mr. Barr, Collegiate crescent, Broomhall.

14. Meeting at Doncaster of guardians of Sheffield, Ecclesall, Rotherham, and other unions of the neighbourhood,—resolved that it was desirable to found industrial schools for pauper children.

14. Sheffield union—Inmates, 451, against 398 last year. Out relief, 2847 persons, £239, against 2940 persons, £225 last year. Ecclesall: Inmates, 180, against 187. Out poor, £62, against £52.

16. Meeting of owners of steam power to consider the expediency of raising their rents in consequence of the increased cost of coal and other material for working their engines.

17. Decease of Joseph Smith, musician, Dixon lane, aged 43.

17. Scheme to establish a Coal Consumers' Company.

18. Rotherham Board of Health—plans of water supply.

18. Dispensary—Mr. Sept. Arden elected house-surgeon.

18. Rapid melting of the snow and breaking up of ice—the valleys flooded—great flood at Rotherham—greatest flood known at Doncaster for 60 years.

19. Geo. Hadfield, Esq., M.P., addresses his constituents.

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19. Reform banquet at Music Hall attended by R. Cobden, Esq., M.P.; J. Bright, Esq., M.P.; Lord Goderich, M.P.; Geo. Hadfield, Esq., M.P.; Jas. Kershaw, Esq., M.P.; Jas. Pilkington, Esq., M.P.; J. Cheetham, Esq., M.P.; and L. Heyworth, Esq., M.P.

20. Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire shares, 20½, 21½; Midland, 60, 60½; Sheffield Banking Company (75 paid,) 136, 40; Sheffield and Rotherham Bank (8 paid,) 10¾, 11; Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank (25 paid,) 37, 38; Union Bank (12 paid,) 16¾, 17½; United Gas (24 paid,) 24¾, 25¼; Gas Consumers' (5 paid,) 1¾, 1¾; Waterworks (100 paid,) 145, 146.

20. Decease of Mr. Richd. Yeomans, of Pitsmoor.

20. Dr. Ferguson Branson, of Sheffield, explains in the *Journal of the Society of Arts*, that soap may be used to engrave designs and produce casts for letter-press printing.

23. Decease of Mr. Jas Judd, (Willeys & Judd,) Market place.

23. Heath v. Unwin—application of the plaintiff to set aside the verdict for the defendant at Liverpool assizes, with a view to a new trial, refused by the Court of Queen's Bench.

24. Rev. J. Breakey becomes minister of Presbyterian Church.

24. Resolution to establish a hide, skin, and fat market.

25. Poor Law Board decide on the report of the examination, concluded 31st Dec., into the conduct of Mr. John Watkinson, the union clerk of Sheffield, that they cannot "without injustice to the public interests consent to his longer retaining the office of clerk," and require him to resign the office. On the 30th, the Poor Law Board consent to re-open the enquiry on the representation of Mr. Watkinson that his defence had not been heard.

26. Decease of Mr. Henry Fowler, C. E., aged 32.

26. Rotherham Board of Health—tender for engines accepted.

27. Decease of Mr. Joseph Kirk, aged 58, many years one of the secretaries to the file trade.

27. Sheffield Banking Company—dividend of 15 per cent.

27. Meeting of owners of steam power—resolve to raise their rents 10 per cent., to cease furnishing coal to the hulls, &c.

28. United Gas Company petition against the bill of the Consumers' Company for non-compliance with standing orders.

29. Violent storm of wind, causing much damage.

31. Decease of Mr. Jas. Gregory, Highfield, aged 79.

31. Opening of Parliament—augmentation of military and naval forces required, the war between Russia and Turkey continuing.

#### FEBRUARY.

The expediency of wearing beards and monstaches agitated.

1. Meeting in Paradise square to promote a subscription in aid of the Preston turn-outs and lock-outs.

1. Improvement Commissioners—report negating the alleged deficiency in the supply of gas.

2. Re-opening of Queen street chapel, altered and repaired.

2. Inaugural lecture of Rotherham Mechanics' Institution by the Rev. James Aspinall, of Althorpe.

3. The dispute between the manufacturers and men in the file trade settled by an advance of wages, the gradual admission of 300 new apprentices, and some other matters.

4. The Russian ambassador takes leave of our court.

6. Attempts to form a "municipal association," as successor to the defunct "central democratic association."

6. Gavazzi lectures at Rotherham on "the papacy in England."



6. Examiner of standing orders decided that they had been complied with in the Gas Consumers' Co.'s bill—read on the 7th.

7 and 8. Father Gavazzi lectures on America and England.

8. Town Council—bridges and streets committee, funds and expenses—reports on Poor Law Board and the County Court—watch rate of 6d.—Mr W. Waterfall appointed borough treasurer, vice Mr. W. Brown—Free Library—Peace Society—standing orders as to memorials—licencing beerhouses—national police.

9 & 10. Re-opened enquiry, by Mr. Farnell, inspector, into case of Mr. Watkinson, union clerk. Mr. W. Overend for Mr. Watkinson.

11. Dr. Ferguson Branson communicates to the *Journal of the Society of Arts* his discovery of nature printing.

13. Lord J. Russell's new Reform bill. £6 rating franchise.

14. Public meeting at Town Hall, Mr. Ald. Dunn in the chair, memorial to Poor Law Board against the Sheffield Union Clerk.

16. Mr. W. Ibbetson Horn elected a church burgess, vice Mr. Francis Huntsman resigned.

16. Inundation of Sheaf Works, owing to the escape of the water of the canal through an old coal working.

17. Mr. Roebuck, M.P., having been absent from the House of Commons during the session of 1853, from illness, spoke on the war. Lord John Russell, in reply, shewed that the persistence of the Czar in unjust demands made war inevitable, concluding "May God defend the right! and for my part I shall willingly share the burden and the responsibility."

18. Decease of Sarah, wife of Mr. John Harrop, builder, West street, in consequence of the inhalation of chloroform with a view to an operation for the removal of a tumour in the breast.

19. Decease of Mr. Samuel Brittain, aged 74.

21. Meeting of occupiers of steam power recommend the owners to reduce the working hours rather than raise the rents, &c.

22. Rotherham Burial Board authorised to purchase the cemetery.

23. Average price of wheat 80s. 1d.

27. Church Burgess Trust.—Final hearing before Master Tinney of the new scheme for this trust.

27. Meeting at Town Hall to petition parliament in favour of Gas Consumers' Company, Petition signed by 18,000 persons.

28. Recognition of Rev. H. Batchelor, minister of Nether Chapel.

#### MARCH.

1. City of Glasgow steamer sailed from Liverpool for Philadelphia, with 480 persons on board, and no more heard of. Among the passengers was Mr. Jas. Alfred Moulson, (Moulson Brothers.)

1. Interview between the owners and occupiers of steam power ending in the abandonment of any united action by the millowners, and leaving each to arrange with his own tenants. On the 6th, a meeting of the Steam Tenants' Union adopted a report to the effect that where overbands were charged no advance of rent was necessary, and pointing out that a large portion of the wheel room was unfit for such a pernicious occupation as grinding.

1. Rotherham Board of Health purchase water works for £2400.

1. Final decision of the Poor Law Board on Mr. Watkinson's case, confirming the order for his resignation. Mr. Watkinson declining to say when he would resign, a resolution was passed requiring him to do so in a fortnight.

2. Gas Consumers' Co.—Ald. Carr reports on the company's affairs.

6. Meeting to petition for total closing of public houses on Sunday.

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8. Rotherham Board of Health—Tenders for drainage, &c. works.
8. Sheffield United Cricket Club—Arrangements to form by subscription a new ground near St. Mary's church.
8. Town Council—Petition in favour of Gas Consumers' Company's bill, after a discussion on 5 and 6 Vic., c. 104, s. 2, prohibiting any member of a town council from voting or taking part in the discussion of matters in which he has pecuniary interest.
8. Sheffield Union—The Poor Law Board require Mr. Watkinson to resign not later than the 12th of April, allowing him in the meantime to conduct the election of guardians. Mr. Watkinson gave notice of his resignation accordingly, but desired to retain the office of Superintendent Registrar. Registrar General decided the registrarship must go with the office of Union Clerk.
9. Temporary stoppage of the exportation of files under the idea that they were being supplied to Russia. Files permitted to be sent on bond being given for their landing at Amsterdam, and that they were for a friendly power.
9. Decease of Mr. Jas. Haywood, professional chemist, from inhaling nitrous acid gas, caused by the accidental breaking of a carboy.
9. Decease of Mr. C. Wardlow, steel manufacturer, aged 73.
11. Sailing of the Baltic fleet under Sir C. Napier, from Portsmouth, led out by the Queen in the *Fairy* yacht.
13. George Curtis convicted at York for robbery, with violence, of Robert Hausley, of the Brinsworth bar, near Rotherham, Nov. 19, 1852. Sentence of death recorded.
15. York Assizes.—*Cottingham v. Rowley*. Action by wife's trustee against the husband. Verdict for plaintiff, £696.
15. Sheffield Union—Report to the Poor Law Board on the retreat ward. Auditor's disallowance of the cost of printing the accounts of the Union set aside by the Poor Law Board, on the ground that it is lawful at reasonable cost to print the accounts.
- 16 and 17. *Rhodes v. Rooke*, will cause, tried at York Assizes. Verdict for plaintiff, and Mr. Justice Cresswell described the defence as a disgraceful piece of fraud. In the Ecclesiastical Court, the defendants were condemned in costs.
- 16 and 17. Derby Assizes.—*Taylor v. Nesfield*—damages one farthing. *Taylor v. Dove*—verdict for the defendant for the assault, 40s.—for malicious prosecution, £80. Rule for new trial.
17. Strike among the guards and porters on the Midland line against an arrangement to pay them fortnightly instead of weekly.
18. Botanical Gardens—shares taken up—extinction of debt.
20. Subscriptions for the wives and children of soldiers on service.
22. Sheffield Union.—Mr. Joseph Spencer elected Union Clerk.
22. Dispensary.—Drs. Hall, Law, and Flam, elected physicians.
22. Rotherham Board of Health.—Messrs. Beatson and Brown for Kimberworth; Messrs. Aldred and G. Haywood for Rotherham.
22. Edgetool and Wool Shear Grinders' Union present a gold watch, &c., to Mr. George Career, their secretary.
23. Decease, at Woodlands, Bury, of Mr. Wm. Brownell, aged 87, many years secretary of the Sheffield Fire Office.
24. Two troops of the Scotch Greys, (afterwards distinguished at Balaklava,) left Sheffield for Leeds.
25. Decease, at Welbeck Abbey, of the Duke of Portland, aged 85. Directed by will that his funeral should not cost more than £100.
- 27 and 29. Gas Consumers' Company's bill before the select committee. Mr. Jackson, M.P. for Newcastle-under-Lyne, sug-

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gested terms of amalgamation, which were readily accepted by both. The leading terms were, that the United Company should apply next session for an act to raise £130,000 additional capital, with limitation of dividends to ten per cent., and the price to 4s.

28. Declaration of war against Russia.

28. Meeting at Town Hall—Petitions for ministerial reform bill.

28. Decease of Mr. E. Eaton, aged 53, Wicker Steel and Iron Works.

30. Dinner at the Cutlers' Hall, of the Iron, Hardware and Metal Trades Pension Society. President, Lord E. Howard, M.P.

## APRIL.

1. Sheffield highways—Collected, £7135; expended, £8468.

1. Incendiary explosions in the houses of Chas. Reaney, scythe back maker, Abbeydale, and J. Fisher, scythe maker, of Pinglehead.

3. Magistrates at Pontefract Sessions reject proposals for a grant to widen Lady's bridge, and for a bill to enable the Riding to dispose of the property in bridges to parishes willing to repair them.

4. Monument to Sir Francis Chantrey erected on Norton green.

5. Rotherham Board of Health.—Report by Dr. Shearman on the prevention of epidemics—plans of Mr. Lee for water supply and drainage adopted. Water works to cost £21,561; drainage, £6582.

5. Consecration of Brightside church.

6. Meeting at the Council Hall disapproves of the amalgamation of the gas companies, and resolution to call a public meeting.

9. Decease of Mr. John Dixon, solicitor.

10. Meeting at Town Hall resolves to attempt to raise £15,000, by obtaining subscribers to the Gas Consumers' Company, at £4 per share, to enable the company to remain independent. The attempt was not seriously made, and signally failed.

11. Lord J. Russell abandons the Reform bill.

12. Town Council—opinion of Mr. Cowling, Q.C., that under 5 and 6 Vict., c. 104, s. 2, members of gas companies, in questions relating to them before the Council, ought not to speak, and the Mayor may refuse their votes—arching of Kelham Goit—Gas Companies' amalgamation—lodging houses—secular education.

12. Sheffield Union—Mr. John Watkinson resigns the seal and keys of office to Mr. Spencer, the new clerk. New guardians elected:—Sheffield—T. Birks, T. E. Mycock, T. Dunn, J. Crossland, T. Peel, P. Ashberry, H. Crawshaw, A. Booth. (Ald. Dunn declined to serve.) Attercliffe—Rev. W. L. Gibson. Brightside—W. Jarvis, T. Turner. Handsworth—J. Rhodes.

13. Meeting of United Gas Company—profit from the sale of gas, at 3s. per £1000, £668; and the total balance of the half-year, from every source of revenue, £1966. Report on the circumstances and conditions of the proposed amalgamation, approved.

14. Mr. John Stables, late law clerk of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company, apprehended at Bonn, on a charge of embezzling the property of the company—convicted at Liverpool assizes, 16th August,—15 years' transportation.

15. Major Fawkes appointed distributor of stamps at Sheffield, vice Mr. John Brown, resigned.

17. Opening of Newhall cricket and pleasure grounds.

18. Assembling of Third West York Militia at Doncaster.

18. Stoppage of the exportation of files, steel, iron, &c., to the continent. Prohibition removed by Order in Council, 24th April.

18. First stone of the Wicker Congregational Church, Spital hill, laid by the Mayor (Ald. F. Hoole.)

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19. Rotherham Board of Health resolve to erect two common lodging houses for Rotherham and Masbro'.

20. Committee of the Town Council inform the gas companies that not being parties to the amalgamation, the Town Council will be at liberty to oppose or otherwise the bill of amalgamation, if necessary for the protection of the public interests. On the 25th, the United Gas Company replied that the directors considered that the Town Council would be treated by Parliament as assenting to the arrangement. On 27th, committee again repudiate.

21. Mr. George Padley elected clerk and collector to the Ecclesall highways, vice Mr. Jonathan Buxton, resigned.

24. Gas Consumers' Company, after a stormy meeting, agree to amalgamation, only eight or ten voting against it.

26. Day of humiliation and prayer on account of the war.

26. Decease, at Fir vale, aged 25, of Arthur, second son of Mr. Edward Smith.

30. Decease, at the Mount, of James Montgomery, aged 82. Came to Sheffield, April, 1792. His will, dated 1827, left legacies to the Moravian School at Fulneck, Moravian Missions, Boys' and Girls' Charity Schools, Bettering and Aged Female Societies, Boys' and Girls' Lancasterian Schools, and National Schools.

## MAY.

1. Cricket—United 11 of England v. 15 of Sheffield, at Newhall—Sheffield, two innings, 108; England, one innings, 120.

3. Improvement Commissioners resolve that the proposal contained in the terms of amalgamation of the gas companies, that the public lamps should be charged at the same rate as to the private consumer, would enhance the cost of the street lamps, and that the Commissioners would oppose any bill containing such a provision.

4. Committee of the House of Commons on the gas bill adjourned to the 8th, the United Company insisting upon having charge of the bill of amalgamation next session. On the 8th, terms were agreed upon, leaving the United Company to promote the bill in 1855, and binding them in a penalty of £5000 not to abandon it unless the committee should reduce the capital, or the maximum price, or dividend, or should make other changes which the counsel drawing the bill might consider a sufficient reason.

9. Decease of Mr. J. Watts, (Watts & Stones,) brewer, aged 45.

9. 34th Foot marched for Portsmouth, ordered for special service.

10. Wm. Burkinshaw and Henry Smith apprehended in Manchester for a garotte robbery at Sheffield; attempted to murder P. Shandy, a Manchester policeman, in the railway carriage on the way to Sheffield, with a view to their escape. Burkinshaw found guilty at York summer assizes; judgment of death recorded. Smith guilty of unlawfully wounding; six months' imprisonment.

10. Town Council—the late Mr. Montgomery—gas companies' amalgamation—report against carrying out the lodging houses act—ragged schools—closing public-houses on Sunday—Disaenters and the universities.

10. Decease of Mr. Wm. Chapman, engraver, aged 74.

11. Town Trust accounts—receipts, £2114; expended in additions to permanent estate, £861; interest of loan, £388; balance to improvements account, £116; and the rest on various accounts.

11. Public funeral of the late Mr. Montgomery.

15. Re-opening of lecture room of Mechanica' Institution, after decoration, with a lecture by Mr. Geo. Dawson, of Birmingham.

15. Insubordination of Third West York Militia, at Doncaster, in consequence of the extension, by ten days, of their period of training, and the postponement of the payment of their second instalment of bounty money till the end of that period. The ring-leaders tried by court-martial, and sentenced to imprisonment.

15. Opening, to Dodworth, of the Barnsley branch of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire.

16. Decease of Mr. T. Mearbeck, lead and glass merchant, aged 74.

17. Shef. sessions—Grand Jury made presentment of scrap shops.

21. Decease of Mr. W. Blundell, aged 58, one of the relieving officers of the Sheffield Union for 14 years.

23. Third West York Militia embodied. Ordered to garrison duty at Berwick, and afterwards at Dublin.

23. Decease of Mr. David Mitchell, aged 51.

24. Meeting to originate a monument to Mr. Montgomery.

24. Incendiary explosion in the house of Samuel Baxter, saw grinder, Norman Dale, Loxley.

25. Average price of wheat, 78s. 2d.

28. Decease, at Baslow, of Mr. J. Jeeves, late of Shef. moor, aged 79.

28. Decease of Mr. A. Ingleson, Lady's bridge, aged 76.

29. Portion of the arches over the Kelham goit fell in.

29. Sheffield Union—Guardians having been urged by the Poor Law Inspector to consider the propriety of erecting a new work-house, resolved that it was inexpedient at present.

