

The Diary of William Charnock

1886

The thoughts of a working man in Warrington
in late-Victorian times

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JANUARY 1 FRIDAY

Free this morning.

6d from Mrs Simpson for letting New Year in.

At 12 o'clock or say 1 minute past I entered the house by the front / door and proceeded to wish Father and Mother a happy and / prosperous new year both of them being in bed sick. I crossed the palms of their hands with a small silver peice [piece] such as I could afford, / they both blessed me, and drank the health of myself / and family in a little Scotch whisky I provided them. I then proceed / to the kitchen and found myself in the presence of wife, little Nelly, / wife's sister Mary, Brother George and wife & M.A. Bennett to whom I wished a / happy and prosperous New Year, they joined me in a small stimulant / of Scotch, and shortly afterwards we all retired, to rest. Sorry to say / the works being closed, I entered the Roe Buck later on in the day, and unfortunately / imbibed rather too freely, should not have done so had it not / been for meeting friends with whom I have for some years been / connected at the Works, viz W Edleston, I. Hayes, H. Thompson + I. Hackney / who had almost had enough, but I suppose could not depart / without another glass or so. I was afterwards challenged to play dominoes / with Edleston and lost the game, the others departed and shortly afterwards / brother George came in and we had another glass when I. Ashton / challenged me to play 25 at dominoes I commenced but soon found / I was incapable of finishing the game when someone volunteered / to play my hand out, to which I consented and afterwards left / with brother George for home, which I thought was the best / and most comfortable place at the time. I don't remember anything more / of interest occurring this day. I should think it cost me 2/6 at least / for this foolishness.

I place the expenses of this day at 2/-

Lent Bridge 2/-

JANUARY 2 SATURDAY.

Works closed, but came down about 10.30 finished work / what little there was to do called at the Roe Buck had a couple of / glasses of beer and made my way to the Gaiety Theatre, for payment of / weeks salary. Called at the Wool Pack and had sundries with Lingard, / Millman & Mowbry promising to meet to go to the public bar in the afternoon but / Lingard, Millman did not see them until after second act of My Sweetheart. Lent to / Brother John's wife 1/-.

Walsh deputises for Bramhall.

JANUARY 3 SUNDAY

Turned out at about 12.20. Short walk and met Mowbry & Lingard / in Sankey Street We ajourned to the Wool Pack and had / Sundries there, left them about 1.30 wither our George and adjourned / to the Waggon and Horses. Short stay and came home. Nothing of / any interest occurred much between 4 & 5 o'clock when I was startled / by hearing little Nelly scream, and found her very poorly. Called the doctor / in at night who was kind enough to come. Expenses this day 2/-

JANUARY 4 MONDAY

Up 5.45

Work commenced 6.0am ale men turned up after having / holidays. 11.50 lunch finished adjourned to Roe Buck for Stimulants / in the form of a pint of beer. 12.30 off to rehearsal.

2.0 returned to Roe Buck had one beer and off again / to work. 6.0pm home to tea. 6.50 off to Gaiety, 10.25 / home again. 11.45 retired to rest, spent very bad night / owing to little Nelly being so ill suffering from / ulcerated mouth.

JANUARY 5 TUESDAY

Up 5.50 to work

Nothing of interest can I remember of this date with the exception of coming and going to work.

7pm to Gaiety

Little Nelly very cross all day

JANUARY 6 WEDNESDAY

Up 5.40 to work as usual

6.55 pm to Gaiety

Little Nelly both today and night / the doctor ordered her mouth to be washed with / Borax (powdered) but her mother dissolves it / and uses it with a feather.

JANUARY 7 THURSDAY

5.50 am to work at 6.0. 8.0am Nelly little better

7.0 pm to Gaiety 10.30 home again child asleep / powder to administer, passed the powder through / between her teeth whilst asleep.

JANUARY 8 FRIDAY

Up 5.55 am to work rather late. 8. am child much better.

Lent W Bridge 2/- paid 6d for loan of it.

6.50 pm to Gaiety.

JANUARY 9 SATURDAY

Up 5.45 am to work

Expenses this day 3/6 clubs etc

I. Lingard leaves the Gaiety as also does Mowbry. at / night we adjourn to the Wool Pack. this night Mr Bramhall / appears at the Gaiety, in rather an intoxicated state, the / Proprietor & Manager observing this calls him to account / when he is stopped a nights salary or rather more. Walsh waiting / outside to be paid for deputising, week before

JANUARY 10 SUNDAY

lent George 1/- Bridge 2/-

12.25 to Roe Buck and stays until half past two. our George / would not come out with me this morning but could hear / of him passing the place I was in, about an hour afterwards. / ~~6.45 pm to Gaiety~~

JANUARY 11 MONDAY

Up 5.40 To work. 11.20 Lunch 11.50 Roe Buck 2 beers / 12.25 To Rehearsal pianist B. Wilson commences. 2.0pm Roe Buck 1 beer, and then to work. 6.45 pm to Gaiety / after business home again. Nellie considerably better / Rent arrears for Father 1/- This day / I am visited by Mr J.E. Wright & / Mr P. Caldwell who want me to go and give a Stump Speech at the / old Mens and Women's entertainment on the following night but I do not / feel inclined My thoughts at the time being centered on my Father & /

Mother at home, who are very ill. I tell them I will endeavour / to oblige them, but on asking at night Mr. Hemfrey thinks they ought to / have paid him the compliment first. I did not ask again but told / our leader the circumstances and he said I should not go, and consequently / made arrangements to the effect.

JANUARY 12 TUESDAY

Up 5.50 To work

of this date I have no recollection of anything but / the usual business of the day. Old Mens dinner and / old Womens Tea, Father goes to dinner very and again at tea time / goes and brings Mother her tea this is the first time I / have ever heard of a tea being taken home to any aged person. Father says he enjoyed his dinner but could / not help looking at one old Irishman whom he said eat / almost enough for 6 men. Should think he had had nothing / to eat for a week previous. Mr Hemfrey kindly allowed two / of the artistes from the Gaiety to appear at the entertainment - viz / Messrs Harrison & Howard. Topical vocalist & / Comic Sentimental & Banjoist etc. for the entertainment of the old people.

JANUARY 13 WEDNESDAY

Up 5.40. To work.

Today I write to my old friend H. Mills and forward / him a Daily Post (Liverpool) also the Preston herald of Saturday / the 9th inst, as it contained a sheet concerning the General / election, of useful information and the post the / reassembling of Parliamentary members, and election of Speaker of the House of Commons. I. Parnell dies through the / night.

JANUARY 14 THURSDAY

Up 7.0 overslept. Usual business this day.

Complaints of Mother, having had laudanum to such an extent / that she appears to be rather childish. I go and take / the bottle from Father who pleads that she may have / what remains, and then no more but thinking it may / not do her any good, I empty the contents of the bottle away. 6.55 pm To the Gaiety. Mr Bramhall tells us in the band / room that our orchestra is to be augmented on the / following evening, but does not say how many are coming / A committee meeting call'd at the works for the purpose of borrowing 6£ / due to Pownall. P Hackney lends the money & charges 5/- for the loan of it.

JANUARY 15 FRIDAY

Up 6.0 rather late. Wm Bridge repays 2/- and 6^d for loan of it To day Mother seems rather worse whether from the / discontinuance of the laudanum, we have nothing to show / at present, P. Caldwell makes call at works 5.50 and promises / to meet me at the White Hart at 7.0 pm. Lizzie goes to see Miss A Fenton in Frou Frou. / Costs me 1/- 7.0 To Gaiety. Calls at the White Hart and finds P. Caldwell / who tells me that Whitehead is coming who shortly puts in an / appearance having refreshed ourselves we adjourn to the Gaiety / when I ascertain that P. Brimelow C G. O'Brien & R Bennett put in / an appearance. the performance commenced with an overture called / the Golden Wedding, when over we adjourned to the White Hart. / This night was set apart for the Benefit of Mr G. W. Cassidy, one half the / proceeds to be his share after the expenses were taken out.