30. Decease of Mr. James Hall, Brookhill, aged 83.

JUNE.

1. Rebuilding of St. Jude's Church, Moorfields, (the tower of which fell 7th November, 1852,) recommenced.

1. First stone of St. Matthew's Church, Carver street.

2. Duke of Devonshire—slight attack of paralysis at Chatsworth.

3. School of Design—Spring Exhibition, Gore House, 13 medals and three money prizes awarded to students of this school.

4. M. Kossuth, ex-Governor of Hungary, visits Sheffield and addresses meetings in Paradise square and the Music Hall.

5. Elijah Parker, saw grinder, of Dore, maliciously shot.

8. Rotherham Union—Investigation and dismissal of complaints against the governor and matron of the Workhouse.

8. Killed in the attack on Gamla Carleby, Gulf of Finland, Henry, son of J. C. Athorpe, Esq., of Dinnington Hall, aged 17, midshipman on board the Odin.

10. Opening of the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, by the Queen.

14. Town Council—Report that the common lodging houses are sufficient in capacity, and as good as the means of the persons using them can afford; cleaning and decoration of the hall; Green lane and Cornish street; the fallen arches; police bill; decimal coinage; independence of Poland.

15. Gas Consumers' Company's Bill withdrawn, the arrangements with the United Company having been completed. Liabilities of the Consumers' Company estimated at £18,213. On the completion of the amalgamation, the shareholders of the new company to receive £39,264 of stock, representing 9816 shares, at £4.

15. Luke Clarke, who made charges against Mr. J. A. Roebuck, at the election of 1852, charged, at Westminster Police Court, with threatening to shoot Mr. Roebuck and Sir G. Grey.

18. Decease of Mr. John Smith, aged 39, surveyor to the Sheffield Highway Board.

26. Don Pedro V., King of Portugal, and the Duke of Oporto, visit Sheffield.

29. Foundation stone of St. Luke's church, Hollis croft district.

29. Paris Exhibition, 1855—committee for Sheffield goods.

#### JULY.

1. Price of gas raised from 3s. to 4s. per 1000.

3. C. Makin, late a stamper in Sheffield Post Office, committed on charge of stealing a money letter. Convicted—4 yrs. penal serv.

4. Heath *v.* Unwin, writ of error, argued in the House of Lords, by which the patentee sought to reverse the decision of the Court of Exchequer Chamber in favour of Mr. Unwin. Decision adjd.

5. Improvement Commissioners—opinion of Mr. A. S. Aspland, that only ratepayers within the old lighting and cleansing boundary, could vote in the election of commissioners.

7 and 20. Church-rate meetings at Dronfield. Rate refused.

8. Discussion as to the alleged badness of the edgetools supplied to the army. New arrangements made for tendering for contracts.

8. Out-door preaching by the Vicar and other clergymen.

12. Town Council—the gas companies—Nuisances Removal Act—gold and silver manufacture—the Dore outrage—carts in the streets—lodging house accommodation—Neepsend and Borough bridges—reports on falling of Kelham Goit arches—consolidation of rates—the Union farm—alliance of England and France.

15. Agreement between Town Council and landowners for the erection of Neepsend bridge, the landowners contributing £1000.

19. William Leonard Gill Bagshawe, Esq., of The Oaks and Wormhill Hall, aged 25, killed in an affray with poachers, at Wormhill. 24 and 25. Eight persons charged with the offence, examined at Bakewell, and seven of them committed to Derby assizes. Tried on the 29th, and acquitted.

19. Inquest on Joseph Crookes, killed at Owlerton feast, on 4th July. Verdict of wilful murder against J. Holroyd, C. Haynes, F. Knowles, G. Sykes, and Joseph Peach.

24. Town Council—rebuilding the arches of Kelham goit.

27. Cricket: All England 11 *v.* 20 of Rotherham (Howard) Club. Rotherham, 142; England, 143, and seven wickets.

27. Average price of Wheat, 71s. 10d. Harvest prospects good.

#### AUGUST

1. Church Burgess Trust—New scheme approved by Vice-Chancellor Stuart. 5-7ths ecclesiastical, and 2-7ths secular purposes.

1. Exhibition of photographs and specimens of nature printing at the People's College.

2. Preference shareholders of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Company appoint a committee on question of arrears.

2. Rotherham, consumption of smoke comes into operation.

3. Explosion in the house of Wm. Wass, file grinder, Allen st.

7. Messrs. J. B. Roberts, J. Shaw, T. Chesman, J. Roebuck, S. Parker, and E. Hobson elected Improvement Commissioners.

8 to 11. School of Design—Exhibition of prize drawings.

9. Town Council—Green lane—Paris Exhibition.

9. Cemetery—dividend of 10s. and return of £2 per share capital.

12. Traffic arrangement announced between the London and North Western and the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, by which the former guarantees to the latter a minimum traffic progressively increasing for a term of years. Approved by the shareholders of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire on the 19th.

12. Apprehensions of scarcity of water—fall of rain during the year only 16 inches, instead of the average of 23 inches.

12. Workmen of H. Wilkinson, Esq., of Endcliffe Hall, present to him a silver tea and coffee service.

13, 14, 15. Lectures by Mr. Joseph Barker, against the authenticity of the Bible. Answered on the 22nd and 23rd, by the Rev. J. F. Sergeant, in the Parish Church.

14. Decease, aged 64, of Mr. James Creswick, of the firm of Messrs. Thomas, James, & Nathaniel Creswick, silversmiths.

16. Sheffield Guardians decline to convert the Hollow Meadows Farm into an industrial school, and resolve to employ the able-bodied in reclaiming waste land. The reclaimed land let in Sept.

16. Reform Freehold Society—Nether Edge estate allotted, 38 acres in 250 allotments.

16. Cutlers' Company—Mr. T. Moulson elected Master; Mr. F. T. Mappin, senior warden; Mr. J. R. Spencer, junior warden.

16. Deputation of licensed victuallers had an interview with the Borough Members to urge their objections to the new act limiting their hours of business on Sunday, and to the apprehended throwing open of the trade. Deputations of friendly societies make representations on the proposed bill for their regulation.

18. A few cases of cholera occur in Sheffield. Severe in London.

20. Decease, aged 61, of the Rev. Peter Wright, for more than 40 years minister of the Unitarian congregation at Stannington.

21. Eckington Mechanics' Institution established.

21. Silver candelabra presented to the Right Hon. John Parker, at his residence, Darrington Hall, near Pontefract, inscribed, "To the Right Hon. John Parker, the first Member of Parliament for the Borough of Sheffield, in which capacity he served his constituents and his country, ably, diligently, and faithfully, for 20 years, and honourably filled important offices under the government. This testimonial of gratitude and esteem, purchased by voluntary contributions, is presented by his townsmen and late constituents."

22. Mr. J. Watson elected assay master, *vice* Mr. L. C. Sayles.

4. Rotherham church rate meeting adjourned for a month with a view to raise the funds needed by voluntary subscription. At the adjourned meeting, 21st September, £52 had been raised. Resolved to levy a voluntary rate of 3d. in the pound for the remainder.

26. Statue of Ebenezer Elliott erected in the Market place.

28. Wheat falls 8s. or 10s. a quarter, influenced by the abundant crop and the fine weather.

28. Violent outbreak of cholera at Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire. Several visitors from Sheffield died.

30. Sheffield Union—Mr. Farnall reports to the guardians, "In the year ending Lady-day, 1853, the expenditure of the Sheffield Union was as follows:—In-door relief, £2423; out-door relief, £13,188; and other items, (including £1390 salaries,) total, £19,916. Year ending Lady-day, 1854, expenditure £20,059, an excess of £143 over preceding year. The items were, in-door relief, £3066; out-door, £13,056; and £3957 for other expenses, including £1417 salaries. Besides this £20,000 in relief, there was paid from the poor rates £4438 for county rate; law proceedings, £408; proceedings before the magistrates, £734; vaccination fees, £139; registration fees, £472; collectors' salaries and other items, making a total expenditure for last year of £28,000.

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In the first week in February, 1853, the number of poor on the books was 3372, which, taken as the average of the year, shewed that 3 2-10ths in every 100 of the population were receiving relief. The number receiving relief now was 3466, which was 370 in excess of the period last year. The average cost of each in-door pauper at Sheffield was 2s. 2½d. per week, or £5. 15s. 1d. a year. The out-door relief in Sheffield last year averaged £4. 9s. 4d. per head, while that of the district was £3. 17s. 4½d. The net rateable value of the property in the Sheffield Union was £225,302. The relief given in 1853 was 1s. 4½d. in the pound, while the salaries of officers, &c., were 1s. 1½d. in the pound.

## SEPTEMBER

1. Borough Treasurer's Accounts—Watch rates, £6303; borough rates, £2138; total receipts, £8527. Police force cost £5284, besides £1766 from constables' fees, &c.; elections, £210; town clerk, £300; miscellaneous, £365.

5. Burgess list for 1854 contains 16,974 names.

6. Infirmary—Medical officers represent the insufficiency of the number of beds. Year's expenditure exceeded income by £881. Subscriptions in 1799, £992; 1814, £1140; 1854, £1132. Inhabited houses, 1841, 22,770; 1851, 27,099. Uninhabited houses, 1841, 3239; 1851, 270.

7. Cutlers' Feast—Master Cutler, Mr. T. Moulson. Principal guests—Earl Fitzwilliam, the Right Hon. T. Sidney, Lord Mayor of London, Mr. J. A. Roebuck, M.P., Mr. G. Hadfield, M.P., Mr. R. Monckton Milnes, M.P., &c.

9. Opening of the Blackburn Valley branch of the South Yorkshire Railway and the Wharnccliffe Silkstone Colliery.

13. Town Council—parliamentary papers—smoke consumption—law as to out-workers—the magistrates and the Adelphi Theatre.

14. United Cricket Club—£1560 subscribed by 174 shareholders. The new ground near St. Mary's Church in progress.

18. Mr. Jos. Badger, of Rotherham, resigns the office of Deputy Coroner. Succeeded by Mr. H. P. Badger.

18. Decease of Mr. Charles Fox, New Church street, aged 56.

19. Preference shareholders of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire agree to capitalise arrears in a 3¼ per cent. stock.

20. Decease, aged 32, of Mr. John Heppenstall, of Upperthorpe.

20. Sketch model for the monument to Mr. Montgomery, by Mr. Bell, sculptor, exhibited in the Cutlers' Hall. On 4th Oct. the report of the sub-committee recommending Mr. Bell's design to be executed at a cost of £3500, was unanimously adopted.

23. Fall of one of the wings of Tower Wheel, several men injured.

23. Several deaths from cholera during the week.

25. Earl Fitzwilliam narrowly escapes drowning, at Marske.

25 and 26. The Rev. Brewin Grant lectures at the Theatre Royal on "Secularism," and Mr. Joseph Barker's attacks on the Bible.

25. Meeting at the Town Hall to denounce the Government for not carrying on the war with sufficient energy.

28. Average price of wheat, 53s. 2d.

## OCTOBER.

Dulness of trade arising from the check to demand in the American and Australian markets.

2. Meeting of steam-engine proprietors, to consider means of complying with the bye-law requiring the consumption of smoke.



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6. Decease, aged 67, of Mr. James Wild, for more than 30 years one of the constables of Sheffield.

8. The Rev. J. B. Paton, M.A., assumes the pastordship of the Wicker Congregational Church.

9. Foundation of Wesleyan Reformers' Chapel, Pyebank, laid.

11. Town Council—law as to out-workers—smoke consumption—bridges and streets—the Elliott monument.

12. United Gas Company's half-yearly meeting report that the profit on gas for the year ending 30th June, at 3s. per 1000, had not sufficed to pay 1 per cent. on the company's capital.

12. Tidings of the loss of the Arctic (New York and Liverpool) steamer off Cape Race, Newfoundland, on the 27th Sept., with 390 souls on board, of whom only about 50 were saved. Among the lost were Mr. Alderman Hinde (solicitor) and Mr. James Sykes, late of the Victoria Corn Mills, Sheffield. Not till the end of Nov. that definite tidings of the loss of Ald. Hinde were obtained.

16. Lyceum—various attempts to relieve the institution from its embarrassments having failed, resolved to realise its assets, and pay off the liabilities, making up the deficiency by subscription.

21. Long-continued drought compels Water Company to announce that it will be necessary to limit the supply to one day weekly. Many steam-engines working short time for want of water. Throughout the country great inconvenience from drought.

23. Rise in wheat 10s. per qr. during the week, and from 20s. to 26s. above the lowest price, notwithstanding the abundant harvest—asccribed to the exhaustion of old stocks at home and abroad, to the failure of crops in America, and to war in Black Sea.

25. Sixth anniv. of W.R. Trade Protection Society at Royal Hotel.

29. Arthur Napoleon, the juvenile pianist, gives concerts.

30. Town Council: out-workers—the watch rate—alterations of the Council Hall—the Bridges Committee.

30. Decease of Mr. Wm. Beatson, West hill, Masbro', aged 72.

30. Decease of Mr. Jos. Haywood, of the Edge, aged 67.

## NOVEMBER.

1. Municipal elections—St. Peter's—C. E. Broadbent, 743; F. T. Mappin, 704; G. Holden, 570; W. Collier, 572. Park—W. Bradley, 897; J. Wood, 756; G. Bassett, 649. St. Philip's—C. Chambers, 393; G. S. Brittain, 301; H. Crawshaw, 153; T. Peel, 2. St. George's—J. Askham, 1004; J. Webster, 974; I. Ironside, 444; S. Biggin, Jun., 380. Ecclesall—J. Knowles, 994; G. Wilkin, 994; W. Gill, 838; W. Downing, 724. Brightside—A. Chadburn, 600; G. L. Saunders, 425. Nether Hallam—T. Turner, 365; S. S. Brittain, 325. Upper Hallam—E. Unwin, 85; J. Wilson, 40. Attercliffe—J. Foster.

2. Patriotic Fund—Meeting to originate a local subscription in aid of the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of the soldiers and sailors who may perish in the war.

6. Decease of Mr. Thos. Wheatley, Rotherham, aged 69.

7. Decease, aged 47, of Mr. John Laycock, (S. Laycock & Sons.)

7. Annual Soiree of People's Coll.; president, Mr. Wm. Overend.

8. Infirmary—meeting to originate subscription in aid of funds.

8. Working Men's Committee formed to aid the Patriotic Fund.

9. Town Council—Ald. W. Fisher elected Mayor—Ald. F. Hoole Mayor's deputy—election of committees.

11. Notice of application to parl. to amalgamate gas companies.

14. Decease, at Alexandria, Egypt, of Rev. F. Owen, of Crookes.

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15. Magistrates at Wakefield resolve in favour of reformatory schools.  
 16. Average price of wheat, 72s. 1d.  
 18. Fulwood road—litigation between Ecclesall and Nether Hallam. Court of Queen's Bench fix liability to repair on the latter.  
 18. Notice from the Home Secretary of his intention to recommend the closing immediately, or at a fixed time, of St. Peter's, St. James', St. John's, St. Philip's, St. Mary's, and St. George's burial grounds, and of various chapel graveyards.  
 20 and 27. Mr. George Dawson, of Birmingham, lectures before the Mechanics' Institution.  
 20. Meeting to form a branch of the association for procuring a law to suppress the sale of intoxicating drinks.  
 20. Baptist church at Townhead st. chapel holds 50th anniversary.  
 22. The Rt. Hon. J. Parker qualifies as a W. Riding magistrate.

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2. Convictions in penalties of £15 of the proprietor of the Surrey Music Hall for performing plays.  
 4. Mrs. Jepson Rowley charged with perjury, but fully acquitted.  
 6. R. Monckton Milnes, Esq, M.P., lectures on "The moral uses of the study of history," before the People's College.  
 7. York Assizes—C. Haines, G. Knowles, and J. Holroyd, convicted of the manslaughter of Jos. Crookes, at Owlerton, on the 4th July; six years' penal servitude: Jos. Peech, not guilty.  
 8. The Earl of Carlisle reads his lecture on the poetry of Pope to the Rotherham Literary and Mechanics' Institution.  
 9. Decease of Mr. Wm. Cockayne, West bank, aged 80.  
 9. Officers and servants of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company present to Mr. Rd. Peacock, late locomotive superintdt., plate value £400, on leaving company's service.  
 13. Town Council—The Watch committee—assessment to the Watch rate—appointment of Bridges and Streets, Free Libraries, and Smoke committees—death of Ald. Hinde—the gas companies—public baths—churchyards.  
 15. Officers of Second West York Militia (head-quarters at Sheffield,) give amateur performance at Theatre-Royal.  
 16. Sheffield Union—In-poor, 547, against 403 last year; out-poor, 3382, receiving £287, against 2779, receiving £227, last year. Ecclesall—in-poor, 215, agst 157; out-poor, £52, agst £52.  
 27. Harriet Ardron shot by Daniel Hawksworth, at Thorpe.  
 29. Father Gavazzi lectures on Protestant supporters of Popery and Nunneries.  
 29. Decease of Mr. John Brown, solicitor.  
 31. Fall of rain in 1852, '53, and '54, compared with average from 1836 to 1851, and the wettest and driest years in that period:

	1839.	1844.	1836—1851.	1852.	1853.	1854.
January	2.675	2.305	3.394	5.233	4.395	2.915
February	2.400	1.580	2.775	5.630	1.315	3.300
March	3.240	3.725	2.923	1.110	1.865	1.225
April	1.530	.640	2,854	.270	2.050	.820
May	.833	.595	2.819	1.885	1.645	2.955
June	5.225	2.415	3.519	5.235	4.800	1.870
July	9.085	3.535	4.390	2.275	4.330	2.830
August	5,705	3.820	3.681	2,400	3.165	1.550
September	6.115	4.635	3.332	5.245	2,970	2.010
October	3.420	3.480	4.236	3.725	5.555	2.170
November	6.200	3.185	3.871	8.045	2.430	4.085
December	2.830	.290	3.194	4.850	1.270	8.615
	49.255	30.145	40.980	45,000	35.790	34.345

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JANUARY.

1. Sheffield Union, 1854: Admitted, men, 1228; women, 1072; children, 943; born, 57; total, 3300. Discharged—Men, 1075; women, 912; children, 926; dead, 128; total, 3042. Deserted cases, 367, containing 841 persons: lunatics to Wakefield Asylum, 47; vagrants applied for relief, 1842; relieved, 1299.