JANUARY 16 SATURDAY

Up 5.35. To work. Mother had very bad night and continued / to be very ill all day. 11.45 Roe Buck Saw Gentleman from / Lymm with whom I had glass beer in return I treat him / with Small Brandy he drinking the same at the time. 1 pm / To the Gaiety to receive salary. Calls at Wool Pack. Gibson & wife put in appearance. / Glasses and. to purchase Diary 2/6 Discount 5^d 2/1 adjourn Buttermarket Vaults. Saw / I Robinson Glassmaker. Glass with him and home. Lent Bridge 3/-

JANUARY 17 SUNDAY

Up 12.30 . out for Stroll. Roe Buck Ref 6^d White Hart 4^d Waggon 2^d / Home again. Mother no better after having medicine / 8.30 Ref 3^d. 10.15 Retires to rest leaving Mother in pain / without being able to relieve (omission) her. this afternoon to see / what faith Mother had in laudanum, I am sorry to admit I deceived her I / burned a little sugar on a spoon and dissolved it in a little water / made her believe I had been out by my appearance. administered 15 drops. Pain left her in 15 minutes she said. Mr George repays 1/-.

JANUARY 18 MONDAY

up. / 6.45 To work. Again on enquiry I find Mother has had another / very bad night suffering great pain I am told that it will / be no use without she again resorts to Laudanum, at last / I consent for her to have 15 Drops. after Suffering the greater / part of the day a turpentine flannel application is used. The Doctor / seen as to advice when we are told we cannot do better / than poultice her. poultices are applied after the Turpentine / medicine and the 15 drops Laudanum administered when She Spends / a much more comfortable night. (Today I call'd as I have / usually done on Mondays at the Roe Buck for my beer 3 Glasses 6d Tobacco 1¹/₂. Father / been very fretful today on account of Mothers & his own Sufferings. Home / from the Gaiety tonight M A Bennett gone to rest very unwell. Retires to rest 11.40 p.m. / Circular from Liberal Club to go and give / Signature to address to Mr Wm [William] / Crosfield.

JANUARY 19 TUESDAY

Heavy fall of Snow during night / up / 5.55 To work. on enquiry I learn that mother has had a pretty / comfortable night resting better than she has done for / the three previous nights. Breakfast she manages to eat a / little. Dinner looking much better and eats a little better. / Another heavy fall of Snow, fine fun for Juveniles. I saw one instance / in which a woman rushed after a man & threw a poker 3 or four times / at him but happily missed its mark, he having struck her in / the face with a snowball, which she could not stand. Today the Doctor / Visited mother and Stated if her pains commenced again She was to be / poulticed as before & at the same time keep quiet. Today my wife finishes / Stockings which I change and joke over the length of the feet. 6.50 pm to Liberal Club / to attach Signature to address to Mr W Crosfield. 7.0 pm off to Gaiety cold & freezing hard poor / attendance & very cold and smoky inside building. / To rest 11.45 pm.

JANUARY 20 WEDNESDAY

up / 3.40 am very light morning. up again at 5.15 am. again at 5.40. to work on enquiry / Mother commenced feeling unwell about one hour previous to enquiry. 8.0 am to breakfast / downpipe frozen from Slopstone old man pours water from mug runs over the / Slopstone on to floor. I see Mother who complains of her inside as being done / She thinks. She says she has no pain, thinks it must be weakness, today I / hear is the opening of the Mersey Tunnell by The Prince of Wales. Accident / on Exchange Flags Gentleman fell through Glass on roof. 6.10 pm mother complaining / of pain, cannot eat. ~~slept well during night~~ little Nell very cross I threaten to / beat her unless she is good. Forget myself and use rather bad / language. 6.55 off to

Gaiety. 7.20 enter Leader without about ½ lb Tripe in / which he indulges rather voraciously, causing laughter on the part of one or two of the / band, 10.15 off for home, mother rather better after having turpentine appliances. eats / a little tapioca old man rather unwell, says he will have another box ointment / on Saturday if he lives, 11.40 retiring to rest old man just going to eat something

JANUARY 21 THURSDAY

Opening of Parliament by the Queen personally.

Up / 5.45 To work. Breakfast 8.0. Mother much better but rather sore after / turpentine, eating little toast and having cup of tea. Old man Seems a / little better this morning I have make up my mind to send for / him another box ointment I go for Stamps 1/4½. Envelopes ½. off to work and / writes for ointment, without Acquainting old man of the matter / 12.0 Dinnertime after commence altering Double Bass Bow. thawing fast. / Henry Eyes finishes hanging Iron Spout in Storeroom, rather troubled myself with / pain in ankle. 7.0 pm off to Gaiety introduced to Mr I Worrall Ex policeman. / drink of rum inside Gaiety Call'd out of bandroom by Mr Bramhall / for the purpose, this night Miss Georgie Davies begs to be excused, singing another / song, being rather upset with travelling back & to Manchester & having last night / been insulted in Warrington by Someone. Lizzie & her sister Mary pay a visit to the Theatre / Royal, Faust & Marguerite, & Pantomime Froggy would a wooing go, not at all pleased. retire to rest 11.50 pm

JANUARY 22 FRIDAY

up / 5.50 To work. Mother spent a good night and rather lively this morning. Still / Thawing. I purchase Liverpool Daily Post, on my way to work at 9 am. 12 noon / Ointment arrived Father and Mother in good spirits. Mother feeling / better than she has done for many days and has eaten more / I endeavour to persuade her to eat more, she at once has some / broth, and seems to enjoy them. 6 pm Mother again worse food not / agreed with her. 6.50 off to Gaiety 7.25 Leader another feed of Tripe. 10.20 / home from Gaiety Mother worse, asks for Stimulant small drop of scotch. / 11.15 application of poultice. 11.45 a little easier. 11.55 retires to rest / Bridge repays 3/- & 9d for loan of it. Expenses this day 3/3½. Prospectuses from Mr Bew / Retires to rest 12.45

JANUARY 23 SATURDAY

up / 5.50 To work. Mother Spent very bad night. I forget money for Club / arrangements, but find I can manage without. 11 am I go to the Roe Buck / have 3 beers. in the meantime Mr Dancer goes to No1. when I get to work / boy asks for order which I have previously recd. as Mr D as been acquainted / I feel rather queer. order executed. I own I did wrong in not coming/ from No.1 to No.2. Mother keeps very well today. 6.50 off to Gaiety. Full house. Mr B asks for / me and tells me to keep it quiet. Brother George asks the loan of my working shoes / I send my best instead Sister Mary wants the loan of 6/- but does not get it.

JANUARY 24 SUNDAY

Up 9.30. Mother keeps pretty well. 12.25 Roe Buck 4 beers ajourns to Waggon and / have two more pays for P. Speakman's one, and retires home, 3.30 for a nap / up again 8.30 Beer 3d retire to rest 10.30. Mother had good day today. / Lizzie rather troubled with stomach previous to retiring to rest takes / Ground Ginger afterwards small Stimulant Scotch, vomits just before going to bed. / Father Scalds his foot this morning rather painfully, in taking kettle off. / Expenses this day 1/5.