3. Improvement Commissioners resolve that the bill to amalgamate the United Gas Company and the Gas Consumers' Company does not afford sufficient protection to the public. At subsequent meetings, a petition was agreed to, and instructions were given to oppose the bill. The result was a very partial concession of the claims of the Commissioners.

4. Decease of Mr. Thos. Bradbury, Arundel street, aged 69.

6. Sheffield Union—In-poor, 614, against 394 last year; farm, 12, against 47; out-relief, 3462, £283, against 2831, £229. Ecclesall Union—Inmates, 232, against 165; out-poor, £55, against £60.

7. Decease of Mr. H. Reckless, Handsworth Woodhouse, aged 44.

10. Town Council: Mendicancy—Town Hall cells—baths and washhouses—Free Library—committee on gas bill—bridges and streets committee—smoke bye-laws—Mr. Ewart's bill extending Free Libraries act.

11. Average price of wheat, 74s. 3d.

12. Decease of Mr. Joseph Wilks, late of Furnival road, iron-monger, aged 63.

17. Mr. Cobden addresses a meeting at Leeds against the war; answered by Mr. J. G. Marshall and Mr. E. Baines. A resolution, declaring that the war was just and necessary and ought to be prosecuted with the utmost vigour, was carried by a large majority.

24. Town Council: Power given to the committee on the gas bill to treat with the companies—lighting of the town—shooting in the suburbs—the smoke bye-laws—Free Library.

29. Mr. Roebuck's motion for a committee to enquire into the state of the army before Sebastopol carried by 305 to 148, causing the resignation of Lord Aberdeen's government. Lord J. Russell had resigned in anticipation of the motion.

29. Decease at Epsom, aged 68, of Mr. Joseph Levick, late of Sbarrow head.

31 and Feb. 1. Excited meetings at the Town Hall on the means of preventing Sunday traffic in intoxicating liquors. The chairman unable to decide on the show of hands.

FEBRUARY.

1. Plans (116) of the competitors for the erection of the new School of Design exhibited at the Council Hall; Plans of Manning and Mew, of London, selected. Weightman, Hadfield, & Goldie's placed second.

2. Decease, at Masbro' Hall, of Mr. George Shaw, timber merchant, aged 46.

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3. Decease of Hannah Hall, a miserly person, aged 66, leaving the fruits of her savings, from £5000 to £6000, to the Girls' Charity School.

3. Special effort to increase the funds of the Infirmary realises in donations £1647; new subscribers, £881.

6. Decease of Mr. Paul Beardshaw, Grimesthorpe, aged 80.

10. Rotherham Patriotic Fund amounts to £1600.

10. Accounts of the Feoffees of Rotherham—receipts, £1063; payments, £558.

13. First case under the bye-law requiring the consumption of smoke brought before the magistrates.

14. Town Council: Smoke bye-laws—arrangements with the gas companies.

14. Erection of an Exchange news room and telegraph office commenced over the front of the Shambles, in the Old Haymarket.

14. Duke of Norfolk commences the erection of a new bridge over the Dun, at Royds Mill weir. Another bridge projected near the Walk Mill.

19. Meeting to petition for the entire closing of public-houses on the Sunday, adjourned to Paradise square on the 21st, when an amendment against any further interference or restriction was carried by an immense majority.

19. Ratepayers of Ecclesall resolve to erect a building for vestry meetings and other parochial business.

20. First stone of new chapel near the old barracks laid by the Wesleyan Reformers.

21. Decease at New York of Mr. John Wheatley, of Rotherham, aged 63.

22. In consequence of Mr. Roebuck's persisting to nominate his committee on the state of the army in the Crimea, to which Lord Palmerston (now Premier, vice Lord Aberdeen) submitted, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. S. Herbert, and Sir J. Graham resigned.

22. R. N. Philipps, Esq., elected F. S. A.

23. Election of Feoffees of Rotherham, in the place of Messrs. John Booth, Wm. Glossop, and T. Wheatley. Henry Woodhead, 116; C. L. Coward, 116; B. Robinson, M.D., 90; J. Guest, 45; R. Brooke, 27; R. Chrimes, 28; and J. Haywood, 13.

24. Breaking up of the frost, which had lasted 41 days,—the longest frost since that of 1814, which exceeded it by two days. The distress caused by its long duration produced bread riots in London, Liverpool, &c.

26. Death of Hannah Rollinson, from a fright received in a company of Latter-Day Saints, at a house in Campo lane. The result was the rumour of a ghost, causing great excitement for some days, in which much damage was done to the premises. It turned out that tricks had been played with a magic lantern.

#### MARCH.

2. Account by telegraph of the death, this day, of Nicholas, Emperor of Russia.

6. Meeting at the Town Hall, to petition for the entire prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors, ends in the carrying of an amendment against any further restriction.

6. Decease, at Rotherham, of Mr. Thos. Law, draper, aged 73.

8. Decease of Mr. Thos. Didsbury, Rotherham, aged 48.

10. Sheffield Patriotic fund amounts to £4643.

12. Action at York Assizes, Gill v. Buxton, for a libel at the last Ecclesall ward election. Verdict for plaintiff, damages £100.

14. Town Council: Arrangements with the Gas Company—watch committee—amount of drunkenness—smoke bye-laws—bridges and streets—Town Clerk's salary—succession to real property—newspaper stamp.

14. Flintoff v. Harrison and Pawson, and Flintoff v. Greaves, actions for libels against *Sheffield Times* and *Sheffield Examiner*. Abandoned on verdicts of 40s. damages and apology.

16. Gas Companies Amalgamation bill passed through committee of the House of Commons, opposed by the Town Council, (in consequence of the Consumers' Company not assenting to the arrangement made with the United Gas Company,) by the Improvement Commissioners and by the Sheffield Highway Board, but with little result.

16. Daniel Hawsworth convicted at York Assizes, of the manslaughter of Harriet Ardron.—Six months' imprisonment.

18. Decease of Mr. R. Dawson, of the firm of G. and R. Dawson, music warehouse, Norfolk street, aged 42.

26. Excited vestry meeting for election of highway board, &c. Sheffield vestry appointed a committee to consider the question of a burial board. Sheffield highway accounts—receipts, £10,897, of which £8932 was from rates.

26. The Nasmyth hammer first applied in Sheffield to the forging of large masses of metal, at Sheaf Works, by Messrs. T. Turton and Sons.

28. Copies of the specifications of patents, indices of patents, &c., presented to Free Library by Commissioners of Patents.

31. Sheffield Friendly Societies—Statement compiled in answer to charges of general insolvency of such societies:—

Name of Club.	When established.	Number of Members.	Stock.	Fee for Entrance.		Sick Pay.		Maximum Money for Funerals.		Contribution.	
				£.	£. s.	s.	s.	£.	s.	s.	d.
Old Union	1740	162	1460	0 10	10 full	5 half	8 0	1 6			
†Tradesman	1760	320	4000	0 5	10	5	10 0	1 6			
Masons*	1767	430	2786	0 5	10	5	8 0	1 6			
Charitable	1760	129	2205	0 10	10	5	8 0	1 8			
Revolution*	1788	198	7132	2 2	10	5	10 0	2 6			
Prince of Wales*	1790	90	2031	1 1	10	5	16 0	1 6			
Volunteers	1794	144	1750	0 5	10	5	10 0	1 6			
Royal Jubilee*	1809	289	8158	2 2	10	5	17 0	1 6			
Wesleyan	1813	219	4194	1 0	10	5	15 0	1 4			
†Resolution	1821	160	2100	2	10	5	10 0	1 6			
Church of England	1828	231	3603	2 2	10	5	10 0	1 6			
Fitzwilliam	1822	105	2995	1 1	10	6	10 0	1 4			
Ecclesall New Friendly	1835	400	3458	0 5	10	5	10 0	1 8			
Rawson's	1828	54	1682	2 2	12	6	10 10	1 8			
Ecclesall Church of England	1851	55	165	0 10	10	5	10 0	1 6			

\* These societies pay superannuation annuities.

The figures are taken from 1854 statements, except where there is a note, (†) and then they are about the mark. In 1840, there were 56 clubs, 11,000 members, with about £70,000 invested; but now there must be in Sheffield 100 clubs, 20,000 members, and upwards of £100,000 invested.

APRIL.

3. Order in Council to discontinue interments forthwith in the Parish Church and churchyard, St. James's Church and churchyard, St. George's Church and churchyard; Queen street Independent Chapel, Townhead street Baptist Chapel, in Portmahon Chapel, in the Unitarian Chapel, Norfolk street; in Nether Chapel, Norfolk street; in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Coalpit lane; in the Methodist Chapel, Carver street; in Brunswick Methodist Chapel, and in the burial grounds of all the above chapels; and from and after the 1st of January, 1856, in the Quaker's burial ground. Forthwith in St. Philip's Church, St. Mary's Church, St. John's Church, Attercliffe Church, Methodist Chapel, Attercliffe, and the Independent Chapel, Attercliffe. In St. Philip's, St. Mary's, and St. John's churchyards, and some other places, interments to cease after 1st Jan., 1856. This order was subsequently rescinded as to St. John's and St. Mary's. In May, interments were ordered to be discontinued in St. Paul's churchyard. Last interment in the old Parish churchyard took place April 10.

7. The Rev. T. Hincks, B.A., of the Unitarian Chapel, elected minister of Mill Hill Chapel, Leeds, in place of Rev. C. Wicksteed.

10. Worksop Abbey Church bazaar, held for three days, and realised £876.

11. Town Council—complaint of disorders caused by militia in the barracks—motion to increase the Town Clerk's salary defeated by an amendment to appoint a committee—Mr. C. Atkinson elected alderman, *vice* Mr. H. Hinde, who was lost in Sept. last in the wreck of the Arctic—result of the opposition to the gas bill—bridges and streets.

14. Guardians elected—Sheffield: P. Ashberry, M. E. Hadfield, J. Pitt, R. Younge, W. F. Dixon, Jun., H. Crawshaw, W. K. Peace, J. Crossland. Brightside: W. Jarvis, T. Turner. Attercliffe: the Rev. W. L. Gibson. Handsworth: J. Rhodes. Ecclesall: T. R. Barker, I. Schofield, G. Buxton, R. Solly. Nether Hallam: J. Copley, J. Bower. Totley: J. Roberts. Upper Hallam: J. Bennett. Norton: G. Rogers. Dore: Rev. J. T. F. Aldred. Beauchief: G. Sampson.

14. New averages taken to determine the contributions of the several parts of the Sheffield Union, reducing the proportions of Brightside and Attercliffe.

17. Ralph Carr charged with assaulting H. St. John Halford, Esq., and R. Drury charged with assaulting F. Westby Bagshawe, Esq. Carr fined £5 by Wilson Overend and H. M. Greaves, Esqs. The charge against Drury withdrawn. The decision caused so much dissatisfaction, that the fine and costs were paid by subscription, and the Town Council memorialised the Lord Chancellor on the subject, but he replied he saw no reason to interfere.

25. Thorncliffe, Chapelton, and Ecclesfield district, reports a contribution of £2476 to the Patriotic Fund.

26. Dronfield Church reopened after extensive repairs.

29. The Rev. A. Raleigh preached his farewell sermon as minister of Masbro' Chapel, having accepted the pastorate of the late Dr. Wardlaw's church, in Glasgow.

30. First stone of the school and minister's house, in connexion with Loxley Chapel, laid by Alderman F. Hoole.

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MAY.

1. Decease of Lady Burgoyne, only daughter of the late Mr. John Burton, High House, Owlerton, and widow of Major-General Sir M. R. Burgoyne. Her Ladyship had extensive property in Nether Hallam, &c.

1. Sudden death of Mr. John Harrop, builder, aged 59.

4. Four silver-plated candelabra, 17 feet high, with arms spreading over a circumference of 20 feet, manufactured for the Pacha of Egypt, by Walker, Knowles, and Co.

4. A hoard of silver coins, from the reigns of Elizabeth to Wm. and Mary, discovered in pulling down an old bakehouse in Pinfold street.

7. Decease of Mr. Luke Booth, Arundel street, aged 64.

8. Mr. George Thompson, late M.P., lectures against the war.

9. Town Council—Town Clerk's salary, doubtful vote—bridges and streets—outworkers' bill—case of Carr and Drury—on the 11th the Town Clerk tenders his resignation.

10. Accounts of the Town Trustees—receipts, £2277; payments, £835; addition to permanent estates, £330; balance to street improvement accounts, £1112.

11. Spring to this date remarkably cold and dry, when a sudden change took place to warm and moist weather, with returns of cold.

12. Violent highway robbery, in Wentworth park, of C. Berry and R. Myers, conveying money to Milton and Elsecar Ironworks. James Darley and James Ashton committed to York for the robbery, where Ashton was sentenced to six and Darley to four years' penal servitude.

13. Decease of Mr. John Algor, Eldon street, aged 53.

25. First stone of Neepsend bridge laid. Decease of Mr. Wm. Swift, late of Angel street, hosier, aged 73.

JUNE.

1. Acceleration of the London mail—departure changed from 9.18 to 10.35.

2. Mr. Ald. Dunn, Mr. W. F. Dixon, Mr. J. Bower Brown, and Mr. John Jeffcock, placed upon the West Riding commission of the peace.

4. Lectures by Mr. Pallister, temperance advocate, against the Maine liquor law.

5. Consecration of St. Jude's Church, Moorfields.

6. Mr. Robert Younge, Chairman of the Sheffield Union, urges on the guardians the need of a new workhouse.

9. Accounts of Rotherham and Kimberworth Board of Health published; receipts, loans, £18,500; rates, &c., £4380; total, £22,880. Expended on permanent works, £16,771; other expenses, £5891.

9. The Sheffield newspapers publish without stamps, the repeal bill having passed both Houses, though it had not received the royal assent.

11. Decease of Mr. James Wheat, Norwood Hall, aged 76.

11. Meeting of the ratepayers of Brightside Bierlow to consider the proposal to appoint a burial board. A committee appointed.

13. Enquiry into the conduct of Mr. Tasker, relieving officer of the Ecclesall union—resulted in his removal.

13. Town Council—memorial to the Lord Chancellor to enquire

into the conduct of Mr. Wilson Overend and Mr. H. M. Greaves, as magistrates in the case of Halford v. Carr—Town Clerk's resignation tendered—requested to continue at a salary of £400.

19. First publication of the *Morning's News*, daily. Discontinued in November.

20. Decease, at Wath, of Mr. Joseph Turton, aged 46, of the firm of Thos. Turton & Sons.

20. Public meeting to promote administrative reform.

23. Sheffield union—Inmates, 602, against 470 last year; at farm, 111, against 28; out-poor, 4850, £380, against 3041, £255. Ecclesall union inmates, 307, against 185; out-poor, £74, against £60.

25. The Rev. Canon Scully, on resigning his mission in Sheffield, receives a farewell address from the Roman Catholics.

26. Recognition of the Rev. F. H. Rustedt as minister of Garden street chapel.

28. Average price of wheat, 76s. 7d.

28. Decease of Mr. Thos. Osborne, Norton Woodseats, aged 82.

30. Repeal of the newspaper stamp takes effect.

30. Decease, in London, of Mr. James Silk Buckingham, aged 69, one of the first members of parliament for Sheffield.

#### JULY.

4. Improvement Commissioners petition parliament in favour of the Public Health and Nuisances Removal bills, with some modifications.

4. Urquhartite meeting in Paradise square, under pretence of supporting Mr. Roebuck's motion to censure the government.

4. The Rev. T. Sale, M.A., vicar of Sheffield, appointed to an honorary canonry in York Cathedral, having shortly before been made rural dean.

5. Decease of Mr. Jph. Skidmore, formerly of the Park, aged 63.

6. J. Bower Brown, Esq., Woodthorpe Hall; W. F. Dixon, Esq., Page Hall; and Sir I. Morley, Doncaster, qualified as West-Riding magistrates.

7. Fiat in bankruptcy against Armitage, Frankish, and Barker, of the Queen's Steel Works. This is the most extensive failure in Sheffield for many years.

8. Mr. W. W. Barker ejected from a pew in Dronfield Church during divine service, in consequence of a dispute as to its rightful occupation.

9. Foundation of Temperance Hall in Townhead street laid.

9. Three days' match at cricket, between 11 of Sheffield and 16 of Bradford. Sheffield 1st, 161; 2nd, 72; Bradford 1st, 147; 2nd, 140.

9. Committee appointed at vestry meeting in March reported in favour of a burial ground—directed to communicate with the other townships, and report further.

10. Foundation stone of Presbyterian Church, Hanover st., laid.

11. Decease of Mr. F. Machon, King street, aged 49.

11. Town Council—smoke consumption—Town Clerk accepts the resolution of June 13—project for new streets—Post office salaries.

12. Opening of the Wicker Congregational Church.

14. Falling in of the Huthwaite tunnel, near Penistone.

14. Thomas Jackson found guilty at York of the manslaughter



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of Private George Lewis, 7th Hussars, near the Sheffield barracks, on the 4th July, sentenced to transportation for life.

17. Two youths killed in Soap-house pit by being thrown from a corve as it ascended the shaft.

17. Mr. Roebuck moved in the House of Commons a censure on the government for neglect of the army in the Crimea in the winter of 1854-5. The House voted July 19, on the previous question, "That Mr. Roebuck's motion be put from the chair"—ayes 182, noes 289.

17. Meeting of the pewholders of the parish church appoint a committee to consider the means of improving and making it more capacious.

17. The site and buildings of the old barracks sold by auction, for £2850, to Mr. J. Stovin and Mr. W. Wreaks.

18. The Rev. S. Sunderland, vicar of Penistone, killed by the overturning of a coach at Rowsley Bridge.

18. Ordination of the Rev. John Brown Paton, M.A., minister of the Wicker Congregational Church.

26. Decease of Mr. Jas. Wood, (J. & B. Wood,) Park, aged 62.

31. *Heath v. Unwin*.—After 12 years of litigation, the patent of Heath for the use of manganese in the manufacture of steel was upset by a judgment of the House of Lords.