JANUARY 25 MONDAY

Up 5.50 to work / 8.0 I learn mother has again spent a very fair night / and Lizzie is again troubled, with pains inside, much better when / I leave for work 8.50 a.m. I take today a small pie for dinner, which I cannot / say I enjoyed being rather sickly. P. Brimmelow gets up a Ball at the / Conservative Club, gives me two Slip bills to take to Mrs Brierleys White Hart / he also has bills posted on the penny buses. I call'd at the Roe Buck and / had 2 beers and half ounce tobacco which cost me 5d. I spent half an hour there / and then went on to Rehearsal at the Gaiety leaving the bills at the White hart./ 6.55 pm off to Gaiety full house. 10.35 to Brimmelow's Ball my intention was / only to stop a short time but being requested to stop and play a little I / stayed until finish the ball was quite a failure. Expenses of ball 6d. got home/ about 3 o'clock. My sister Susannah visits mother today first time since they / came to live with us, and gives her 1/-. I promised to make J. Grounds a box of Rosin.

JANUARY 26 TUESDAY

Up 5.50 a.m. to work. Mother had a good night, I feel very queer after the / Ball. Roe Buck 11.45 am. 2 beers 4d afternoon 5 pm 2 beers 4d. I still / continue to feel bad having had too much beer at the ball and / then again this morning. 6.55 off to gaiety, 9pm very sickly. / 10.30 home from gaiety more beer to drink feel quite intoxicated / glad to get to bed. Retires to rest 11.55 pm. Father complains /of his foot being very painful the above beers I got without / paying for them at the time. Someone rumours that J. O'Brien although / in receipt of 30/s per week has been in receipt of Charity in the form / of Bread and Coals, this rumour is set to work at J. Wainwright's Hair cutting / and Shaving Shop. P. Hackney ascertains that P. Knight told the Barber, and J. O'Brien / ascertained from P. Knight that D. Waywell was his author, nothing further or present.

JANUARY 27 WEDNESDAY

Up 5.50 am. To work / Mother had another good night but Father had bad / one, his complaint having troubled him very much, as well as his foot. / Myself getting all right again. 11.55 am. Roe Buck 2 beers 4d and then / to dinner which I enjoyed not being able to eat any breakfast my / own fault I suppose. I receive today ~~prospectuses~~ from Mr Bew a / letter wanting me to take shares in a Limited Company for the purpose / of circulating what is known as Bews Remedy, having had 3 pots of it / for Father's use which he says has done him good. this Remedy is used / for piles etc and having seen those my Father was suffering from I am sure / they must have been painful but he tells me they have all gone away with / the exception of one and that he says is gradually going. 7.0 off to Gaiety, full / house. Lizzie goes to Gaiety, and is pleased with the entertainment but unfortunately / suffers from pain in the back. on leaving 11.0 pm she take dose Sweet Nitre / and retires to rest about 11.40 pm. Expenses this day 7d Tobacco and Beer.

JANUARY 28 THURSDAY

Up 5.55 rather late to work / Mother has spent another good night but Father not on account/of his foot being so painful, feel very well myself today. I write to / Mr Bew declining to take up a share in his company, as I cannot / see my way, clear postage 1d. 12 noon Mother seems cheerful and been / reading for the first time to my knowledge since she came to reside / with us. I notice my wife's sister Mary today looks a very bad colour / (yellowish) although she seems to enjoy her food what little she eats. / 6.55 to Gaiety rumour of parliament dissolving. 10.35 B Wilson comes to self / and J Gibson, there's a rehearsal for you chaps tomorrow. I says I don't know / anything about rehearsal I have received no notice of matter. I ask / Gibson if he can take a pupil he says yes terms 15/- per qr (quarter) or so much per lesson. / 11.30 Lizzie dresses Father's foot which is very bad and painful. 11.40 retires to rest.

JANUARY 29 FRIDAY

Up 6.15 overslept. 8.35 purchases Daily Post (Liverpool) 1d. Dog License 7s/6d. / Mother again very low in spirits no pain, can scarcely answer you / when you speak to her. Cannot eat anything. 6.55 to Gaiety benefit / of Professor Hubner, contests football through Hoops suspended, also rifle contest / for watch won by I. W. Plinston. 11.0 pm home. Mother very low indeed / and Father scarcely able to walk about, foot being so painful. Rec'd from / Bridge 2/- of 6 for loan.

JANUARY 30 SATURDAY

Up 4.30 am. Though I heard father call me I answered but he had not call'd it appears / he was tending the fire, and was speaking to mother refusing her laudanum. / I got to bed again and overslept myself Father calling again, at 6.30 off to work. / 8.0 to breakfast when I go in to see Mother she appears to be upset because I did / not go in and ask her how she was before going to work. I told her she must not do / so as I thought she was asleep, and then she seemed reconciled to herself. 10.5 am. / Lent W Bridge 2/-. Rehearsal 1 pm White Hart 1.40 expend 8d. Dog Show 2.30 Father came home. / Home 2.35. New Rollers in Wringing Machine by C. Cotton. 14/- including Tooth in Cog Wheel.. Club / money Works 6d Roe Buck 3 beers 6d Waggon & Horses 1 Beer leaving 10.50. 2d two tickets for / drawing of 2 pictures 1/-. Lizzie complains very much of a Bad Back but refuses / to do anything for it. Retires to rest 12.15.

JANUARY 31 SUNDAY

Up 8.15 rather unusual / for Sunday morning. 12.30 to Roe Buck expenses 1s/10d. 2.30 home to dinner. I feel / amazed at the little one being so disobedient after dinner and takes her off / the table on which she has climbed not with any intention of harming her / in any way but unfortunately she knocks her head against the sofa but I don't / think she hurt herself, her mother is very cross with me and uses language I don't / like, perhaps owing to her not being so well. I endeavour to amuse the boys with / a conjuring trick but it does not answer consequently. I rush them off to / play and goes for a nap and stays until 9.20. I then send for 1 pint / beer 2d, all are peaceful and quiet. James & children visit us this evening. / Lizzies back a little better. Father & Mother had pretty good day. / Retire 11.30

FEBRUARY 1 MONDAY

up 5.45 to work. / 8.00 am Mother spent good night up to 4.0 am she tells me she had a / very strange feeling about this time She thought she was being deprived / of her senses. whether she had been dreaming or not she could not say / but appeared to be all right at this hour 8.0 am. 11.30 Brother / John sends boy to see what numbers of tickets are I purchased from / him on the Saturday previous. cannot tell him because I did / not take particular notice 11.50 goes into his house St James St / to ask how his wife is (no better) Boy has shakers for basket work / present and [illegible] Cabman has won pictures had I have won them / I should not have taken them. I am sorry to see one so young in life / having to part with his little ornaments, my wish is may he be able to do / better 12.0 am Roe Buck expenses 6d. Sees Hubbard. Glass with him desirous / of playing for practise on Wednesday at ball. I tell him to see P Brimmelow 12.35 / to rehearsal alterations going on in the pit great improvement Mr Seward says / he has about 40 cane seated chairs for sale. Mikado Company Public Hall. Leader says / he has been invited to play for them, but, on asking our proprietor he refuses to allow him. (new Clogs for Willie purchased.) Gratered cakes tea.

[The following text was written diagonally across the paragraph above, hence some very short lines:]

Rehearsal / this day William / Tell. No copy pianist / has forgotten book he took / home on Saturday night / to repair on coming to work and passing down Rylands Street / I saw two of the gentlemen as I thought /

belonged to the Mikado Opera Company / coming out of the public hall and one of / them mentioned a fiddler and the other / says I am going to Pigots across the / road All right says the other I'll be / with you directly. I came to the conclusion / they were about seeing Mr Pigot for the purpose of engaging one for one hour. / 6.50 off to Gaiety. I treat Lizzie to Gaiety 6d. / Leader intoxicated can scarcely play / home 10.45 Mother taken oil and / vomited has rice and has / pretty good night afterwards Father has very poor / night owing to foot being so painful Retire to rest 11.50

FEBRUARY 2 TUESDAY

up 5.55 am to work. 8 am Mother asks advice as to taking oil. I tell / her I would not take any. I would leave it for a month, as it makes / her so very ill. She seems to have pains inside I give her a small stimulant / of Scotch. Whisky. purchase Daily Post (L'pool) 1d Sister Susannah visits Mother again / with Biscuits, Sugar & 6d Brandy. Seems much better. Fathers foot very painful. Doctor changes / Mothers medicine and Willie asks for something for Fathers foot. Mother thinks the medicine sent / for her is lotion for Fathers foot and says she won't take it. 6.50 to Gaiety Stage Manager / shows bruised eye. and says the drummer T Howlan has done it, and he has summoned / him. The Leader tells me I had better let Mr Hemfrey know he has given me / permission to play at St Marys Ball, on Wednesday, which I of course do and he is agreeable. Mr Bramhall tells us of Jenny Jones coming to Warrington next week / and does not, know whether he shall play for her or not having been principal witness against her at Glasgow, once for misconduct. whether this be true or not I cannot vouch.

Purchases Tobacco 1½ Blacking ½

10.35 Calls and leaves Double Bass at Waggon & Horses. P. Speakman promises pipe. I have here / whilst staying 2 Beers 4d. 11.0 home. Previous to going home P. Speakmen informs me / that I. Lythgoe is married to Miss Agnes Dolan, this is the first intimation I have received of it / not even being aware he was engaged.

Retire 11.45

FEBRUARY 3 WEDNESDAY

up 5.50 to work

Snow & sleet – nasty morning

8 am Mother spent another very fair night: Fathers foot no better I / notice he does not appear so well this morning. Mother troubled with wind / very much at noon. 7.30 calls at Waggon for Double Bass. See Mr Rimmer not having seen / her for long time also Mr Dorking in parlour. 7.35 to Public Hall, St Marys Catholic / Tea Party & Ball. Dancing commenced about 8.20. Hubbard came with his violoncello / but when he commenced to play he got entirely lost not understanding the repeats in / the music. R. Anderton Euphonium, myself Double Bass, C Powell Violin, I Troods Cornet, R Wilson / piano,. Things went on very well until Mr Bramhall from the gaiety came this would be / near (11.0 pm) in a state of intoxication later on he got so beastly as to wet / the stage as well as himself. this was noticed by more than one person. I / myself felt quite ashamed. a little late on he came on the stage near the band / area, sat on a chair but soon fell off again. Anderton comes and takes the / seat next to me, and Hubbard soon retires rather disgusted I thought. / however the music and dancing seemed to go on very well up to the end / which would be about 2.20 when R. Wilson sees Bramhall out and comes / back, having got rid off him. I may as well mention that about 11.30 John / Wright from the Public Hall Hotel came in with a jug of warm whisky which I / think Mr Bramhall indulged in too freely. 2.35 call at Waggon and has one small whisky along with Mr Jackson Powell & Woods, and then home to rest 3.0 am Expenses this day 2d Refs

FEBRUARY 4 THURSDAY

Up. 6.40 late to work / Breakfast 8 am no complaints. 8.50 to work. 11.30 to Roe Buck / 2 Beers 4d I did not pay for them at the time I got them, not having / money with me. My wife's sister Mary takes the little one out for a walk / this afternoon, on coming home at 6pm I find Harry dressed ready / to go to the [Circus] Gaiety with me, having promised I would take him on / the previous Saturday, tea over, 6.50 we start I call at Waggon for / double Bass and then off to the gaiety. When I enter the orchestra I / find Willie stood just behind where I sit, his mother having given him / payment to come, they seemed to enjoy the performance very much. / Mr Bramhall is rather late this evening and from his appearance not / sober. We commenced the overture before he came in, a thing he evidently / did not enjoy. M. A. Bennett also visits the Gaiety Willie points her out with her / hat off. I afterwards learn on getting home she was suffering from head / ache. Mr Bramhall says he will apologise for his conduct on the / previous night at the Ball. Home 10.40. / Retire to rest 12.5

FEBRUARY 5 FRIDAY

Up. 6.0 am To work

8. am Mother had good night but Father been very cold, cannot / account for it a fire always being kept in the place. 8.50 to work again purchase / Tobacco 1½ and L'pool Post 1d. 12 noon to Dinner, informed by little Nelly that / the Rabbit is dead and when I tell her it will not awaken again she cries very / bitterly. I notice it does not affect the boys very much, they not having taken / much interest in it owing to its suffering from sore eyes etc. 12.45 shaved 1 pm / to work. 6.50 to Gaiety Benefit for the Infirmary, Good house, Band augmented / Molineaux, Dell, Whitehead, O'Brien, Meredith, extra's Mr Tom Hobin & Seargeant Kavanagh / on this occasion his Worship the Mayor should have been present but did not / come, one half the proceeds of the house was announced to go to the infirmary / When all over the Leader went to the office and brought 3/- for the provision / of refreshments for those that came to assist in the orchestra. 10.55 myself / and Mr. Bramhall call at the White Hart and have a beer with each other / 4d. home 11.10. To night Willie goes for laudunum for his grandmother / but the chemists being closed he fails to get it. W. Bridge repays 2/- with / 6d for loan. / Retire to rest 11.45

FEBRUARY 6 SATURDAY

From P. Brimmelow receives 10/- for playing at Ball on Wednesday evening

Up 6.0am to work

8.0 To breakfast. Mother not so well again, requires laudunum, she / says it does her more good in relieving her pain or feeling than anything / she takes 8.40 Harry dispatched for some. 11.0. Roe Buck. 4d for beer on Thursday / Mr Drom present pays for glass beer. I afterwards had 3 on my own account and pays for one for P. Brimmelow / We have a 2d pie each and I pay for 1 pint beer for Alf Banon, expenses in all at Roe Buck 1/6½. 1pm / Works club 6d. Off to treasury calls at White Hart has 2 Beers there and pays for Surate port 2 / for Mr W Wilson and one beer for Mr Cassidy 2d expenses at White Hart 8d. Evening 6.55 to gaiety / good house, performance ended I call at Cross Keys 6d. Mrs Whaite & Booths / and Mr & Mrs P Robinson and a gentleman I did not know, singing, something cruel. Mrs Stirrup comes in / and commences her bawdy talk. Mrs Whaite tackles me but finds I am equal to the occasion. / Home, mother not so well. I think I have imbibed rather much for today. / Retires to rest 12.15 / Mr Dewhurst & company at the Public Hall first night. Mr Connor attacks P.C. Hennessey / at Market Gate.

FEBRUARY 7 SUNDAY

Up 10.am

Mother had breakfast not agreed with her continues to be unwell all day / George visits, 12.30 Roe Buck 3 Beers 6d Cross Keys 3 beers 6d 2.30 home Mother / no better, dinner over Aunt Mary takes Nelly out visiting. 3.40 nap up 8.pm / Beer 6d. mother has little warmed with 1d worth of Jalup, but continues to / be very ill. George & Irene visit. I dress my Fathers foot and he says it / has been almost as painful as when it was first scalded. He gives / Jane a little cocoanut oil and Bews Remedy, as she is suffering with piles. / A. Anderton asked me today if I couldn't manage to get of on Thursday at / 3 o'clock to come to the opening of the Catholic Bazaar. I promise to try. / Retire 11.15

FEBRUARY 8 MONDAY

Awakened 4 am

I hear Mother moaning as if in pain. Up at 5.50 to work on getting [up] downstairs / I find mother up having spent a very bad night, looking very ill, / having vomited. and had a slight passage. I remove bucket at / Fathers request, and return it. She requests me to bring her 3d worth / whisky or Brandy I ask her which she prefers she says father has / an objection to Brandy as it binds her. after a second interrogation / she will have whisky. I go to work and on my return to breakfast / I purchase 6d penny worth for her instead of 3d worth, and whilst at / the works I make a slight purgative mixture for her but on coming / home, I find she has had a motion and is to ill to administer / it purchase tobacco 1½. 11.55 Roe Buck 2 beers 4d 12.30 to Rehearsal / 1.20 Rehearse Lucretia Borgia. I find myself lost in this owing to the Leader / saying cut 6/8 time & 12/8 time out on looking further at the copy I find there / are 2 6/8 movements in, and I call his attention to it when he informs / me it is the second 6/8 time that has to be cut. Mr. Hemfrey pastes bills on / the inside doors for the purpose of ornamentation. Mrs Kelly nursing Jenny Jones / baby. Rehearsal over Roe Buck 1 beer 2d. 2pm. To work. I Pembertons brother-in-law / visits him. I fancy he has in his small package deeds of his Fathers property as Jack tells / him to stick to them now he has got them. 6pm Mother looks better than I have seen / her look for months, and says she feels better. 6.55 to Gaiety not such good house as usual for / Monday. 10.35 home M A Bennett dressing Fathers foot. Sister-in-law Mary paid a visit to Gaiety / tonight and is much pleased with performances. Dewhurst & Company Public Hall 2nd night / Retire 11.45pm

FEBRUARY 9 TUESDAY

Mr. Dewhurst & Company at Public Hall 3rd night.