## AUGUST.

1. James Burke and Cormack Dunlevy committed to York by the coroner's jury for the murder of Wm. Beardshaw, policeman, in a night affray with an Irish mob. Tried Dec. 12.—Manslaughter; Burke to be transported 15 years; Dunlevy and others engaged in the riot, 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

6. Further consideration of a burial board for Sheffield adjourned for twelve months.

8. Town Council—post office clerks' salaries—Watch Committee's proceedings—Free Library rules, &c.

11. Explosion of a steam boiler of Messrs. W. Parker & Co., Blonk Mills—four persons killed.

14. Decease of Mr. John Lofthouse, of Glossop road.

17. Meeting of the Cutlers' Company pass resolutions denouncing the imputations upon the Sheffield trade contained in a letter of the Master Cutler, (Mr. T. Moulson,) dated Paris, July 26.

17. Meeting of the friends of J. A. Roebuck, Esq., M.P., originate a testimonial to him for his public services.

18. Explosion of the boiler of Shortridge, Howell, and Jessop, of the Hartford Steel Works—two lives lost.

18. The Queen and Prince Albert, with the Prince of Wales and Princess Royal, sailed for Boulogne, on a visit to Louis Napoleon.

22. Miss Matilda Jane Naylor accidentally killed by inhaling chloroform for the toothache.

26. Meeting of steam engine proprietors to memorialise the Town Council on the working of the smoke bye-law.

27. Commencement of the great cricket match, Yorkshire *v.* Sussex, at Bramall lane Ground. Sussex, one innings, 292; Yorkshire, first, 103; second, 72.

27. Decease of Mr. Miles John Fawcett, Wicker, aged 47.

29. Mr. Farnall, poor law inspector, reports to the Sheffield guardians that their paupers were increased from 3520 last year

to 5260; the out relief increased from £267 weekly to £369. "In February, 1846, there were on the books 1732 persons; 1847, 2133; 1848, when bad trade was beginning, 2322; in 1849, when bad trade had reached the climax, 5148; 1850 4390; 1851, 3957; 1852, 3754; 1853, 3372; 1854, 3455; 1855 4393; and now, in the midst of autumn, with the harvest in the fields wanting labourers, the number is 5260!"

29. Public meeting to promote the subscription for a testimonial to J. A. Roebuck, Esq., M.P.

30. Decease of Feargus O'Connor, after a period of insanity.

30. Rotherham Board of Health make trial of the engines of their new water works, and introduce water into their new mains.

#### SEPTEMBER.

6. Cutlers' Feast—Frederick Thorpe Mappin, Esq., Master; principal guests, Lord E. Howard, M.P., Lord Foley, Lord Denman, Lord Mayor of London, (Sir F. G. Moon, Bart.,) Right Hon. James Stuart Wortley, M.P., Hon. E. Stuart Wortley, J. A. Roebuck, Esq., M.P., Geo. Hadfield, Esq., M.P., B. Oliviera, Esq., M.P., R. N. Philipps, Esq., Deputy Lieutenant of the City of London, &c., &c.

10. Casting of steel bells by Messrs. Naylor, Vickers, & Co.

10. News of the fall of Sebastopol (on the 8th) received with immense excitement and enthusiasm.

12. Town Council—West Riding Assizes—apprehensions for drunkenness—smoke bye-laws—projected street improvements—committals for non-payment of rates.

12. Rev. E. G. Kelly resigns the incumbency of St. John's, for the living of Otterford, Somersetshire.

14. Decease, aged 77, of Mr. John Aldred, of Rotherham.

15. Sheffield Union—In-paupers, 531, against 389 last year, farm, 14, against 20; out-poor, 434, receiving £348, against 3129; £264 last year. Ecclesall Union—In-paupers, 261, against 178 last year; out-poor, £74, against £54 last year.

15. Decease, at Havre, aged 77, of Mr. Edward J. Heseltine, many years manager at Rotherham of the Sheffield and Rotherham Bank.

17. Three days' match at cricket commenced, between eleven of All England and twenty-two of the Rotherham Howard Club. Howard 1st innings, 132; 2nd, 43. The Eleven, 1st, 70; 2nd, 106.

26. Decease, at Gennevilliers, near Paris, of Mr. George Waterhouse, formerly of Sheffield, aged 64.

29. Last publication of the *Sheffield Examiner*. Commenced January, 1854, avowedly to be the organ of the conservative party.

#### OCTOBER.

1. General holiday, with a procession and illumination on a very extensive scale, for the fall of Sebastopol, on the 8th of September.

1. Harvest weather favourable, but yield deficient. Very conflicting estimates as to the amount of the deficiency. Average of wheat, Sept. 27th, 77s. 8d.

2. Queen's Steel Works, erected by Armitage, Frankish, and Barker, at the cost of (including the machinery) £23,000, sold by auction under the bankruptcy, to Mr. John Brown, for £12,000.

3. Annual meeting of the School of Design. The Right Hon. John Parker, Chairman.

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13. Agitation in Leeds and Wakefield for the removal of the assizes for the West-Riding business to one of those towns.

14. His R. H. Prince Albert becomes patron of the bazaar for the Building Fund of the School of Design, and expresses an interest in the object.

15. Decease of Mr. Samuel Tingle, steel refiner, aged 55.

16. Wm. Webster committed to York for the manslaughter of Richard Habershon. Sentenced at Winter Assizes to seven days' imprisonment.

17. Town Council—The assize business—smoke bye-law—resignation of Mr. Alderman Solly, in consequence of his leaving the country for a lengthened period.

18. Extensive fire of farming produce at Carter Hall.

19. This and following days several incendiary fires occurred in the neighbourhood of Barnsley.

20. Re-opening of the Sheffield Theatre, after an entire renovation of the interior, Mr. C. Dillon manager.

21. Winding up of Feargus O'Connor's land scheme. In Sheffield, 620 members had paid £830; Rotherham, 70 paid £307; Barnsley, 345 paid £557. Yorkshire had 5461 members, who paid £11,287. The total sum was about £90,000, and the contributors 70,000.

22. Mr. F. Wever elected secretary of the Savings' Bank, vice Mr. Benjamin Schofield, resigned.

23. First half-yearly meeting of amalgamated gas companies.

24. Decease of Mr. Edward Butcher, High street, aged 48.

25. Deakin Institution—Allowance to annuitants increased from £15 to £20 a-year.

26. Decease, aged 54, of the Right Hon. John Stuart Wortley, second Lord Wharncliffe. Interred at Wortley, October 27.

27. Decease of Mr. J. P. Payne, of the Yews, surgeon.

28. First stone of the School of Design laid by Dr. F. Branson.

29. Meeting of the ratepayers of St. Philip's district on the question of providing a burial ground, adjourned for 12 months.

30. Decease of Mr. George Dawson, music seller, aged 57.

31. At Beyrou, Syria, decease of the Lady Emmeline Stuart Wortley, relict of the late Hon. Chas. Stuart Wortley, and daughter of the Duke of Rutland.

32. Special meeting of Town Council—reply to the memorial on behalf of George E. Brett—watch rate estimate. Addresses of condolence presented to the Dowager Lady Wharncliffe from the Town Council and the Cutlers' Company.

33. The Rev. Canon Trevor, one of the chaplains of the Parish Church, whose services had been declined by the Vicar, returns to his incumbency at York, under an agreement by which he pays out of his salary of £400 a year, £105, for the salary of a curate to be nominated by the Vicar.

## NOVEMBER.

1. Municipal elections: St. Peter's—Mark Firth, vice N. Moore, and I. Schofield re-elected; St. Philip's—W. Groves and J. G. Robson re-elected; Park—M. E. Hadfield and John Roebuck, vice R. Elliott and J. Howarth; St. George's—W. Sissons, 802, G. Skinner, 726, (vice W. Crowther and W. Ibbitt,) J. H. Andrew, 717, C. Baines, 694; Ecclesall—Wm. Smith, Jun., 1070, (vice A.

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Booth) W. Harvey, 1030 (re-elected), John Brown, 926, A. Sharman, 850; Nether Hallam—P. Ashberry, re-elected; Upper Hallam—T. Gatley, re-elected; Brightside—T. Marrian, *vice* Saml. Sanderson; Attercliffe—R. Marsden, re-elected;

7. Mr. R. Younge brings before the guardians of the Sheffield Union, at great length, the case for the erection of a new workhouse.—The decision adjourned.

7. Rotherham Board of Health memorialise the magistrates against adopting a rural police force; Mr. Lee reported that the new water works had cost £21,742, the estimate being £22,205.

7 and 8. Uproarious meetings at the Town Hall, addressed by David Urquhart and others.

8. Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire—special meeting sanctions the leasing of the Rochdale Canal, in conjunction with other companies.

9. Town Council.—Ald. W. Fawcett unanimously elected Mayor—Dr. C. W. Bingley appointed to test the gas—Committees elected.

11. Opening of the New Temperance Hall, Barker pool.

12. Decease of Mr. George Merrill, Harvest lane, aged 77.

12. Meeting of ratepayers to express to the guardians of the Sheffield Union, the sentiment of the town against the erection of a new workhouse.

13. Meeting of pewholders of the Parish Church to sanction plans for enlarging the church, by throwing the chancel into it, and for otherwise rendering it more commodious and beautiful.

13. Soiree of the Rotherham Mechanics' Institution, under the presidency of Earl Fitzwilliam,

14. The guardians, by a majority of 8 to 3, declare the present workhouse accommodation to be insufficient, and that a new house should be built. (Also resolved, that £30,000 be expended in buying 50 to 60 acres of land, and erecting buildings suitable to accommodate 1200 paupers.

15. Closing of the Paris Exhibition, Grand Medal of Honour awarded to Sheffield, which was received by the Mayor (William Fawcett, Esq.) from the hand of the Emperor. . . . **FOR WROUGHT AND UNWROUGHT STEEL.**—Medals of Honour to Spear and Jackson, T. Turton and Son, G. Wostenholm, and H. E. Hoole, Sheffield. Decoration of the Legion of Honour to Mr. S. Jackson, (Spear and Jackson.) *First-Class Medals.*—J. Bedford, Cocker Brothers, J. Firth and Son, Hawcroft and Son, Ibbotson Brothers and Co., J. Kenyon and Co., Sheffield; Kirby, Beard, and Co.; J. Moss and Gamble Brothers, Naylor, Vickers, and Co., J. Nowill, Sorby and Son, Spencer & Son, T. Wilkinson & Son, J. Wilson and Son, Sheffield. . . . *Second-Class Medals.*—R. Bagshaw, J. Bedford, Sheffield; Butterley, Hobson, and Co., Norton; Cocker and Son, Hathersage; T. Garfitt and Co., E. Greaves, Hoole, Stauforth, and Co., J. Howarth, T. Jowitt, Saynor and Cooke, H. Taylor, and T. Ward, Sheffield. . . . *Honourable Mention.*—G. Beardshaw, D. Flather and Son, Fox and Co., A. Green, W. Jackson and Co., J. S. Warner, B. & J. Wilcock, Sheffield. . . . **SILVERSMITHS' ART.**—*First-Class Medal.*—J. Dixon and Son, Sheffield. . . . *Second-Class Medals.*—Shaw and Fisher, Sheffield; Waterhouse and Co., Dublin. . . . *Honourable Mention.*—Sauson and Davenport, Sheffield. . . . **HOUSE FURNITURE AND DECORATION.**—*Medal*

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*of Honour.*—H. E. Hoole, Sheffield.....*First-Class Artizans' Medal.*—Stevens, Sheffield...*GENERAL MACHINERY.*—T. Walker, Sheffield, second-class medal.....*APPLICATION OF HEAT, &c.*—*Second Class Medal.*—H. E. Hoole, Sheffield.....*Honourable Mention.*—Thomas Walker, Sheffield.....*CHEMICAL ARTS, &c.*—W. Beatson, Rotherham.

16. Magistrates at sessions at Wakefield reject, by 43 to 33, the proposition to appoint a rural police force for the West Riding.

17. A second public meeting to memorialise the Poor-Law Board in opposition to the proposed new workhouse.

21. First stone of the Ragged School, in Pea croft, laid by Ald. E. Vickers.

22. Week's average price of wheat, 80s. 10d.

22. Decease of Mr. Nathaniel Creswick, (T., J., & N. Creswick, silver platers,) Easthill House.

22. Opening of the new ground, Bramall lane, of the Sheffield United Cricket Club, celebrated by a dinner at the Adelphi hotel. President, M. J. Ellison, Esq.

24. The Right Hon. M. T. Baines, M.P. for Leeds, appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, with a seat in the Cabinet.

24. Contracts for Dronfield Gas Works let.

26. Mr. Thomas Collinson elected clerk and collector of the Brightside Highway Board, *vice* Mr. Frank Wever, resigned. Mr. Robert Hadfield elected clerk and collector of the Attercliffe Highway Board, *vice* Mr. F. Wever, resigned. Mr. Collinson and Mr. Hadfield were also elected poor rate collectors and assistant overseers.

27. First cheap concert for the season, under the management of the Sacred Harmonic Society.

29. Meeting of the pewholders of Rotherham Parish Church agreed to a voluntary assessment to provide a fund to repair the church and conduct Divine service.

30. Bust of the late James Montgomery, by Mr. Wm. Ellis, presented to the Infirmary by gentlemen who had purchased it.

#### DECEMBER.

1. Appeal to the public on behalf of Sheffield Scripture Readers' Society.

4. First public soiree of the Sheffield Young Men's Christian Association.

6. Decease, at Grimsthorpe, of Mr. Paul Hearnshaw, aged 63.

6. Sheffield Intermediate Sessions—John Jackson, (65) pawnbroker, Doncaster, tried on indictment preferred by order of the Court on the 5th, for receiving a stolen ring—found guilty, sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment and hard labour. The trial much remarked upon, and efforts made by the pawnbrokers throughout the kingdom to obtain a further enquiry.

9. The Rev. E. S. Murphy, assistant chaplain for some years at the Parish Church, preaches his farewell sermon.

12. Town Council—French Medal of Honour—Free Library stock of books—return for watch rate—rateable value of property in borough, £364,600 against £354,130, in 1854; in watch rate area, £302,128 against £295,493—Smoke committee—Health committee—Extension of gas mains—sale of liquors to children—committee on postal arrangements—John Frost.

13. Meeting of ratepayers, called by overseers, passes resolutions against the proposed new workhouse.

15. Armitage, Frankish, and Barker apply to the Bankruptcy Court for certificates—second class certificates granted.

15. Sheffield Union—In-paupers, 708, against 547 last year. Farm, 4 against 10; out-relief, 4492 persons, £359, against 4382, £287. Ecclesall Union—Inmates, 289, against 215; out-payments, £78, against £52.

17. Mr. S. Butcher elected church burgess, *vice* Mr. N. Creswick, deceased.

19. Decease of Mr. James Smith Davy, aged 57.

20. Average price of wheat, 8s. 4d. per quarter.

21. Mr. Joseph Parker, clerk to Mr. James Wilkinson, agent at Sheffield of the Low Moor Iron Company, arrested at Liverpool on a charge of embezzlement. Committed for trial, 29th.

22. Free Library—Announced that it would open for reference 1st February.

22. Mr. Charles Dickens read his Christmas Carol for the benefit of the Mechanics' Institution. Presentation to him of specimens of cutlery.

26. Majority of guardians of Sheffield Union sign their consent to an order of Poor Law Board for the erection of new workhouse, at a cost of £30,000, on 50 acres of land.

26 and following days, Fine Arts Exhibition of Rotherham and Masbro' Mechanics' Institute.

28. Presentation of silver plate value 200 guineas, to Mr. Geo. Wostenholm, of Washington Works, by his workmen.

28. Meeting of ratepayers of Rotherham appoint a committee to investigate the expenditure of the Rotherham Board of Health.

28. Church of England Instruction Society—name changed to Church of England Educational Institute.

29. Announced acceptance by the Rev. Brooke Herford, of Todmorden, of the pastorate of the Upper Chapel, Sheffield; and by the Rev. J. M. Charlton, M.A., of Totteridge, Herts, of the Independent Chapel, Masbro'.

29. Gas explosion in the house of Mr. H. Webster, Northumberland road.

31. Savings' Bank—	1853.	1854.	1855.
Deposits .....	£91,338	83,641	71,136
Withdrawals .....	71,599	88,920	89,232

Deposits, 20th Nov., 1855, were £279,718.

31. Fall of rain in 1852, 1854, and 1855, compared with average from 1836 to 1851, and the wettest and driest years in that period:

	1839.	1844.	1836—1851.	1852.	1854.	1855.
January .....	2.675	2.305	3.394	5.233	2.915	1.185
February.....	2.400	1.580	2.775	5.630	3.630	1.700
March .....	3.240	3.725	2.923	1.110	1.225	2.210
April .....	1.530	.640	2.854	.270	.820	1.820
May .....	.833	.595	2.819	1.885	2.955	2.310
June.....	5.225	2.415	3.519	3.235	1.870	3.160
July .....	9.085	3.535	4.390	2.275	2.830	4.025
August.....	5.705	3.820	3.681	2.400	1.550	1.915
September .....	6.115	4.635	3.832	5.245	2.010	1.870
October.....	3.420	3.480	4.236	3.725	2.170	6.400
November.....	6.200	3.185	3.871	8.045	4.085	1.045
December.....	2.830	.230	3.194	4.850	8.615	2.135
Total inches..	49.255	30.145	40.980	45.900	34.345	28.775

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OF THE  
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JANUARY.

1. Thos. Wilson, farmer, of Wickersley, convicted at Doncaster of stealing from the Wood street Hotel; a week's imprisonment.

1. Introduction of a patent process of engraving plate by Messrs. Skinner and Branson.

1. Atlas Steel and Spring Works. Mr. John Brown removes to new works, (built by Armitage, Frankish, and Barker,) naming them the Atlas Steel and Spring Works.

2. Rotherham Board of Health—the investigation committee—attacks upon the clerk, &c.

3. Average price of wheat, 77s. 2d.

5. Sheffield Union—in paupers, 705 against 614 last year; farm, 4 against 47; out-relief, 470½ persons £377, against 3462 persons, £288. Ecclesall Union—inmates, 302 against 232; out-poor, £83 against £53.

5. Sheffield police—reports upon the day and night force published—recommendation that the quality of the force be improved rather than the number increased.