Up 5.50 to work On enquiry I find that Mother feels rather sickly this morning. I make up my mind to ask / Mr. Dancer our manager to allow me to go and play for the Catholic Bazaar / on Thursday afternoon. I see him he prevaricates until I tell him it is for a charitable / purpose and he consents. 12 noon Mother is again unwell much pain owing to wind. / I repair my fiddle bow, the one I made some time ago. 6.50 to gaiety on using the / Bow I find it not as strong as my old one. I. Gibson asks me if I am engaged / for St. Patrick's night March 17th and I answer no he says he shall want me for / that night after the Gaiety closes but will see me night following. 10.25. Waggon / 1 beer 2d. 10.45 Cross Keys 2 beers 4d. 11.5 home. Mother seems very ill tonight not / eat much through the day. I ask her if there is anything she would like to eat / and I will endeavour to procure it for her, but she blesses me and tells me / there is not. I feel very sorry at the time because I cannot do anything to / alleviate her suffering and Father at the same time is so sorrowful / as to shed tears, he takes it so hard because he cannot knock about / owing to his foot but I feel glad in a sense that his foot seems to be / improving much. My wife tells me that Mr Barrett informs her that I had better

/ fetch the bird I took him some months ago as it has turned out a singer and I had better get a cage for it. I enquire from my wife how long it is since the Clergyman / chose to visit Mother and Father and she informs me it is one month since and the same / with the doctor. I think at the time if the doctor was in receipt of pay from us instead / of the Board of Guardians he would visit as often as called upon. / Retire 11,45

FEBRUARY 10 WEDNESDAY

Mr Dewhurst & Company at Public Hall 4th night

Up 5.50 to work. I see mother and she informs me that she has had / a very fair nights rest and is much better. 8.30 am mother informs me she / has eaten 3 pieces of bread nearly and seems quite surprised at herself because / she thinks it is so much when I tell her she should eat twice as much. / 10 am I drop I Mather a note informing him I can come and play / for them at the Bazaar on Thursday afternoon having gained leave of absence / for that occasion. I receive a not back but there seems to be a little misunderstanding / as Mr Mather seems to think I mean the evening as he says I do not say I am coming / in the afternoon but he will see me at the Wagon tonight. 6.0 pm mother unwell again / 6.50 to Gaiety I get permission to play on the evening of Thursday at the Bazaar. I see Mather / later in the evening who presents me with a pass ticket for the Bazaar. Gibson also / asks me my terms for the 17 March. I inform him 7/6 from the time he mentions up to 2 o'clock and 10/- beyond that he thinks terms to much but does not say whether I may consider myself engaged.

FEBRUARY 11 THURSDAY

Up 5.50 to work. Mother keeps unwell. 12.30 noon Mrs Queckett calls and / visits old people. 2.15 to Bazaar. Band plays God save the Queen, to commence and / afterwards the Mayor Mr I. Harrison makes a short speech, and the deputy / Town Clerk reads the remainder of his worships speech which he has / set down in writing owing to being unwell, and declares the Bazaar / open. Overture. Le Chevalier De Breton, Waltz. Beautiful Danube and / a Schottische. adjourn to the White Heart 4 beers 8^d. home to tea. / 7.10 Roe Buck 1 beer 2^d. To Bazaar. Supper provided at 10 pm. I did not / feel inclined for any so contented myself with sundry beers 10.20 Cross Keys 2 beers 4^d. 11pm home, rather intoxicated Kept awake all night / I believe. I borrowed 1/- from P Brimelow in the White Heart paid him back when I call'd for him/
Mr Dewhurst at Public Hall 5th night. Retire 12pm

FEBRUARY 12 FRIDAY

Up 5.45 To work mother seems in good spirits this morning She has / been without medicine and thinks she is better without it. I advise / her if she thinks so to take no more. 11.45 Roe Buck 1 beer 2^d / P Caldwell comes in and I have one with him, and then home to / dinner, news of Nellie burning her fingers not seriously though. Mrs / Queckett sends her servant to Mother and Mrs Bennet with Bottle of / peppermint some milk biscuits also Sugar and tea, and Sugar and Tea for Mrs Bennet / But no Clergymen makes his appearance this day, I am also informed that / Mary Barry's Son Thomas is Dead and Buried. 6.55 to Bazaar for double bass. / 7pm to Gaiety not such good house for Friday. Wife child and sister-in-law / visit Gaiety. business over we call at the Cross Keys shandy, gill and whiskey / 8^d beer 2^d. 11pm home. Mother appears to be very well to night, laughing & / joking, a little, but through the night is again troubled with wind. She informs / me the peppermint is not so strong and without sugar. /

Mr Dewhurst at Public Hall 6th night.

Retire 11.45 pm.

FEBRUARY 13 SATURDAY

Up 5.50 To work / 9am Shave 1^d Works Club 6^d I lend W Bridge 2/- 11.20 Roe Buck 2 beers 4^d / 1pm Gaiety for Treasury White Hart 2 beers 4^d Waggon 1 beer 2^d 6.55 Gaiety, 10.35 / Cross Keys 2 beers 4^d, 11pm Home. I Stirrup dies. Tonight in the Cross Keys I / observed what appeared to be a Respectable Women the worse for Liquor, and an acquaintance / of mine W. Millington endeavouring to advise her to go home, I think at the time what a / pity it is that Woman should stoop so low as to forget herself and become / helplessly intoxicated. Today Mr Frank Roberts comes to the works after a few / weeks sickness. R.W. Manning commences at Theatre after his sickness. I Howlam purchases monkey for 25/-.

Mr Dewhurst at Public Hall 7th night.

Retire 12.15

FEBRUARY 14 SUNDAY

Up 10am. / Rent arrears 1/- For Father. Mother keeps well after leaving off medicine. / 12.30 our George and Self call at Waggon 3 beers. 2pm Cross Keys 3 beers 6^d / evening Beer for Self and Bro George 5^d. Today R Anderton informs me that / they want the band at the Bazaar on Monday night but he cant go without / they pay him for it. I also learn from W Stirrup that his father died last night. / and that he [W Stirrup] joins the company he has been travelling with on the / 17 March. /

Retire 11.40

FEBRUARY 15 MONDAY

Mr Dewhurst at public Hall 8th night

up 5.50 To work / Breakfast 8am. Mother seems pretty well again this morning Wife would / like to go To Pantomime Manchester along with Janet Lomax she thinks / 5/- will be sufficient which I give her. 8.36 to work, 11.50 Roe Buck / 2 beers 4^d. 12.30 to Gaiety to Rehearse 1.15 Rehearsal commences / after Rehearsing the members of the company with the exception of one / we try a litte overture which I think the leader has got from / Mr Pigot called the Golden Lyre. I leave them rehearsing one member of the company my time being up it being 2.15 and I should be back at work at 2.0 pm. I may here mentioned that I. Caldwell / waited upon me today to see if I could play for them at the / Catholic Bazaar tonight, but I had to decline it being Monday / and the Manager wanting all present on Monday night. The Arsenic / Acid plant at the works commences to work again today . Mr Dancer wishes to see wage book, and tells me he will endeavour to get the / men to work for so much per charge, he also tells me not to mention / anything to Pemberton as he is quite a bully to the men and takes upon / himself to much officiousness, at the same time he tells me that Mr Frank / Roberts does not want any overtime made. P Brimmelow asks me if I / can get off on Tuesday night. I may as well have the engagement as any / one else but says he cannot say until this afternoon, whether he / has got the job or not. 6.55 Gaiety. P Brimmelow calls and engages for the Ball on / Tuesday night. I see Mr Bramhall and he does not seem to like the idea of me going off this week,/ as the music is rather heavy but after the performance I see him again he gives me permission / he says he is will do anything within reson for me. I call down and acquaint P Brimmelow of the / matter and has one glass of beer 2^d. I go to meet wife at Central Station from Pantomime Manchester / W Wilkinson plays along with Mr Downs band, at the Bazaar. / Retires 12.40

FEBRUARY 16 TUESDAY

Dewhurst at Public Hall 9th night

Up 5.50 am to work

Breakfast 8am. Mother has pretty fair night again, but Fathers foot Rather troublesome / Dr Joseph visit Father and Mother and tells them theirs are cases that do not want / Visiting often and that Mother should not give way to bed hers is a weakness and / her food should be gruel, and exercise a little if only for short periods, this I / learn on coming to Dinner. 12.20 to Gaiety to return Double Bass to Drill Hall / for Ball this night, I notice when I enter the Gaiety two boys of the Zebra troupe / rehearsing their acrobatic performance. 1 pm to work 7.15 to Drill Hall (Ball Dress) When Ball over I call at The Cross Keys along with P. Brimmelow and R Anderton & / we had 3 glasses of gin each, and of home 2.am. / Retire 2.15

FEBRUARY 17 WEDNESDAY

Dewhurst at Public Hall 10th night

Up 6.40 late to work

8am Breakfast. I notice this morning Father walks a great deal / better with his foot. Brother Ned brings coals also news to the effect / that Brother Joe's lad - Joe has been locked up on a charge of being / concerned in the stealing of books from the market place. I also / learn that the shop or premises of W. Chester Tobacconist, have been / entered during the night and robbed. 11.40 Roe Buck I receive 10/- for playing / at Ball on Tuesday night. Beer & Tobacco 8^d. I notice for first time P. Brimmelow / has a pupil in the place, Councillor Whittle's Son, who plays very nicely I was / not aware he could do so much on the flute. They went though one or / two very pleasing Duetts whilst I stayed. I fasten before going to Gaiety tonight / hair in J Hawkins Violin Bow, but not to my satisfaction although when / I hand it to him he appears quite pleased with it, and I promise him if / he will get a knot of fresh hair I will endeavour to make a better job of it / for him. 10.40 Home from Gaiety Mother not so well. I notice tonight after / I get home the sister-in-law + M A Bennett retire much earlier than usual, / whether they have been appraised of the fact by my wife that I should like / to retire a little earlier at night or not, I do not know. Brother Joe's Lad / get 6 strokes of and others get the Birch Rod at Bridewell and 3 days in . Another 6 strokes before coming out.

Retire 11.30

FEBRUARY 18 THURSDAY

Dewhurst at public hall 11th night

Up at 5.45 to work

8 am breakfast I meet Mr Barrett this morning on coming to breakfast who asks/ me if I am going to have the bird I took to him some time ago I inform him / I am he tells me it is a good singer so I promise to get a cage for it / he advises me at the same time not to get a small one as he thinks / the(they) do not sing so well in these. 12 noon My wife informs me that brother / Jack has a cage. I might get that. 1 pm meets Jack who informs me / he sold the cage when he came out of work, but says he might drop / across a second hand one he is going past I McClews he tells me and will / call and let me know tonight, if they have any. Mother is not so well to / day, feels sickly. I am informed she has been taking Compound Rhubarb / pills, and I tell her her sickness maybe from that cause. Today we / receive a letter from Mr Hunts together with photograph of Wiles it informs us that / all the boys are working. 6.55 to Gaiety on entering the band room I am informed by Mrs / Gibson that their dog, (Flossy?) had been run over and killed. in a very short time we are / surprised by hearing the yelping of Puppies underneath the bandroom floor. I mention / that the old black bitch belonging to the Circus has pupped, but we could not / get to them, Mr Gibson goes at once to the manager Mr Hemphrey and asks him for / one, and is promised one, this seems to please Mrs Gibson very much I really think she / would have taken one there and then Could she have got at them. I notice the

/ leader is again rather intoxicated this evening he shows us a very good photo of his / wife so he says and a fine looking person she appears to be. T. Howlan informs us he / bought a monkey on Saturday and it died on Sunday cost 25/- . 10.40 home Cross Keys / 1 beer 2d. Nellie not so well this evening. P Leyland sentenced to 15 years for assault on wife, kicking. Retire 11.30.

FEBRUARY 19 FRIDAY

Dewhurst at public hall 12th night

Up 5.45 to work

8.00 am breakfast. Nellie looking better. Mother not so well. I ask Lizzie to go to the / brokers in Mersey Street and see if there is a second hand canary cage for sale, and / she promises to do so having enquired she found they have nothing but 1 lark cage. / Brother Jack enquires at Mr Clews but they have none. I notice some at Skeltons on / my way to the Gaiety marked 4/- market price Sale price 3/- I am almost tempted / to purchase one of them but thinking I should see I. Gleave, I might get a nicer / one for a trifle more, I am undecided. I learn on getting to the Gaiety / the bitch that pupped underneath the bandroom floor the night previous pupped / eight, and was today removed to the stable behind the Gaiety. T Howlan / goes on as a Black Musical Mamma under the name of Osman, but I am sorry / to admit made a very poor debut, not being droll enough to please the / audience. 11 pm home expecting a good bowl of soup but learn they are / spoil'd with salt. I learned today that Mr Corniche is to come and manage / affairs at No 2 Works, things are looking rather awkward. Mother was not / so well this morning but much better this evening. W Bridge repays 2/- with 6d for loan. Retire 11.50 pm

FEBRUARY 20 SATURDAY

Dewhurst at Public Hall 13th and last night

Up 5.45 am to work

8.0 to breakfast. Mother seems well this morning, and Father walks much better / cannot say the same of my wife. I this morning to the boys that their boots and other / little work they have to day for their mother must be done before I arrive home at noon / I for the purpose of getting it done take their marbles from them and put them away. / Tobacco 1/2 Works Club 6d. Roebuck 4d to Gaiety Treasury Rehearsal Cleopatra overture. White Hart / 1 beer 2d. Called at Skeltons for bird cage none to suit at prices. Wagon 1 beer 2d. Home to I. Gleave / for bird cage none in to suit I order one and two fountains Mother very unwell. 1.0 to / Gaiety. 10.30 Cross Keys 3 beers 6d. 11 Home. Oddfellows Club 2/- . Rent arrears for father 1/- / I borrow cage from I. Gleave to put bird in from Mr Barrets and send him bag of seed for / keeping of it. Shave 1d Retire 12.0