7. Sudden decease of Mr. Alfred Green, surgeon's instrument maker, aged 60.

9. Town Council—Health Committee, the state of dams and rivers—Neepsend bridge approaches—Mr. P. Beaumont appointed gas accounts' auditor—memorial on behalf of Mr. John Jackson, hastily convicted at Sheffield sessions, of receiving a stolen ring—County Court fees.

10. Mr. Denison, M.P., proposes to apply to parliament for a bill to establish a juvenile reformatory for the West Riding at the cost of the county rate.

11. Price of consols,  $86\frac{1}{8}\frac{1}{2}$ ; North Western,  $93\frac{1}{2}$ ; Midland, 63; Great Northern, 88.

12. The Master Cutler (Mr. F. T. Mappin,) replies in *The Times* to attacks on Sheffield manufactures.

13. Messrs. Barnes and Sons' warehouse robbed of goods to the value of £120.

14. Exhibition of Works of Art belonging to the Queen and from Marlborough House, at the Mechanics' Hall.

14. Decease of Mr. John Henry Harder, aged 77.

16. Sheffield Savings' Bank rate of interest raised from £2. 18s. 4d. to £3 per cent.

16. Rotherham Board of Health—financial difficulties—the Boston reservoir.

17. News that Russia had unconditionally accepted the preliminaries of peace, suggested by Austria, with the sanction of England and France. Partial illuminations.

18. Consols,  $89\frac{3}{4}$ , 90; North Western,  $96\frac{1}{4}$ ; Midland, 66; Great Northern, 92.

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22. Young Men's Christian Association. The Mayor, (Mr. Fawcett,) president; Mr. A. Allott, treasurer; Mr. G. Stewart, sec.

23. Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire—half-yearly meeting. 5s. per cent. paid on original stock. £10 preference shares converted into stock, the arrears of interest being capitalised.

24. Mr. Thomas Collinson elected assistant overseer of Brightside, *vice* Mr. Frank Wever.

24. Wilfred Deakin, aged 3, murdered by his uncle, James Hill. Prisoner acquitted at the assizes on the ground of insanity.

25. Sheffield Banking Company dividend of £12. 15s. per share—£75 paid up.

25. Decease of Mr. James Hall, aged 48, of the firm of Eyre, Ward, and Co.

26. Free pardon granted to Mr. John Jackson, of Doncaster, pawnbroker, (convicted at Sheffield sessions, Dec. 6,) on the ground that the prisoner had not sufficient time and opportunity to prepare his defence.

26. Violent competition of the London and North Western, Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, and the Midland railways, with the Great Northern, for the through traffic to London, commenced. After several weeks the usual fares were resumed, the terms of arrangement being referred to Mr. Gladstone, M.P.

29. Soiree of the Congregation of the Unitarian Chapel to welcome the Rev. Brooke Herford, their new minister, as successor to the Rev. T. Hincks.

30. Mr. John Hall elected house surgeon of the Infirmary, *vice* Mr. Tinsley, resigned.

31. Decease, aged 91, of Mr. Edward Lucas, of Dronfield.

## FEBRUARY.

1. Free Public Library opened.

3. Decease of Mr. George Watson, Norfolk row, aged 80.

4. The Sheffield clergy petition parliament against the opening of the Crystal Palace, the British Museum, the National Gallery, &c., on the Sunday.

5. Opening of the Temperance Hall, Townhead street.

6. Pews in the Parish Church—Broomhead *v.* Oakes, the Judge of the County Court decided that no person could have such a title in a pew as would give him the right to let it and sue for the rent.

6. The Rt. Hon. M. Talbot Baines, M.P. for Leeds, having accepted the Chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster, with a seat in the Cabinet, was re-elected.

7. Rotherham new Water Works tested with satisfactory results.

7. Meeting at Doncaster of West Riding Magistrates, to express confidence in Mr. Wilson Overend, as Chairman of Quarter Sessions, and to request his continuance in the chair. The occasion was the pardon of Mr. John Jackson.

8. Thomas Needham committed to Derby on charge of attempting to blow up the manufactory of Messrs. Ward and Camm, Dronfield, on the 3rd January. Found guilty at Spring assizes—four years' penal servitude.

8. Decease, aged 51, of Mr. Geo. Henry Hobson, of Butterley, Hobson, and Co.

8. Decease of Sir H. Hunloke, Bt., of Wingerworth Hall, aged 43



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8. Oxspring mill, near Penistone, destroyed by fire.
9. Announcement of Bessemer's patent for making malleable iron without puddling, which some months later caused great temporary excitement in the iron trade.
13. Town Council—Free Library—defect of sanitary powers—cost and approaches of Neepsend bridge—quality of gas—stipendiary magistrate—Ecclesiastical Courts—peace negotiations—cost of the war—government police bill—Liverpool town dues.
16. Suicide of John Sadleir, M.P. for Sligo, after committing frauds and forgeries to a great amount.
17. The Rev. J. Moon Charlton, M.A., of Totteridge, assumes the pastorate of Masbro' chapel, *vice* the Rev. A. Raleigh.
18. Decease, at Arundel Castle, of Henry Charles, Duke of Norfolk, aged 65 years.
- 25 and 26. Discussions of the Rev. J. Carveth with the Wesleyan Reformers on the subject of their proposed amalgamation with the Wesleyan Association.
28. H. M. Greaves, Esq., elected a church burgess, *vice* Mr. John Porter, resigned.

## MARCH.

1. Henry Eastwood committed to York for the manslaughter of Thomas Wood, at Hoyland. Acquitted.
3. Lord Palmerston announces that preliminaries of peace have been agreed to at Paris.
3. Ratepayers of Ecclesall vestry meeting sanction the erection of offices for meetings and parish business.
3. Mr. Wilson Overend, Chairman of the Quarter Sessions, addresses the Grand Jury in reference to the numerous and daring robberies in the neighbourhood, and the need of an improved protective force.
5. Sheffield Union: authority to erect a new Workhouse received from the Poor Law Board, with directions to select a site. The guardians resolved to do so, though it was complained that this was a violation of the pledge, made in November, to take no further steps for twelve months. The question whether Handsworth was entitled to one or two guardians, settled by order of the Poor Law Board that there should be only one.
5. Canklow Mill burnt.
5. Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank make an allotment of new shares to increase the capital by £31,337, in consequence of the augmenting trade of the town.
5. The guardians of Ecclesall elect their medical officers for life under the order of the Poor Law Board, at the same time protesting against the order. On the 12th inst., the Sheffield guardians took a similar course.
8. Lord Edward Howard, M.P., succeeding to the Glossop estate under the will of the late Duke of Norfolk, appoints Mr. Michael J. Ellison his agent.
10. York assizes: Wm. Bonson, John Row, and George Taylor, of Barnsley, convicted of burglary at the Rev. T. W. Simpson's, at Thurnscoe. Bonson, 8 years; Taylor and Row, 4 years, penal servitude. At the Summer assizes, Chas. Dunk for the same, 4 yrs.
10. Decease of D'Ewes Coke, Esq., of Totley, aged 82.

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12. Town Council: Police bill—salary of detectives—causes of crime—the Neepsend bridge—the free library—Mr. Cropper appointed inspector of gas metres—addresses of condolence to the Duke and Duchess Dowager of Norfolk.

14. Joseph Parker, clerk to Mr. Jas. Wilkinson, of Sheffield, convicted at York of embezzlement; 18 months' imprisonment.

15. Violent burglary at Mr. F. Birtles', Haudsworth. Edward Watson and M. A. Johnson convicted at York Summer assizes: 8 years' penal servitude.

16. Birth of a son and heir of Louis Napoleon.

17. Meeting to oppose the building of a new workhouse.

19. Meeting of Rotherham ratepayers to receive a report of the committee of investigation as to the affairs of the Local Board of Health. The meeting was long and recriminatory, and the report was not adopted.

19. Warehouse of Messrs. Ward and Payne, West street, to a great extent destroyed by fire.

19. Meetings in wards to promote the election of guardians opposed to the new workhouse.

19. Decease, aged 44, of Mr. Henry Grayson, (Slack, Sellars, and Grayson.)

22. Rotherham Board of Health election: For Rotherham township—Mr. Bentley, 371; J. Bennett (plumber,) 295; A. Hirst, 282; G. Haywood, 169. For Kimberworth township—W. Moorhouse, 244; T. Jarvis, 227.

22. Population table for 1852-5: The marked feature in these returns is the rapid increase of population from 1851 to 1855. In the ten previous years, the increase was 24,416. In the last four years and a half, the increase was 26,620. From 1841 to 1851, the houses increased by 1480. From July, 1851, to Dec., 1855, they increased 7381. Population, 1855—161,927; houses, 35,029.

25. First stone laid of the Roman Catholic church of St. Vincent of Paul, in White croft. Opened Dec. 14th.

25. Addresses of condolence from the Town Council and the Cutlers' Company presented to the Duke of Norfolk, at his residence in Carlton terrace, London.

26. Sheffield guardians resolve to purchase land at Darnall for the erection of a new Workhouse.

29. Sheffield Union: In-paupers, 623 against 672 last year. Out poor, 4982, £427, against 4357, £355. At farm, 3 against 81. Ecclesall Union: In-poor, 272 against 276; out-poor, £95 against £90.

30. Treaty of peace signed at Paris. News received at Sheffield on the 31st with demonstrations of joy. Funds in London rose  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent.

31: Fall of rain in March '92.

#### APRIL.

1. Purchase of land for new workhouse approved by the Poor Law Board.

1. Stocksbridge Works, Deepcar, destroyed by fire.

2. Extensive fire in Wharncliffe Wood accidentally caused, there having been a long dry season.

2. Rotherham Board of Health: Dissension between the new

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and old members—water supply, &c. Mr. Barras, clerk, resigns, but on the 3rd was re-elected.

3. Decease of Mr. John Woodcroft, late of Bennet Grange.

3. Average price of wheat, 69s. 10d.

7. John Jeffcock, Esq., of Cowley Manor, qualified as magistrate at Pontefract sessions.

9. Town Council: Committee proceedings—postal communication with Manchester—parliamentary reform.

10. United Gas Company:  $9\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. paid on the old company's shares;  $7\frac{4}{10}$ ths per cent. on the Consumers' Company's shares. The latter afterwards raised to 8 per cent. by decision of the Vice-Chancellor.

10. Conviction of Joseph Crossby, miller, Rotherham, for the adulteration of flour, confirmed on appeal at Pontefract sessions.

11. Sheffield Union: Opponents of the new Workhouse elected guardians by immense majorities. Sheffield—T. E. Mycock, 8308; Wm. Harvey, 8188; P. Ashberry, 8149; Henry Crawshaw, 8144; A. Booth, 7943; Joel Kirby, 7652; James Melling, 7635; Thos. Peel, 7756. The votes for the others were from 1772 to 1219. Brightside: James Jowitt, 1458; Wm. Lodge, 1418. Attercliffe: George Holmes, 325. Handsworth: Mr. S. Mitchell, *vice* Mr. John Rhodes.

11. Decease, aged 40, of Mr. John Rodgers, of the firm of Joseph Rodgers and Sons.

14. Meeting of the Waterworks' Company—dividend 7 per cent.

14. Final meeting of the out-going guardians send to the Poor Law Board their formal consent to the order for the erection of a new workhouse on the site purchased by them. The new board met on Wednesday, and refused to confirm the minutes of the late board, or to instruct the solicitors as to the conveyance.

15. Violent burglary at Mr. Samuel Hodgkinson's, Beighton Fields. Thomas Jarvis tried for the offence, and acquitted.

16. Decease, suddenly, of Mr. Thomas Porter, grocer, aged 68.

16. John Smith and H. Holmes Vaughan, fork grinders, committed to York on charge of rattening. Guilty: one year.

23. Decease, aged 78, of Dowager Lady Wharnccliffe, relict of James, first Lord Wharnccliffe.

23. Queen reviews the fleet off Portsmouth.

23. The matter of the new workhouse referred by the Sheffield guardians to a committee.

27. Decease of Mr. Wm. Younge, aged 79, of the late firm of Rimington and Younges, bankers.

29. Presentation of new colours to the 98th Regiment at Sheffield Barracks by General Sir Harry Smith, G.C.B.

30. Decease of Mr. J. Barker, Thatched House Tavern, aged 38.

MAY.

2. Opening of the new Ragged School—annual meeting. The Earl of Shaftesbury in the chair.

3. Fifth dividend of 1s. under Parker, Shore, and Co.'s bankruptcy, making 11s. in the pound paid.

3. Decease of Mr. John S. Nanson (Nanson and Co., brewers.)

5. Election of Mr. Alderman Dunn as a town trustee in the

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place of Mr. Thomas Birks, resigned. Mr. Ald. Turton also nominated, but withdrawn.

6. Peace proclaimed in the borough—a small procession.

6. Pin and wire manufactory of Mr. Tobias Child, of Hathersage, destroyed by an incendiary fire.

7. Public meeting at Rotherham, to memorialise the magistrates for an enquiry respecting the conviction of Mr. Crossby.

10. Town Trust accounts published—receipts, £2366. Paid for additions to permanent estate, £385; to public improvements, &c., £779.

14. Town Council—address to the Queen on the peace—Mr. Thomas Oates elected alderman, *vice* Mr. Richard Solly—discussion on peace rejoicings.

17. Decease of Mr. James Hodgson, of Rotherham, aged 53.

21. Mr. John Brown, Atlas Works, elected town councillor for St. Peter's Ward, *vice* Ald. Oates.

27. After twelve days' trial in London, Wm. Palmer, of Rugeley, found guilty of poisoning John Parsons Cook with strychnine. Palmer was suspected of having also poisoned his wife, brother, and other persons. Executed at Stafford, June 14.

28. First stone of new Church laid at Belfield.

29. Procession, illumination, and general feasting and rejoicing, to celebrate the return of peace. For several weeks before and after, similar rejoicings took place in the various towns and villages of the neighbourhood.

29. Gold chain and badge of office, purchased by subscription, presented to the Mayor of Sheffield.

## JUNE.

4. Meeting to promote a subscription in aid of the fund for a testimonial to Miss Florence Nightingale.

6. Dr. Sandwith, medical officer to Gen. Williams, lectures before the Literary and Philosophical Society, on the fall of Kars.

6. Decease, aged 49, of Mr. John Simpson, Heeley.

11. Town Council—borough rate—free library—baths—venile reformatories—the Mayor's chain.

14. Garotte robbery of Mr. Horatio Greaves, near Upperthorpe.

21. Misses Elizabeth and Ann Shearwood, having been confined 14 years in the Queen's Bench prison, for contempt of Court of Chancery, released and returned to Sheffield.

23. Rotherham Board of Health—special meeting—legal proceedings by creditors, and recriminatory discussion. Many meetings of similar character at this period.

27. Meeting of Rotherham Board of Health, with deputation of steam engine proprietors, resolved to withdraw the summonses for non-consumption of smoke, in the hope that a satisfactory plan might be adopted.

27. Church rate of 3d. in the pound granted at Rotherham.

27. Consols 95; Midlands, 82½; London and North Western, 104½; Sheffield Banking Company, 156.7; Sheffield and Rotherham Bank, 13½, 7; Sheffield and Hallamshire, 36½, 37½; Sheffield Union, 20, 21; United Gas A., 38½, 39½; Waterworks, 129.131.

## JULY.

4. The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, with the Earl of Arundel

and Surrey, arrive on a visit to their Sheffield estate, and were the guests of M. Edlison, Esq., till the 21st.

7. J. B. Greenwood, Esq., of Dewsbury, lectures at the Council Hall, on Juvenile Reformatories.

9. Dr. S. O. Habershon elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

9. Poor-Law Board write to enquire what steps the Sheffield guardians were taking as to the conveyance of the land purchased by the late board for a new workhouse. Resolved that as the committee, appointed on the 23rd of April, had not reported, the board was not prepared to take any steps. On the 16th, the Poor-Law Board urged the guardians to call on the committee to report. The letter referred to the committee.

9. Town Council—police arrangements—use of the free library.

14. Commencement of extensive alterations in the interior of the Parish Church.

15. Decease, at Mexbro', of Mr. Saml. Barker, aged 53.

16. Union Bank—div. 10 per cent.

18. Sheffield and Hall. Bank—dividend and bonus, 10 per cent.

19. After four days' trial, Wm. Dove found guilty at York, of poisoning his wife with strychnine. Executed August 9, having made a full confession.

19. Sheffield Union—In-poor, 554, against 558; farm, 16, against 74; out-poor, 4976, £397, against 4790, £374. Ecclesall—In-poor, 229, against 281; out-payments, £82, against £85.

22. Destructive fire on the premises of Mr. Cooper, druggist, Scotland street.

23. Non-commissioned officers of the 98th Regiment gave a dinner to those of the 4th Dragoon Guards on taking up their head-quarters in Sheffield, on their return from the Crimea.

26. Sheffield Union—Accounts for year ending 31st March. In-paupers, 4413; increase, 643 in former year; out-poor, 16,760, increase, 4157. Rates raised—Sheffield, £29,217; Brightside, £2486; Attercliffe, £1222; Handsworth, £1399.

28. Officers of the 4th Dragoon Guards returned from the Crimea entertained at a banquet at the Cutlers' Hall—present, the Earl of Cardigan, Lord Wharnccliffe, Colonel Hodge, Lieut. Massey, &c. The men of the regiment feted at the Botanical Gardens on the 30th.

30. Meeting to oppose the policy of the Highway Board in prohibiting open channels across the footpaths.

#### AUGUST.

1. Magistrates' meeting, at Wakefield, to take steps to carry out the new county police act.

2. Benj. Baylis, late surveyor of the Corporation of Chester, and since of Rotherham, convicted, at Chester assizes, of embezzlement. Twelve months' imprisonment.

2. Nearly two inches of rain fell within a few hours, causing very extensive and disastrous floods. At Middlewood, the water was 18 or 20 inches higher than in the great flood of 1834.

4. The Mayor, (Mr. W. Fawcett,) Mr. John Beckett, Mr. Ald. Atkinson, and Mr. G. Hirst, elected Improvement Commissioners.

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5, 6, and 7. Yorkshire Agricultural and Horticultural Shews held at Rotherham.