FEBRUARY 21 SUNDAY

Up 9 am Mother very ill indeed having taken 1/2d Jalap but no passage through her. Continues / to be very ill up to noon then Father trys to persuade her to take the remainder of Jalap, in warm / beer. 12.35 Roe Buck Tobacco 1½ Beer 10d. Cross Keys 2.15 Beer 2d. R Anderson informs / me there existed jealousy the Wednesday previous in the monk's part because they were / not invited to play at the Catholic Ball. Beer for Mother 1 but she does not take it / she takes the jalap in warm cocoa instead. Mary, wife and self take the beer but it proves too / much for Mary as she vomits all her dinner back. Brother Ned visits Father and Mother / and is Rather the worse for beer. A Pattinson visits M A Bennett. Beer 6d. Lizzie not / so well (enceinte) today Willie has the misfortune to break a neighbours window. / Old John Cassidy dies – age 95 years. Retire 10.30

FEBRUARY 22 MONDAY

Professor and Mrs Thompson Public Hall (Phrenologist)

Up 5.30 to work. Mother a little better this morning but looks careworn. 8 am / Breakfast Lizzie not well, her wish to be far enough if she is to continue as she / feels, this morning a wish I do not enjoy. 8.30 to work again. Lizzie requests me / to call at Brother Jacks to see if he can come and put window in. I call and / he tells me he cannot come before tonight as he is going to work. 11.45 / Roe Buck 2 Beers 4d 12.20 to Gaiety Rehearsal. 2 pm to work. 6.10 to tea 6.30 I send / Willie to see if I. Gleave has brought Bird Cage, but he informs me that he has not / come home from Manchester. 7.0 to Gaiety Leader under the influence of Drink / People in the Hall notice it. after first turn a fight ensues in the side gallery / between two intoxicants but is quickly subdued, performance goes on very well / and the audience seem very much pleased. Brother Jack does not come / to put window in. Sisterinlaw not very well today. She thinks she is about / to become ill again, as she experiences something of the old feelings she commenced / with before. Mother Complains of being very sore. I advise her to eat gruel instead / of Rice, as the Doctor ordered her a week ago, thinking it would be much / better for her. Lizzie complains again of a sickly feeling. I can quite understand / why she does so. I called at Mr Pearsons tonight on my way to the Gaiety for / the purpose of purchasing a Knot of hair for the Double Bass Bow, but I was / informed by Mrs Pearson that they have not any in stock but will order / me one and I can have it by calling on Wednesday
Retire 11.0 pm.

FEBRUARY 23 TUESDAY

Professor and Mrs Thompson Public Hall

Up 5.40 to work.
8 am to Breakfast. 8.30 to work. I meet I Gleave who informs me He has / brought Bird Cage and two fountains as ordered. I ask him to leave them / at our house and call for payment at noon. 8.40 Barker informs us of a / man and boat coming over the Weir, but cannot inform us as to the mans / name. 8.50 W Clare comes and brings word that it is Daniel Dodd that / came over with the boat and is drowned, I hear later on from S Leigh that / it is D. Dodd, and a little later on I hear from Hubbard the same thing. A / policeman going up to the weir has also heard the same, later on S Dodd / sends for Baxter whilst he goes himself to ascertain if the rumour is correct / which turns out to be so, his age being 34 years. 12 noon to Dinner I find Bird Cage / and fountains have arrived for which I pay 5/2d and satisfied with purchase / Tobacco 1½. 1 pm to work. 6 pm Home to tea I am informed that Bird in new / cage for which the Cage was intended has during the afternoon been Singing / well. Up to the present I have not heard it sing. 6.55 to Gaiety commence / at usual time 7.30 this night we finish performance earlier than ever I remember / it being only 9.50. when we had played Queen. 10.5 Waggon 3 Beers 6d. I notice / I Mather wearing dark Eye glasses or spectacles, his eyes being weak he informs / me he is under Dr Little of Manchester, Eye Institution for treatment. Mother / again Complains of Suffering all the afternoon and evening. Almost as bad as / Sunday. This illness occurs after her dinner. She took Broth for dinner and afterwards / a dose of Fruit Salt, and she thinks the fruit salt caused her pain. Retire 11.30

FEBRUARY 24 WEDNESDAY

Professor and Mrs Thompson at Public Hall

up 5.40 to work

8 am to Breakfast. Lizzie complains of being unwell. 12 noon Sisterinlaw Mary / dressed for Journey to Wavertree and Liverpool. Mother up and in Kitchen / looking rather better. 12.30 dinner over I accompany Mary to the Station / and takes her box as I think it too heavy for her, little Nellie cries after / her, because she cannot go with her being accustomed to going out / with her during her stay with us. 2.0 pm to work the train by which / Mary is to leave being due at 1.20 pm to Liverpool. 6 pm home to tea 6.55 to / Gaiety. I call at Mr Pearsons for Knot of Hair I ordered on Monday which / has arrived. But they do not know what to charge I am asked what I have / paid before and I tell them 6d per Knot. I never paid any more, I pay Mrs P. / 6d for the said knot and if it is any more she says she will let me know when / the invoice comes. it is rather a rough knot and I consider 6d enough for / it. 7.10 pm to Gaiety. We do not finish until 10 pm this night which is the / coldest night I have experienced since the opening of the place, for when I / came out of the place I found from the effects of the cold water trickling / from my eye, I learn from I Howlan that Boswell's circus Company are coming / down to the Gaiety at Easter. / Retire 11.10 pm

FEBRUARY 25 THURSDAY

Prof Thos. Thompson at Public Hall

Up 5.35 to work

I feel rather unwell myself this morning from the effects of cold. and / cough. 8.0 to breakfast (gruel) I feel much warmer after. I learn / today or rather I am informed that I Gorton has married Miss Locker / after living with her for some years, not being married. Dr Joseph / visits parents and advises Mother to poultice herself with warm flannels / when she feels the wind that troubles her so much he tells her that / will relieve her. he also tells Father he does not require so many wraps / round his foot, this I have more than once told him myself. Mother / seems pretty well again today. Mrs Queckett again visits the old People and / asks Nellie if she will go and live with her at the Rectory, but the child / says no. today is the first time I hear the Linnett sing. 6.55 to Gaiety / Leader rather muddled again with drink. Calls the Drummer to account / for spreading the news that Hartley is only in receipt of about 30/- per week./ I hear that a person going under the name of Spring heeled Jack or Dick/ has been arrested, this person it is rumoured has been in the habit of / waylaying timid females and others for the purpose of taking from them / such articles as would be beneficial to him. After performance tonight / Mr and Mrs Hemphrey call a Rehearsal for an opera Bouffe piece, finish about / 10.30. Home 10.45. Very cold. Tobacco 1½.

Retire 11.30

FEBRUARY 26 Friday

Mr and Mrs Thompson Public Hall

Up 5.45 to work

6.15 Rather sickly from effects of cold, 8 am Breakfast. Bird (Linnett) singing / beautiful, 8.25 Letter from sister-in-law Mary, staying at Helsbys for the / present, at Wavertree. 12 home to dinner I notice Father has got his shoe on for the / first time since his foot was scalded. Mother is also up and tottering about / a little She says she really believes it has been the medicine that has kept / her in bed so long and says she wont take any more. To night is / set apart at the Gaiety for the unemployed of the town, the band being / augmented by the following gentlemen Whitehead, Dell & O'Brien. I cannot say / that the augmentation was much improvement to the orchestra, there was a very / fair house on this occasion. Mr Dell left the orchestra before the performance / was ended, I think it was too cold for him. Mr and Mrs Hemfrey did a little / operetta on this occasion. There was also present Mr Tom Traynor, and a / young gentleman of the name of Taylor native talent who acquitted himself very / well getting an encore. I did not as on former occasions of this description / call at the White Hart. I thought home would be better and the thither I

wended my / way. It being very cold. I take home a Bass Bow for the purpose of rehairing it. / Home 10.50. Supper smoke. Receive 2/- and 6d for loan from Mr Bridge. Retire 11.45