6. Improvement Commissioners negative a proposal to prohibit cabs occupying the stands on Sundays.

7. Thunderstorm of extraordinary violence and duration.

7. Mr. Matthew Osborne and Mr. Thos. Linley elected inmates of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum.

8. Annual election of officers of Cutlers' Company; Mr. George Wostenholm, Esq., Master Cutler elect.

8. Gold medal awarded to Sheffield, at the Paris Exhibition of 1855, and presented to the Mayor by the Emperor, deposited with the Cutlers' Company. A *fac-simile* of it placed in the Sheffield court, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham.

13. Town Council.—Proceedings of the Watch Committee—the highway board and the street channels—report on juvenile reformatories—committee on street improvements.

22. Decease of Mr. Henry Cocker, Hathersage, aged 70.

23. Rotherham Board of Health memorialise the West-Riding Magistrates not to supersede the present police force of the town.

25. Thos. Oscroft and Thos. Duty committed to York, for obbing the Gas Company's office. Convicted at the winter assizes. Duty four years penal servitude; Oscroft, twelve months' imprisonment and hard labour.

30. Right of the Vicar of Sheffield to marry at the Parish church persons resident in the other parochial districts, disputed. The Vicar acquiesces in the opinion of counsel, that persons ought to be married in the districts to which they belong.

#### SEPTEMBER.

1. Committee appointed to take the preliminary steps for the formation of a reformatory, for the young criminals of this neighbourhood.

1. Termination of a strike of the miners of the Oaks Colliery, near Barnsley, which had lasted for three months, work being resumed under the manager to whom the men had objected.

2. Decease of Mr. Alexander Grant, of Masbro', aged 56.

3. The sum of 1100 guineas presented to J. A. Roebuck, Esq., M.P., "in recognition of his great national services, and in commemoration of his worth as a liberal, patriotic, and distinguished statesman." Mr. Roebuck was also requested to sit for his portrait, by Mr. Richard Smith.

3. Mr. Charles Rawson elected surveyor of the Rotherham Board of Health.

4. Cutlers' Feast.—Principal guests, the Duke of Newcastle, Lord G. Manners, M.P., Lord Denman, E. B. Denison, Esq., M.P., J. A. Roebuck, Esq., M.P., R. M. Milnes, Esq., M.P., B. Oliveira, Esq., M.P., Hon. G. M. Dallas, American minister; Baron Gudin, of the French navy; the Hon. Jas. S. Wortley, &c.

5. Decease of Mr. Joshua Habershon, (Appleyard and Habershon, grocers,) Old Haymarket.

8. A number of knives manufactured for Mr. Thos. Youdan, presented to the men of the 4th Dragoon Guards, at the Newhall Gardens.

10. Town Council.—Photographs of the Paris Exhibition

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handed over to the Free Library—Ald. Carr's motion for street improvements lost by 26 to 3—smoke consumption.

11. Average price of wheat, 73s. 2d.

12. Resolution of the West-Riding Magistrates to provide a police for the Riding of 460 men.

15. A band provided by the Duke of Norfolk to play in the Norfolk park, gave their last performance for the season.

15. Soirée to celebrate the jubilee of Queen st. Sunday Schools.

17. Mr. Farnall, poor-law inspector, represents to the Sheffield guardians that the pauperism here was greater and increasing more rapidly than in other places, the per centage of pauperism being 5 per cent., while in the rest of his district it was only 3 per cent. of the population.

20. Call of 12s. 4d. per share made on the holders of the shares of the Gas Consumers' Company, to meet the deficiency of assets.

25. Average price of wheat, 64s. 5d.

25. Opening of new Congregational Church, Barnsley.

30. Fall of rain during the month, 3.71.

## OCTOBER.

1. Annual meeting of the Infirmary—medical officers present a recommendation for the establishment of a Lock Hospital.

1. Revision of burgess roll—St. Peter's, 2252; St. Philip's, 1935; Park, 2199; St. George's, 2274; Ecclesall, 4017; Brightside, 1727; Upper Hallam, 229; Nether Hallam, 1843; Attercliffe, 585; total, 17,061.

3. Edw. Smith, Esq., reads before the Literary and Philosophical Society a paper on Bessemer's process to make malleable iron without puddling, his judgment being unfavourable to the plan.

6. Decease, aged 82, of Mr. Joseph Carr, formerly Carr and Smith, drapers, Market street.

7, 8, and 10. Bazaar on behalf of the building fund of the Sheffield School of Art realised near £2000.

8. Town Council—bridge rate—collector's salary—Free Library and the Paris photographs.

10. Presentation to the Rev. T. Sale, M.A., Vicar, of a request that he would take the necessary steps to obtain the degree of Doctor in Divinity of the University of Oxford, accompanied by a sum of £116, raised by subscription, to defray the necessary fees. In the course of a few weeks, the Vicar became Dr. Sale.

11. Accounts of the borough treasurer published—receipts from borough and watch rates, &c., £8266; cost of police force, £7630, less £2189 received for constables' allowances, police fines, &c.

15. Town Trust—Ald. F. Hoole elected, vice Mr. Thos. Porter, deceased. Ald. Hoole, 196 votes; Ald. Turton, 159.

15. Decease, aged 86, of Mr. John Lockwood, late of Lockwood Brothers.

15. Fittings and apparatus of the Gymnasium, Glossop road, sold by auction.

16. Gas Company pay 9 per cent per annum on old shares and 8 per cent. on new.

16. Mr. John Whitaker, of Thrybergh, near Rotherham, robbed of about £200, and so beaten that he died on the 18th. Large reward offered in vain.

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17. **Doucaster Sessions**—Mr. Warhurst, of Newhall Hotel, appeals against the refusal of a license at the Sheffield Brewster Sessions. The Magistrates equally divided, and no decision given.

17. **Great depression in the money market**, owing to speculative operations on the continent. Consols,  $91\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ ; Midlands, 75; London and North Westerns, 100.

18. **Trial at Doncaster Sessions of an indictment against Mr. J. Bellamy Jepson**, for stopping up Pear street. An arrangement made with the highway board.

21. **Decease, at Conisbro'**, of Mr. Joshua Wigfull, aged 78, formerly of the Pond Corn Mills.

24. **Public meeting to revive the proposal of erecting a monument to the memory of the late James Montgomery.**

28. **Daniel Hutton and John Littlewood committed to Derby**, charged with burglary in the house of James Oates; convicted at the Winter Assize—Hutton 20 years' transportation, Littlewood 4 years' penal servitude.

29. **Town Council—common lodging houses—smoke by-laws, &c.**

29. **Decease of John Lumley Savile, eighth Earl of Scarbro'**; born 1788, succeeded to the title in 1835. Title descends to Richard George Lumley, Esq., of Tickhill Castle.

30. **Decease of Mr. Charles Hinde, Steel bank, aged 56.**

30. **Average price of wheat, 66s. 4d.**

31. **Fall of rain in October, 2.53.** The wetness of the weather from Sept. 22 to Oct. 15, caused great part of the late corn to be spoiled.

31. **Decease of Rev. H. Farish, M.A., incumbent of Ecclesall, and formerly of St. Mary's.**

#### NOVEMBER.

1. **Municipal elections**—St. Peter's—John Brown re-elected; R. Elliott, *vice* W. L. Humfrey. St. Philip's—G. A. Wood, George Trickett. St. George's—W. Crowther, A. Beckett, *vice* W. Lawton, W. Moulson. Brightside—R. Jackson, *vice* C. Alcock. Nether Hallam—John Crowley re-elected. Attercliffe—Geo. Beardshaw, *vice* G. Hill. Park—J. Hall, jun., 1041; B. J. Eyre, 1023; F. Hoyland, 415; G. L. Saunders, 323; S. Jessop, J. Crossland retiring. Upper Hallam—Henry I. Dixon, 104; John Dawson, 18; W. Booth retiring. Ecclesall—A. Booth, 648; W. Collier, 640; *vice* H. Vickers, 536; M. Beal, 509.

1. **Decease of Mr. David Wright, formerly optician, Campo lane.**

1. **Decease of Mr. James Taylor, of Barker pool, aged 57**

7. **Wm. Reaney, of Bradway, and James Reddish, committed for the manslaughter of Wm. Reaney, of Abbey lane, on the 11th of Oct.** Convicted at Winter Assizes, but sentence deferred, pending decision of a reserved point.

9. **Town Council**—Ald. J. W. Pye Smith elected Mayor by 30 votes, against Ald. H. E. Hoole 12. Aldermen—Messrs. Fawcett, (32 votes,) Mycock, (32,) Matthews, (27,) Turton, (23,) H. E. Hoole, (19,) re elected; E. Unwin, (20,) J. G. Robson, (20,) elected *vice* E. Vickers and J. W. Pye Smith—Mayor's banner—election of committees.

12. **Mr. George Hadfield, M.P., addresses his constituents; Mr.**



Roebuck, M.P., attends the meeting. Each receives a vote of confidence.

13. First annual soiree of Young Men's Christian Association.

13. Rate of discount raised from 6 and 7 per cent. to a uniform rate of 7.

14. Col. Cobbe appointed head of the new West Riding police.

17. Mr. W. E. Laycock elected for Upper Hallam, *vice* Ald. Unwin. Mr. M. Beal, by 606, against Mr. W. L. Humfrey, 241, for St Philip's, *vice* Ald. Robson.

17. Vestry meeting refuse to sanction the closing of Pear street, unless Mr. J. B. Jepson should pay £150 and all expenses.

19. Rotherham Board of Health—pressure of creditors—increasing difficulties.

20. Decease, aged 54, of Mr. Samuel Wells (S. Wells and Son,) Trafalgar Works.

DECEMBER.

1. Decease, in London, aged 69, of Mr. Nathaniel Greaves, formerly of Sheffield.

1. Election of Physician to the Infirmary, *vice* Dr. Branson, resigned. Dr. Elam, 319; Dr. Law, 230; Dr. Shearman, 112.

2. Sheffield sessions—Chairman complains of the ticket-of-leave system.

2. Opening of the Sheffield Exchange and News Room.

3. Wm. Maw found guilty, at Sheffield sessions, of stealing £90 from the Rodney Inn, Loxley. 18 months' imprisonment.

3. Destructive fire at Messrs. Laycock's hair-seating manufactory, Portobello place.

4. Murder of Mr. Luke White and his wife, at Bolton-on-Dearne. A large reward offered for the detection of the murderer.

4. Farewell dinner to Sergeant Ashmore, of the Sheffield Squadron of First West York Yeomanry.

4. Price of wheat, 6s. 11d.

4. Rate of discount reduced to 6½ per cent.; and on the 18th to 6 per cent.

5. Decease, aged 70, of Mr. Richard Booker, Carfield, Norton.

8. Col. Cobbe attends at Sheffield and Rotherham to confer with the Magistrates as to the new police arrangements. The people of Rotherham afterwards memorialise the Magistrates, representing the impolicy of superseding all their old officers.

9. Burglary, with great violence, by a number of men at Mr. Wm. Bradley's, Manor Oaks. £250 reward offered. Six men apprehended, but four discharged. Daniel Dickenson and James Gleadhall examined on the 26th and 31st, and further remanded.

10. Town Council—cost of bridges and streets improvements—Watch committee and the detectives—Smoke bye-laws—Free Library returns—Borough and watch rates—Memorial to the Queen to require the strict fulfilment by Russia of the Treaty of Peace.

10. Directors of Sheffield Banking Company resolve to add to the capital by creating 3000 new £50 shares.

17. Rotherham Board of Health—Works, offices, &c., seized under two executions, at suit of the Earl of Effingham, and Mr. Simpson, contractor for pipes.

20. The Rev. E. Newman, curate of Ecclesall, presented to the

incumbency by Dr. Sale. The Rev. C. Collier, M.A., appointed one of the curates of the Parish church.

19.—Mr. Farnall, poor law inspector, announces his removal to the metropolitan district, to be succeeded at Sheffield by Mr. Manwaring.

26. Decease of Mr. Samuel Peech, veterinary surgeon, formerly of Sheffield, aged 74.

27.—Announcement that the works of the Rotherham Board of Health had been sold by the sheriff under executions for debt.

27.—J. Hannah executed at York for the murder of Jane Bannham, at Armley, near Leeds.

29.—Members of Wentworth Mechanics' Institute present testimonial to Mr. F. Moore, president, for his long and valuable services to the institution.

31.—Decease, aged 56, of Mr. Jonathan Brammall, of Wilkinson street.

31.—Watch Committee resolve to add thirty men to the police force, and increase the cost by about £1500 a year.

31. Fall of rain in 1852, 1855, and 1856, compared with average from 1836 to 1851, and the wettest and driest years in that period :—

	1839.	1844.	'36-'51	1852.	1855.	1856.
January ....	2.675 ..	2.905 ..	3.394 ..	5.233 ..	1.185 ..	.635
February....	2.400 ..	1.580 ..	2.775 ..	5.630 ..	1.700 ..	.690
March .....	3.240 ..	3.725 ..	2.923 ..	1.110 ..	2.210 ..	.895
April.....	1.530 ..	.640 ..	2.854 ..	.270 ..	1.820 ..	3.800
May .....	.833 ..	.595 ..	2.819 ..	1.885 ..	2.310 ..	3.915
June.....	5.225 ..	2.415 ..	3.519 ..	5.235 ..	3.160 ..	2.430
July .....	9.085 ..	3.535 ..	4.390 ..	2.275 ..	4.025 ..	3.210
August ....	5.705 ..	3.820 ..	3.681 ..	2.400 ..	1.915 ..	8.755
September ..	6.115 ..	4.635 ..	3.832 ..	5.245 ..	.870 ..	5.090
October ....	3.420 ..	3.480 ..	4.236 ..	3.725 ..	6.400 ..	3.275
November ..	6.200 ..	3.185 ..	3.871 ..	8.045 ..	1.045 ..	2.000
December ..	2.830 ..	.230 ..	3.194 ..	4.850 ..	2.135 ..	3.460
Total inches..	49.255 ..	30.145 ..	40.980 ..	45.900 ..	28.775 ..	43.155

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During the last four years, the average circulation of the INDEPENDENT has been as follows :—

1853 .....	4988
1854 .....	6193
1855 .....	6968
1856 .....	8540

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AVERAGED MORE THAN 9,000.

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JANUARY.

1. West Riding Rural Police at Rotherham ; J. Gillott, suprttd
1. Swinton and Mexbro' lighted with gas, at a cost of £4000.
1. Borough police augmented owing to numerous robberies.
2. Literary & Philosophical Society. Pt., E. F. Sanderson, Esq.
3. Sale by sheriff of property of Rotherham Board of Health.
3. Rotherham Savings' Bank—deposits, £13,953 ; incrs., £983.
3. Sheffield Union—in paupers, 679 against 705 last year ;  
Farm, 10 agst 4 ; out-relief, 4740 persons, £378 agst 4704 persons,  
£377. Ecclesall—inmates, 236 agst 302 ; out-poor, £77 agst £83.
3. Decease, at Philadelphia, U.S., of Mr. Wm. Hodgson, aged  
80, formerly of Endcliffe Hall.
4. Decease, at Loxley of Thomas Aldam Payne, Esq., aged 69.
5. John Ey. Jacques, of Wadsley Bridge, aged 3 years, murdered  
by his mother, Betsy Jacques, who committed suicide.
5. Public meeting at Barnsley petitions against income tax.
6. Colonel Cobbe, Chief Constable of the West Riding, reports  
his scheme for the Rural Constabulary, which was adopted.
7. Rotherham Board of Health ; the Police ; Freeman's debt ;  
Tomlinson and Harper—Guest and Chrimes ; sale of the works.
8. Average price of wheat, 58s. 1d. per quarter.
9. Price of Consols, 93 $\frac{7}{8}$  ; North-Western, 106 $\frac{1}{4}$  ; Midland, 82 $\frac{1}{2}$  ;  
Great Northern, 92 ; Manchester and Sheffield, 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
9. Lord Ribblesdale, of Gisburne Park, qualifies at Sheffield  
Sessions as a West Riding Magistrate.
11. Decease of W. Waller, Esq., Town Clerk, Chesterfield, 58.
12. Death of Armitage, cricketer, aged 32.
14. Sheffield Savings Bank : Deposits, £73,933, against  
£71,136 in the preceding year. Deposits in branch banks, £3452.
14. The Town Council—Mercantile law reform ; the Mayor's  
gold chain ; Re-modelling of the Police force ; Beerhouses,  
Bridges, and Streets ; Free Library ; Smoke Bye-Laws ; Finance ;  
Gas Auditor—Mr. P. Beaumont re-appointed.
14. Public meeting in Town Hall for reduction of income tax.
15. Re-opening of the Parish Church after extensive alterations,  
involving a cost of £700. £200 also spent in improving the organ.
16. C. L. Coward, Esq., elected Greave of Rotherham Feoffees.
16. Daniel Dickinson and James Gledall committed for trial,  
for the Manor Oaks burglary.
19. Messrs. Brown, Haywood, and Kerr, address a statement of  
the position of the Rotherham Board of Health to the ratepayers.
19. Decease of the infant son and heir of Lord Wharnccliffe.
21. Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire. One per cent. div.
21. Rotherham Board of Health—Gas Company's mortgages ;  
Bailiffs ; Who moved the appointment of the Writ Committee ?  
Had Mr. Baylis a Bonus ? New Members v. Old.
21. Decease of his Grace the Duke of Rutland, aged 78.
22. Hoole and Yeomans v. Youdan—Action for £36 in the  
Bail Court. Defendant paid £15 into Court, and pleaded a set-off  
of £21. A juror withdrawn by agreement.
22. Sheffield School of Art—Annual meeting in the new School,  
which had been erected at a cost of £7100.

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22. Decease of Mr. Joseph Oakes, aged 60.
23. The Rev. B. Grant, becomes minister of Lee croft Chapel.
26. Opening conversazione of the new School of Art, attended by J. A. Roebuck, Esq., M.P.
28. Meeting of boot and shoe makers; resolve to advance the price of shoes and boots from 15 to 25 per cent., in consequence of the augmented price of leather.
28. The Dispensary board approve of a project for adding wards to that institution, afterwards sanctioned by general meeting.
29. *Queen v. Wake*.—In the Court of Queen's Bench, a rule was granted to show cause why a *quo warranto* should not issue, calling upon Mr. Wm. Wake to show by what authority he held the office of Registrar of the County Court of Chesterfield. On the 14th November, the Court decided in favour of the defendant.
30. Sheffield Banking Co.; dividend of 12½ per cent. declared.
30. Enquiry into the conduct of the Governor of Rotherham Workhouse, for ill-treating two paupers, Elizabeth Smith and Elizabeth Roebuck. Charges were not proved.
30. Decease of John Cutts, Esq., of Chesterfield.
31. Decease of B. Biram, Esq., aged 53, manager of Earl Fitzwilliam's Yorkshire collieries.

## FEBRUARY.

4. Sheffield and Rotherham Bank; dividend of £1 per share.
4. Rotherham Board of Health.—Deputation of ratepayers; legal proceedings by Tomlinson & Harper; summary dismissal of the clerk (Mr. Barras,) and appointment of Mr. Whitfield.
7. The Rev. W. S. Chapman, B.A., of this town, accepts the pastorate of the Baptist Church, Amersham, Bucks.
9. Parker, Shore, & Co.—Sixth div., of 1s.; making 12s. 6d.
10. Decease of John Porter, Esq., Spring Head House, aged 71.
11. Town Council; the Free Library; the Smoke bye-laws; the Watch rate increased to 6d.; the ticket of-leave system.
12. Opening of the Barnsley branch of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway.
13. Reduction of the income tax from 16d. to 7d.
- 16, 18, and 20. Mr. Thackeray delivers his lectures on the four Georges, before the Literary and Philosophical Society.
18. Rotherham Board of Health—proposed public meeting; the creditors and the clerk.
18. Decease of Miss Sarah Gales, aged 84, the last of the family with whom Mr. Montgomery lived from 1792 till his death, in 1854.
19. Colliery explosion at Lund-hill, nr. Barnsley; 189 lives lost.
19. Dec. of Mr. W. Y. Turton, aged 32, of Thos. Turton & Sons.
21. Announcement that the Rev. J. Livesey had been succeeded in the chaplaincy of the Barracks by the Rev. J. Boudier.
22. Decease of the Earl of Harewood, aged 59, Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding, from an accident in hunting during January.
23. Large public meeting resolves to erect a monument to the memory of those natives of Sheffield who fell in the Crimea.
25. Midland Railway: Dividend, 4½ per cent.
26. Public meeting at Rotherham calls upon the Board of Health to resign, and requires an audit of the accounts.
26. The Society of Friends in Sheffield petition Parliament "to clear the country of the guilt" of the bombardment of Canton.
27. South Yorkshire Railway: Dividend, 4 per cent.

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## MARCH.

2. Meeting in the Council Hall resolves to establish a Chamber of Commerce. E. Vickers, Esq., president.
2. The Hon. F. Stuart Wortley qualified, at Sheffield sessions, as a magistrate for the West Riding.
3. Defeat of the Government on the China debate by a majority of 16. 5th, Lord Palmerston announced his appeal to the country.
4. Rotherham Board of Health—Tomlinson and Harper; auditing accounts; retirement of members; re-election of chairman.
5. Subscriptions for the sufferers by the Lund-hill explosion. Meetings had previously been held in Barnsley and other places.
7. Mr. W. Overend issues his address to the electors.
8. Decease of Mr. John Turner, South ter., Rotherham, aged 85.
9. Meeting of Mr. Roebuck's friends in the Council Hall unanimously resolves to support him, though regretting his vote on the China question.
10. Memorial to the Duke of Norfolk signed by many of the frequenters of the Corn Market, for the covering of that market.
11. Address presented to Lord Palmerston, expressive of confidence in his government, signed by 1000 merchants, &c., at the Exchange. The Cutlers' Company also addressed him.
11. Messrs. Roebuck and Hadfield address about 12,000 persons in Paradise square.
11. Town Council—Mr. Booth's motion on Canton postponed.
11. York Assizes—Unwin (on behalf of the Trustees of the Theatre v. Coleman, for £115 for gas rent. Verdict for plff., £100.
12. Great Northern Railway: Redpath frauds amount to £220,000. Balance of the half year, £243,923 devoted to make up the loss.
12. Dr. Holland, inspector of the Board of Health—enquiry as to interments at St. John's, Park. Complaint failed.
12. Messrs. Roebuck and Hadfield issue their addresses.
13. Amalgamation of committees of Messrs. Roebuck & Hadfield
13. Lord Milton appointed Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding.
14. Mr. John Bedford, Regent Works, receives the gold medal of the French National Academy of Agriculture, Manufactures, and Commerce, "for the excellent manufacture of his files."
14. Sheffield Union—in paupers, 626, against 666 last year; farm, 10, agt. 3; out-poor, 4665 persons, £373, agst. 5211 persons, £414.—Ecclesall: in, 244, agst. 278; out-poor, £74, agst. £83.
16. Mr. Wm. Overend addresses a large meeting in Paradise sq.
17. Public meeting "of teachers and friends of Sunday schools" resolves to erect a monument to the memory of Jas. Montgomery.
17. York Assizes—D. Dickinson, Wm. Gledall, and H. Marsden for the burglary at Manor Oaks, transportation for life.
18. Decease, at Wortley, of Mr. Wm. Hunt, late agent to Lord Wharncliffe, aged 49.
19. Mr. Roebuck and Mr. Hadfield commenced ward meetings.
19. Savings' Bank—Resolution to erect a new Bank in Norfolk st.
19. Average price of wheat, 55s. 6d.
20. Decease of Mr. George Elam, Wesley College, aged 60.
20. Messrs. Roebuck and Hadfield address a crowded meeting in the Town Hall. Resolution in their favour carried unanimously.
20. Miss Nightingale elected a life governor of the Infirmary.
20. Price of Consols, 93½; North Western, 104¼; Midland, 81½; Great Northern, 95.

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21. Rev. J. M. Charlton, M.A., of Masbro', accepts the theological tutorship of Western College, Plymouth.

21. Circulation of the *Independent*, to-day, 12,525.

21. Dissolution of Parliament. Writ received by the Mayor on the 22nd, and proclamation made on the 23rd.

23. Decease, at Bristol, of the Rev. John James Montgomery, nephew of the late Jamea Montgomery, Esq.

27. Decease of Mr. Thos. Turner, member of the Town Council for Nether Hallam, aged 51.

27. Borough Election—Nomination:—Mr. Roebuck, proposed by Ald. Dunn and Mr. R. Leader, Jun.; Mr. Hadfield, proposed by Ald. H. E. Hoole and Mr. G. Wostenholm; Mr. Overend, proposed by Mr. W. F. Dixon and Mr. E. Vickers.

28. Polling; and 30th, Declaration:—Number voting, 4949. Roebuck, 3200; Hadfield, 2871; Overend, 2059. Roebuck—plumpers, 84; splits with Hadfield, 2717; do. with Overend, 399; total, 3200. Hadfield—plumpers, 90; splits with Roebuck, 2717; do. with Overend, 64; total, 2871. Overend—plumpers, 1596; splits with Roebuck, 399; do. with Hadfield, 64; total, 2509.

28. Rotherham Board of Health Election.—For Rotherham township—A. Hirst, 456; J. Jackson, 409; W. H. Barker, 401. For Kimberworth township—J. Warris, 536; J. Dobb, 481.

30. W. Riding Election—E. B. Denison, Esq., & Lord Goderich.

30. Election of Sheffield Highway Board.—F. Colley, G. L. Saunders, Wm. Harvey, R. Heald, H. T. Lowe, Wm. Ibbitt, G. Skinner, J. G. Robson, Charles Bagshaw, G. A. Wood, H. Hills, G. Trickett, T. N. Stocks, R. Jackson, B. Taylor, and Ed. Drabble.

#### APRIL.

2. Bank of England raises the rate of discount to 6½ per cent.

4. Sheffield highway accounts to 25th March, 1857—Receipts, £10,095; expenditure, £9288; balance, £771.

6. N. Derbyshire—Hon. G. H. Cavendish & Mr. Thornhill elec'd.

6. Dr. Holland elected for Nether Hallam *vice* T. Turner, dec.

6. Dinner of friends of Mr. W. Overend, W. F. Dixon, Esq., chn.

6. Magistrates at Pontefract Sessions resolve to disallow coroners' fees for unnecessary inquests. Newhall license appeal—application refused on the ground that the Court had no jurisdiction.

6. Bank rate of discount raised to 7 per cent. Funds fell ¼.

7. The Hon. J. F. Stuart Wortley lectures before the Peoples' College, on New Zealand.

7. Accidental death, at Malta, of Lieut. Charles E. Jeffcock, of the 31st Regiment, son of Wm. Jeffcock, Esq., High Hazles.

8. Town Council—Town Hall cells; Ecclesiastical Courts.

8. Death of Edward Pryor, policeman, from injuries received during the election. Verdict, inflammation of the brain, caused by being struck on the head with a stone, by whom thrown unknown.

9. Gas Company. 10 per cent. on old stock, and 8 on new.

14. Her Majesty's accouchement; birth of a Princessa.

15. Committee of the Sheffield guardians report that they find no necessity whatever for a new workhouse.

15. Rotherham Gas Company declare a dividend of 8 per cent.

16. Canon Sale and Canon Hey elected Proctors for the Arch-deaconry of York.

18.—Election of Guardians—*Sheffield*: T. Peel, Wm. Crowther, John Merrill, G. Holden, Wm. Nadin, G. Saville, Wm. Law, George Hattersley; *Attercliffe*: George Holmes; *Beightside Bier-*

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*low*: George Hirst; *Handsworth*: Samuel Mitchell. The opponents of the proposal to erect a new workhouse were elected by immense majorities.... **ECCLESALL UNION**.—*Ecclesall Bierlow*: T. R. Barker, I. Schofield, George Buxton, John Brown; *Nether Hallam*: Isaac Bower, John Ronksley; *Upper Hallam*: Joseph Bennett; *Norton*: James Bingham, Wm. Lister; *Totley*: J. Wheat; *Beauchief*: George Sampson; *Dore*: Rev. J. F. Aldred.

20. Annual meeting of the Water Works Company. 6 per cent.

23. *Baring v. Gordon*—*crim. con.* at Retford. Damages, £3000.

25. Attempt to blow up the house of George Gillott, grinder, Bramber street. Geo. Royston committed for trial.

25. Crimean Monument Committee resolve to advertise for designs.

30. New Parliament assembled.

30. Decease of H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester, aged 81.

MAY.

1. Eyam Mining Co. Ore sold during the tenth year, £11,402.

1. Right Hon. J. Stuart Wortley resigns the Solicitor-Generalship, to which he was appointed in November, 1856.

2. Number of shoemakers at Rotherham on strike, because of the employment of non-unionist hands.

5. Manchester Art Treasures Exhibition opnd. by Prince Albert.

6. The Hon. N. Dow speaks in the Temp. Hall, on the Maine law.

9. Town Trustees' accounts. Receipts, £2157. Additions to the permanent estate, £366. Improvement account, £640.

12. Roth. B. of Health—Special meeting *re* Tomlinson & Harper.

13. Opening of the Chesterfield Market Hall.

13. Town Council—the watch committee minutes; the Free Library, resignation of S. Bailey, Esq.; finance; projecting signs; Liverpool town dues; undedicated street nuisance; Crimean trophies; Jewish disabilities.

13. Dr. Shearman physician to Dispensary, *vice* Dr. Elam, res.

13. Two Russian guns presented by government to Sheffield.

18. Five medals (the greatest number allowed) gained by pupils of the Sheffield School of Art at the National Examination.

20. Silver snuff box and purse of sovereigns presented by the Norton Farmers' Club to Mr. George Rogers, their secretary.

20. Rotherham Board of Health—the Yorkshire Tyre and Axle Company; proceedings of creditors.

22. Verdict of coroner's jury in the case of the Lund-hill explosion, accidntl. death, after sitting 11 days & examining 60 witnesses.

24. Wreck of Lord Yarborough's yacht, off the coast of Norfolk.

20. Robbery of nearly £300 worth of gold and silver plates from the warehouse of Messrs. Walker and Hall.

27. Board of guardians appoint a deputation to wait upon the Poor Law Board for leave to re-sell the land purchased by late board.

29. Dec., in London, of Mr. J. Birch, artist. Late of Norton, 49.

30. Rule *nisi* granted at the suit of Tomlinson and Harper against the Rotherham Board of Health, to shew cause why a *mandamus* should not issue to compel them to make a rate to discharge their claim. Rule made absolute on the 18th June for the full amount claimed, £1018, but suspended for a fortnight; and if at that time the plaintiff would accept £94, the amount due for costs and interest, further proceedings would be stepped.

31. Dec. of Mr. J. Sellars, coal agt. to Earl Fitzwilliam, aged 71.

JUNE.

2. Decease of Henry Broomhead, Esq., solicitor, aged 67.

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2. Several clergymen and dissenting ministers preach in the fair. His Worship, the Mayor, (J. W. Pye Smith, Esq.,) being present.
3. Rotherham Board of Health—Re Tomlinson and Harper.
4. Opening of Rotherham new Grammar School.
10. Mrs. Boulton, widow of the late Mr. Boulton, surgeon, elected matron of the Infirmary, *vice* Mrs. Barker, resigned.
10. Mr. Ironside obtained a judgment in the County Court against several members of the Park Democratic Committee for £15. 10s. expenses incurred at the municipal election.
10. Town Council—the Crimean trophies; proposed alterations at the Town Hall; Neepsend bridge; extension of gas mains; finance; of toll bars within the borough; parliamentary reform.
12. The Archbishop of York delivers a charge at Sheffield.
13. Rev. J. Livesey conveys to Ecclesiastical Commissioners a piece of land at Stacey's Spring Wood for a burial ground for St. Philip's district.
13. East and west windows of the Parish Church filled with stained glass at the expense of Dr. Sale and J. N. Mappin, Esq.
13. Sheffield Union—in-paupers, 511 agst. 569 last year; out-poor, 4282 persons, £349 agst. 5081 persons, £410. Farm, 4 agst.
22. Ecclesall—in-paupers, 215 agst. 237; out-poor, £70 agst. £80.
16. Fire at Mr. Athey's, cabinet mkr, Rotherham; damages, £200.
17. Rotherham Board of Health—Mr. Kerr's defence.
20. Average price of wheat, 63s. per quarter.
20. Post-office authorities, on request of the Chamber of Commerce, agree to establish a day-mail between Sheffield and London.
20. H. C. Sorby, Esq., elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.
20. J. Allport, Esq., gen. manager of Midland Railway, resigns.
20. Traffic arrangement between the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway and the Great Northern.
21. St. Philip's churchyard closed for burials. New burial ground near the club mill opened.
22. Cricket—16 Sheffield *v.* 11 Nottingham. After three days' play, Nottingham won by 9 runs.
24. Centenary of Rotherham College celebrated.
27. Overland mail brings news of massacres at Meerut & Delhi.
27. Value of property in Sheffield, as shewn by the overseers' returns, in comparing the years 1848 and 1857:—

	1848.	1857.	Increase.	per cent.
Sheffield . . . . .	£221,254	£259,598	£38,344	17
Brightside . . . .	43,040	77,397	34,357	79
Ecclesall . . . . .	56,635	97,592	40,957	72
Nether Hallam..	20,414	39,886	19,442	95
Attercliffe.....	10,542	19,139	1,597	81
Upper Hallam..	7,270	2,170	1,900	26
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	355,185	502,782	143,597	40

29. Severe storm of thunder and lightning.

## JULY.

1. Rotherham Board of Health—new rate; smoke nuisance; Tomlinson and Harper's mandamus; the water supply; Yorkshire Tyre and Axle Company's claim; mortality of district.
1. Chinese implements and cutlery shown at the School of Art.
8. Town Council Meeting—Watch Committee; Bridge Committee; Free Library; extension of gas mains; report of the Sheffield and Tinsley Road Trust; probates.



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8. Meetings of the shareholders of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway and the Great Northern Railway, unanimously adopt the arrangement entered into by the directors.

10. Last body recovered from Lund-hill pit, making 182 bodies found, and leaving only seven unaccounted for.

10. Price of consols,  $92\frac{3}{4}$ ; North-Western,  $103\frac{1}{2}$ ; Midland,  $83\frac{1}{2}$ ; Great Northern, 99; Manchester and Sheffield,  $43\frac{3}{4}$ .

14. Meeting of carpenters and joiners to obtain the same hours of labour as the other building trades.

15. Union Banking Company. Dividend, 10 per cent.

16. Prince Napoleon visited Sheffield, and inspected the manufactories of Jph. Rodgers and Son, and C. Cammell and Co.

16. Bank of England reduces the rate of discount from 6 to  $5\frac{1}{2}$ .

17. Sheffield & Hallamshire Banking Co. Dividend, 10 per cent.

18. Improvement Commissioners' accounts: receipts, £6631; expenditure, cleansing £1988; lighting, £4164; miscellaneous, £164.

18. Assizes: *Middleton v. Wheateroft*; seduction; dam. £120.

21. Rolls Court: *Spear and Jackson v. Smith and Stray*. Injunctions granted against imitations of the plaintiffs' labels.

21. Geo. Hardcastle robbed on the highway, near Wath, of £35.

22. The family of the late Jas. Montgomery, Esq., grant permission to the Sunday School Teachers' committee for the Montgomery Monument to erect it on the site of Mr. Montgomery's grave. The subscribers accept the offer on the 4th August.

22. Several beerhouse keepers fined by the magistrates. Chas. Greenwood, Split Crow, £30; Josh. Crowder, The Crow, £10; Wm. Charlton, Eagle Tavern, £5; and Edw. Bates, Three Loggerheads, £5.

22. Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire: Explanations as to the reasons for breaking off with the London and North-Western, and agreement with the Great Northern. Dividend, 1 per cent.

22. Sheffield Guardians: Messrs. Wilson and Younge, solicitors, again urge the completion of the purchase of the land at Darnall. The board reply that they would communicate further on receiving the answer of the Poor Law Board to the deputation.

23. Savings' Bank meeting: Deposits, £46,873 during the half-year ending May 20th; total, £285,955.

23. Death by drowning, at Llangollen, of Mr. H. T. Monk, late organist of St. Philip's church.

25. Wesleyan Conference: Ministers stationed at Sheffield—West circuit, Revs. B. B. Waddy, G. C. Harvard, G. T. Morrison, J. V. B. Shrewsbury, S. D. Waddy, and Hy. Cleverton, supernumerary; east circuit, Revs. Chas. Weslake, J. S. Jones, Luke Tyerman, R. Martin.

26. Attempt to blow up the sickle manufactory of Mr. Christopher Rotherham, at Dronfield.

27. Brightside Bierlow vestry meeting votes £150 towards widening Lady's bridge.

28. First annual show of the Sheffield South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Poultry Association, continued for three days.

28. Decease of Hy. Broomhead, Esq., solicitor, aged 43.

29. Sheffield Guardians: Messrs. Wilson and Younge, on behalf of Mr. Brashaw, threaten proceedings if the purchase of the land is not at once completed. Referred to reply of last week.

29. E. W. Watkin, Esq., gen. manager of Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, and M.P. for Yarmouth, unseated on petition.

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31. Consols,  $90\frac{1}{4}$ ; North Western, 103; Midland,  $83\frac{1}{2}$ ; Great Northern,  $97\frac{1}{2}$ ; Sheffield Banking Company, 169,70; Sheffield and Rotherham do.,  $16\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{5}{8}$ ; Sheffield and Hallamshire,  $37\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $38\frac{1}{4}$ ; Union, 20, 21 ex div.; Gas Co., A,  $43\frac{1}{2}$ ; Water Co., 120, 122.

## AUGUST.

1. The residence of John Roberts, Esq., of Abbeydale, partially destroyed by fire; damage estimated at £1300.

1. Average price of wheat, 58s. 4d.

3. Rev. J. Caughey, the American revivalist, arrives in Sheffield.

5. Rotherham Board of Health—Appeal against a rate; Smoke nuisance; Drainage; Bramley Moor turnpike; Tyre and Axle Co.

7. The Cutlers' Company.—*Master*: Wm. Hutchinson; *Wardens*: Charles Hall and Charles Chambers.

10. The ratepayers of Ecclesall approve widening South street and Ecclesall road, at the "Horse dyke."

10. Cemetery Company's meeting—Dividend, 24s. per share.

11. Theatre Royal; licensed to Messrs. Wolfenden & Melbourne.

11. Thomas Cotterill, chaser and modeller, Eyre street, and Thos. Brawn, manufacturer, of Birmingham, charged with stealing and receiving models and patterns belonging to Thos. Bradbury and Sons. Brawn discharged, and Cotterill committed for trial. Acquitted, on a technical objection, at the sessions.

12. Town Council—Probates and letters of administration Bill; increase of warrant officer's salary; smoke; toll bars; finance; free library; the bridge committee and Messrs. Chambers.

12. Mr. Brashaw formally notifies to the guardians that he is prepared to complete the sale of the land at Darnall.

13. Serious floods all over the country. Accident caused by them on the Great Northern Railway, near Retford.

15. Arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk at the Farm, with Earl of Arundel and Surrey, and three of their daughters.

19. Mr. J. H. Waterhouse elected surgeon-accouchr. to Dispensary.

19. Midland Railway—Div., £2. 2s. 6d. per cent. for half-year.

19. Writ, at the suit of Mr. Brashaw, served on Sheffd. guardians.

19. Rotherham Board of Health—Mr. Whitfield v. Mr. Guest.

19. Fete at the Botanical Gardens, to welcome the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk. Among guests, Lord Geo. & Lady Manners, Lady Newport, Earl of Arundel, Sir A. J. Knight, Col. Hodge, &c.

24. Workhouse inspected by an officer from the Poor Law Board. Reported upon unfavourably.

27. Sheffield Brewster Sessions—New applications 51, of which 12 were granted. New Hall licensed.

28. South Yorkshire Railway meeting—Dividend,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

29. Publication of the Election Auditor's accounts. Messrs. Roebuck & Hadfield's expenses, £1780; Mr. W. Overend's, £1847.

29. Great Northern Railway—Tumultuous meeting. No div.

## SEPTEMBER.

1. License granted to Adel. Theatre, refused to Surrey Music Hall.

3. Sudden death of Mr. G. Crossland, late Union Clerk, aged 57.

3. Cutlers' Feast: The chief guests were—Lord Wharcliffe, Lord Goderich, M.P., G. Hadfield, Esq., M.P., E. B. Denison, Esq., M.P., T. Hankey, Esq., M.P., &c., &c.

5. Average price of wheat, 61s. 10d.

5. Seventh Dragoon Guards reviewed at Sheffield Barracks by the Earl of Cardigan, preparatory to leaving for India.

6. Dec. of Mr. A. Smith, librarian of the Mechanics' Library, 64.

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7. Suicide of two brothers, Wm. & H. Adams, of Devonshire st.  
 8. Decease of Mr. Peter Linley, of Myrtle hill, aged 54.  
 9. Special United Prayer Meeting, on account of the Indian mutiny, held under the presidency of the Mayor, in Council Hall.  
 9. Town Council—Juvenile Reformatory; Liverpool Town Dues; Watch Committee; Quality of Gas; Free Library.  
 9. Decease of Mr. James Linneker, of the firm of J. and J. Linneker, Back Moor, Norton, aged 63.  
 11 and 12. Mr. W. H. Russell, *Times'* correspondent, delivers two lectures in the Theatre, on the Russian War.  
 11. Special meeting of the Governors of the Dispensary, resolve to erect hospital wards in connexion with that charity, and appoint a committee to take the necessary steps.  
 12. Mr. Newcombe, of the Great Western Railway, appointed general manager of the Midland, vice Mr. James Allport, resigned.  
 12. Sheffield Union—in paupers, 566 against 519 last year; farm, 9 agst. 12; out paupers, 4080 persons, £350, agst. 4693 persons, £402. Ecclesall—in paupers, 243 agst. 241; out, £124 agst. £73.  
 14. Messrs. Harvey and Broadbent write to Lord Panmure offering to raise 500 volunteers for India. The offer was accepted by return of post. After some weeks, the attempt was abandoned.  
 15. Foundation stone of new Catholic Schools, in Suffolk road, aid by the Duchess of Norfolk.

17. Crimean Monument designs—1st prize awarded to "In Memoriam," by Mr. E. W. Wyon, of London; and the second to a Gothic design, "In Memoriam," contributed by Messrs. Weightman, Hadfield, and Goldie. The committee adopted the latter.

18. Consols, 90; Great Northern, 95; North Western, 98; Midland, 80 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Manchester and Sheffield, 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

21. Special meeting of the Town Council to vote addresses to the Queen, Lord John Russell, and the Duke of Cambridge; relief of the sufferers by the Indian mutiny; volunteer recruiting.

22. United prayer on acct. of the Indian mutinies, Rotherham.

23. Meeting of operatives to vote address to Lord J. Russell.

24. Serious and fatal accident on the Great Northern Railway; four persons killed. Among the injured were Mr. Angus, Castle street, and Mr. and Mrs. Peace, Sheffield.

24. Lord John Russell arrived in Sheffield, accompanied by Lady John and several children; enthusiastic reception. 25. Presided at the ann. meetg. of the Ragged Schools. Left Sheffield, Sat.

28. Thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Mechanics' Library.

30. Licensed Victuallers' Asylum. Income for the year, £143.

30. Pub. meeting—Subn. for relief of sufferers by Indian mutiny.

30. Duke & Duchess of Norfolk left Sheffield for Alton Towers.

## OCTOBER.

2. Consols, 90 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Midland, 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Great Northern, 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; North Western, 97 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Manchester and Sheffield, 41.

3. Average price of wheat, 58s. 7d.

4. Decease, at Wentworth, of the Right Hon. Earl Fitzwilliam, K.G., aged 71. His Lordship was interred at Marholm, Northamptonshire, on the 13th instant. Intended visit of the Queen to Wentworth prevented by the Earl's illness.

7. Day of Humiliation and Prayer.

8. Rotherham Board of Health—Yorkshire Tyre and Axle Co.'s claim; Accusation against the surveyor.

8. Infirmary; proposal to increase the medical staff negatived.

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12. Rate of discount raised from 6 to 7 per cent; consols, 87½.
14. Burglary at the house of Mr. George Barnsley, Uppertorpe. Robert Baines and Charles Crossland tried at the Assizes; Crossland acquitted; Baines imprisoned one year.
16. Sudden death of Mr. John Jackson, the Doncaster pawnbroker, improperly convicted at Sheffield Sessions, Dec. 6, 1855.
16. Town Council—special meeting resolves to recommend a half-holiday on the occasion of the visit of the Duke of Cambridge.
17. Close of the Art Treasures Exhibition at Manchester.
19. Rate of discount 8 per cent.; consols, 88.
19. Fall of new buildings in Furnace hill.
19. Treat to the workmen of Messrs. W. & P. E. Fisher, on the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Wm. Fisher, Esq.
19. Public meeting in the Town Hall passes resolution approving of the Guardians' opposition to a new workhouse.
19. Vestry meetg. in Sheffield £300 towards widening Lady's bdg.
19. Special meeting of the Athenæum, to consider the best way of obtaining new premises. Resolved to form a proprietary, and that the directors get valuations, plans, and estimates, and report to an adjourned meeting. On the 3rd November, resolved to canvass for shareholders, but the attempt postponed till revival of trade.
21. First stone of the Crimean Monument laid by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge. Procession through the town, addresses presented by the Corporation and the Cutlers' Company.
23. Fire at the gas works without much damage.
23. Doncaster Quarter Sessions.—*Guest v. Rotherham Board of Health*; appeal agst. a rate. Dismissed on a technical objection.
23. Midland, 81½; North-Western, 95½; Great Northern, 94½.
26. News of suspension of specie payments at New York & Boston.
27. News of the fall of Delhi arrives in Sheffield.
28. The case of the Coroners *v. the Finance Committee*, argued at the adjourned Quarter Sessions at Wakefield. Recommendation of the Finance Committee approved.
28. Town Council—the Free Library; the Tinsley, Wadsley, and Laogsett bars; the so-called Sheffield Foreign Affairs Committee; the late Earl Fitzwilliam: address of condolence.
28. Meeting in Rotherham in aid of the Indian Relief Fund.
28. Sale by auction of portion of Mr. Aldam's stock of wines, &c.
29. Town Council and Cutlers' Company present addresses of condolence to Earl Fitzwilliam.
29. Sheffield and Tinsley Road—Repairs let to Bower and Thurgoland for £800; Tolls let to the same parties for £1855.

## NOVEMBER.

2. Municipal Elections.—St. Peter's: C. E. Broadbent re-elected; T. Peel, *vice* F. T. Mappin. St. Philip's: G. S. Brittain re-elected; C. Marshall, *vice* C. Chambers. St. George's: J. Askham re-elected; W. S. Brittain, *vice* J. Webster. Ecclesall: H. Vickers, *vice* G. Wilkin; J. Knowles re-elected. Brightside: C. Cammell, *vice* A. Chadburn. Nether Hallam: Dr. Holland re-elected. Attercliffe: S. S. Brittain, *vice* James Foster. Upper Hallam: W. E. Laycock re-elected. Park: Wm. Bradley re-elected; T. Turner, *vice* John Wood.

4. Sheffield Guardians' meeting—Letter from the Poor-Law Board urging erection of a new workhouse; Guardians referred the Board to resolution of 7th ult.

4. Rotherham Board of Health—Surveyor in hot water; Mr.

Guest's appeal; Tomlinson and Harper; state of the town; the Board's pecuniary difficulties.

4. Suspension of Messrs. Naylor, Vickers, and Co. Creditors met on the 24th inst., when the liabilities were found to be £364,287, and the assets, £589,934; leaving a surplus of £225,647. Arrangements for time to pay in full, with interest.

4. Decease of Mr. Geo. Parkin, aged 59, late of the firm of Padley, Parkin, and Staniforth.

5. Discount 9 per cent. Consols, 88½.

6. Burglary at the shop of Mr. Blackburn, hatter, Chapel walk. An iron safe, containing gas share certificates, money, watches, &c., carried away. John Martin committed for trial on the charge. Convicted at Sessions and sentenced to 7 years' penal servitude.

7. Sheffield Union—In paupers, 702, agst 611; farm, 35, agst

9. Out poor, 4288 persons, £336, agst 4478 persons, £369.... Ecclesall—In paupers, 280, agst 212—Out-poor, £105, agst £88.

7. Decease of R. Sorby, Esq., Park Grange, aged 70.

7. Average price of wheat, 55s. 9d.

9. Discount, 10 per cent. Funds steady.

9. Town Council—Councillor R. Jackson elected Mayor, by 31 votes, Mr. Ald. Atkinson, 13; Smoke Bye-laws; new workhouse.

11. Guardians refuse to receive a deputation from Tn. Council.

12. Attempt to shoot James Linley, saw grinder, Colliers' row.

12. Bank Charter Act suspended. Consols rose from 88¼ to 89¼.

15. Fire at Hollingwood Colliery, Staveley; 12 men killed.

18. Rotherham Board of Health—The Yorkshire Tyre and Axle Co.; seizure of works; surveyor; new special district rate, &c.

18. Decease of Dr. R. G. Holland, London, formerly Sheffield.

19. Third annual soiree of Young Men's Christian Association.

20. Fall of buildings on Sheffield moor; one man injured.

20. R. N. Philipps, Esq., of Broom Hall, re-appointed by letters patent from the Queen, one of her Lieutenants of London.

20. Consols, 89¼, 90; North Western, 93½, 4; Midland, 81½; Great Northern, 92, 3; Manchester and Sheffield, 35.

21. Suspension of Messrs. Solly Brothers, of Tipton, Staffordshire, and Sheffield; liabilities £75,585; assets, £75,551. 20s. in the pound; payment to extend over some months.

21. The Lord Chancellor decides that the preference shareholders of the Great Northern should have their dividends in full.

21. Sheffield Union—In-paupers, 813, agst 615; farm, 112, agst 8; out poor, agst 4969 persons, £398, agst 4522 persons, £378.

Ecclesall—In paupers, £348, agst 214; out-poor, £96 agst £78.

26. Robert Broadhead, overseer of Cawthorne, committed for frauds on Penistone Union. Found guilty at winter assizes and sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

27. Consols, 91, ⅞; Great Northern, 91; North Western, 94¼ Midland, 82½; Manchester and Sheffield, 35.

27. Decease, in London, of Mr. John Stevenson, of the firm of J. and J. Stevenson, aged 67.

28. Sheffield Union—In-paupers, 767, agst 637; farm, 208, agst 6; out-door, 5418 persons, £433, agst 4524 persons, £373.... Ecclesall—In-paupers, 347, agst 215; out-poor, £109, agst £76.

DECEMBER.

2. Rthm. B. of H.—pecuniary difficulties; election of surveyor.

4. Consols, 91¼, ⅞; Great Northern, 93, 4; Midland, 84, North Western, 94¾, 5¼.

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4. Decease of Mr. F. Moore, of Wentworth.

5. Sheffield Union—In-paupers, 814, agst 678; farm, 292, agst 7; out-poor, 6051 persons, £461, against 4616 persons, £381. . . Ecclesall—In-paupers, 369, agst 265; out-poor, £120, agst £79.

5. Average price of wheat, 50s. 9d.

6. Decease of H. Taylor Bulmer, Esq., aged 46 years.

6. Revs. H. Batchelor, Brewin Grant, and R. C. Lumsden commence Sunday afternoon lectures to the working classes.

7. Large public meeting resolves to petition parliament in favour of poor rate franchise, the ballot, &amp;c.

7 and 10. Pupils of the School of Art examined and obtain 28 medals and 6 honourable mentions, a larger share of honour than was acquired by any other school this year.

9. Town Council—voting at municipal elections; Free Library and the Philosophical Society's Museum; Smoke bye-law; the Council, guardians, and the new workhouse; rateable value of property; Currency laws; Railway Station at Neepsend.

11. Joseph Gutteridge acquitted on charge of forgery at Sheffield.

11. Attempt to carry off safe from Roscoe pl., containing £1000.

12. Sheffield Union—In-paupers, 823, agst 691; farm, 224, agst 6; out-poor, 6054 persons, £480, agst 4624 persons, £378. . . . Ecclesall—In-paupers, 362, agst 324; out-poor, £127, agst £77.

12. Value of property rateable. Watch Rate—1856, £366,392; 1857, £378,866. Borough Rate—1856, £311,037; 1857, £320,763.

12. Decease of Mr. Benjamin Schofield, Jun., of the firm of Peace, Schofield, and Co., Agenoria Steel Works, aged 27.

13. Opening of St. Stephen's Church, Netherthorpe District.

15. H. S. Bright convtd. at York, of forgery at Hull. 10 yrs. p. s.

16. Rotherham Board of Health—Pecuniary matters; The Gas Company; Tyre and Axle Company's award, &amp;c.

17, 18, 19. Sale of Earl Fitzwilliam's farming stock.

18. Infirmary. W. Fisher, Esq., moved a resolution that the drugs should be procured on the most favourable terms, they having been bought without regard to economy. Resolution carried.

18. Consols, 92, 3-16; North Western, 99; Great Northern, 95½; Midland, 88½; Manchester and Sheffield, 39.

18. Messrs. Ibbotson Brothers pay in full the creditors of Wm. and W. F. Ibbotson, who, some years ago, accepted a composition of 10s. in the pound.

19. Accounts of the Rotherham Board of Health from March, 1856, to March, 1857—Receipts, £8053; expenditure, £7982.

19. Average price of wheat, 50s. 11d.

19. Traffic arrangement between Midland and Great Northern.

19. Sheffield Union—In-paupers, 861, agst 691; farm, 225, agst 6; out-poor, 7666 persons, £534, agst 4584 persons, £381. . . . Ecclesall—In-paupers, 373, agst 232; out-poor, £130, agst £86.

24. Decease of S. Gardner, Esq., of Red hill, aged 77.

24. Rate of discount reduced to 8 per cent. Consols, 93, Great Northern, 96½, 7½; North Western, 96; Midland, 88½.

26. Announcement that the publication of the *Sheffield Free Press*, commenced in 1851, was "suspended."

26. Death, 65, of Mr. George Dixon, late of Cowen &amp; Dixon.

31. Fall of rain this year, 36,060. In 1839, 49,255; in 1855, 28,775.