FEBRUARY 27 Saturday

Mr and Mrs Thompson Public Hall

Up 5.45 to work

8 am to breakfast. 8.25 Shave 1 penny to work 8.35. Works Club 6d. Lent to Bridge 2/- / 11.40 Roe Buck 4d. 1 o'clock to Treasury at gaiety. 1.30 Wool Pack 6d. 2 pm Home dinner over I repair Double Bass Bow. / 7 pm to Gaiety. Performance over I call at Cross Keys expense 6d. 11 pm Home on my way I / am followed from the end of Dutton Street by a child between 13 and 14 years of age, right to / my own door in Wellington St. She did not speak to me nor I to her I suspected her of / prostitution I knew the child to be that of I Clough. When I entered the house I trembled / from head to foot through excitement, but did not show it. I did not speak to my wife of / it then, for, I noticed her apron covered with blood and was informed that she had fainted / and fell, whilst at Brother Georges and cut the side of her temple. I am also informed that a little / daughter has been delivered at both Brother Jacks and Georges and both doing well. Brings / home other Bass bow to repair. This afternoon I rehaired Bass bow the one I made myself / with hair I got from Pearsons. Mrs Bull's Lodger dies suddenly. Retire 12.10

FEBRUARY 28 SUNDAY

Up 8. am. After Breakfasting Brother George and Self with Children visit Jane and Annie (very / cold morning) 12.35 Roe Buck Beers for Bro & self 1/- home 1.50. Beer 2d. Mother keeps pretty well / This afternoon Father goes to sister Mary's for tea. Returns 9.5 pm. Beers 2 Tobacco 1½d / Janet visits, with children. I saw John Quinn in the Roe Buck today have not seen him / for 2 or 3 years before. Child ½d Retire 10.30

MARCH 1 MONDAY

Mr & Mrs Thompson Public Hall

up 5.35 to work very cold morning and snowing. Mother seems very well / this morning. 8 am Breakfast enjoyable, 8.40 to work again, 9.15 I pay J Mills / and W Campbell 3/- each I received from Mr Fry on Saturday, as difference in / their wages. 11.55 Roe Buck 2 Beers 4d. 12.30 to Gaiety for Rehearsal, previous to Rehearsal. / I hear Mr Hemfrey telling Mr Bramhall that after this date Rehearsals will be / at 2 pm instead of one pm. Mr Bramhall calls me aside and asks me how it /will affect me I tell him I cannot attend as that is the time I am due /at work, he advises me to say nothing until Saturday at treasury / and then inform them as to how I am situated. 2. pm to work to /day, it commenced snowing about 4 o'clock this morning and continued / nearly all the day this I think has been the heaviest downfall for some four years, 6 pm to tea 6.50 to Gaiety 10.10 home. Mother informs me that Peter Gerrard is dead, also that Jane's Sister died on Saturday / Suddenly. Today I notice there has been less snowballing people than I / have any recollection of seeing before when we have had a downfall / ~~Mrs Birds Lodger dies suddenly~~. Tonight Mr Bramhall plays god save the Queen / rather too early for the Gymnasts (Lillo Elspa & Echo, and their partner Paul / seems very much displeased with the affair. / I am informed this morning that J.Hackney is sick and unable to work.

Retire 11.0

MARCH 2 TUESDAY

Mr and Mrs Thompson at Public Hall

Up 5.40 to work

8 am to Breakfast. 8.20 to work. Mother makes up her mind to take another / pennyworth of Jalap. 12 noon to dinner. 1pm to work. H. Warain complains / of having a cough, has not eaten anything today he does not / appear well at all. I advise him to use camphorated oil to his chest / 6pm tea potato cakes I enjoy them very much, 7pm to Gaiety- about / 9pm I commence to feel pain at the Stomach I come to the conclusion / it must be from the hearty manner I eat the cakes at tea time it continues / until the performance is over, viz 10.10 pm. Lizzie visits Gaiety this night & / pronounces the Gymnasts to be very clever, which I acknowledge to be the fact. / Home from Gaiety turning up the Academy Street an attempt was made by / some youth, to strike me with a snowball, but it merely grazed my left / ear. had it struck me fully I must have been cut as the Snow at the / time was very hard, having frozen for some 4 or 5 hours previous very / keenly. he made off as fast as he could after having thrown it, or I might / have demanded an explanation from him. Home 10.20. Mother takes her / Jalap. / Mr Bramhall came into the bandroom tonight in a state of excitement / owing to being spoken to concerning the early playing of the Queen / the night previous. This evening the Dray presented by Mr Connor to the Catholic / bazaar was drawn for and won by E. Whitehead for Mr Seward proprietor of the Gaiety / Sankey Street.

I Hackney throws on the Works Club this morning.

Retire 11.20

MARCH 3 WEDNESDAY

Mr and Mrs Thompson at Public Hall

up 5.45 to work

Very Cold Morning having frozen all night with a very slight fall of Snow, 8.am /To.Breakfast Mother very sickly this morning from the effects of the / Jalap. Slight passage through the night, but not sufficient to make her / feel well. 8.40 To Work. I notice on Daily Post placard this morning / Mr Gladstones Home Rule decision Mr Parnell's acceptance. Father visits Mary & Wm / Whitfield at Bruch Lodge, and informs us that Mary is very ill indeed. / Mrs Birds Lodger Mr Richards buried by the ~~Union~~ Board of Guardians. No followers / Mother not so very well today. Very sore. after purgative. I notice birds of / various Kinds Linnets goldfinches. etc. gather in old St James Church yard / Hedge by River Side, owing to snow they come near town for feed I / took some seed and threw it in the Churchyard for the purpose of / enticing them from the hedge having an Idea that I might be / able by some ruse or other to capture either a Goldfinch or Brown / linnet. 6. home. to tea 7. pm to Gaiety, poor house tonight. Mr Bramhall / informs us that Mr Seward had won the Dray . and thinks no one at / the place knew before he brought word but B Wilson informs us he knew / the night before, at eleven oclock as Mr Hemfrey told his father / on their way home, from the Conservative Club. home 10.20. / Today the Lodge boy does not come to work being ill.

Retire 11.15

MARCH 4 THURSDAY

Mr and Mrs Thompson Public Hall

up 5.45 to work (been freezing all night)

No Lodge boy. 8 am To Breakfast, 8.30 to work again. I Borrow 1d from Lizzie for the purpose/ of purchasing Tobacco 1 ½. J Pemberton visits Davies Sharp & Thornthwaites office (Solicitors) / on behalf of his mother in law I presume, to do business for her, he informs me there is / a deed of one of her houses lost, somewhere. either I Sutton or Mrs Beaumont has it she says it / will have to be found. 12 noon to dinner. I fasten hair in old Bass bow. 1.15 to work / 6 0 to tea. I wash bow hair with methylated Spirit, 7.0 to Gaiety I wash another bow / in Band room, I use the old bow in the Orchestra for about an hour when / I discover the hair has not been sufficiently fastened, and I use the other for / the remainder of the evening, home 10.20. Mother much better today. Lizzie/ complains of having felt sickly all day today & hopes she may not feel the same to

/ morrow. I Morris Whittaker dies. / Freezing

Retire 11.0

MARCH 5 FRIDAY

Mr and Mrs Thompson Public Hall

up 5.40 to work

8 am to Breakfast 8.20 to work again. Lodge Boy still sick. at home. Tonight/ is set apart for the benefit of the Gymnasts Lillo, Elspa & Echo, at the Gaiety There/ were 3 contests at the Gaiety this evening a guessing contest a race in the/ Gymnasts net and a Dog Show won by a black smooth haired Spaniel belonging/ to a Mr Wilson the guessing contest was for a small bottle of money 5/½ being/ the amount and 4/11¹/₂ was guessed by three competitors one of them being a/ young lady who would not come forward for her share Consequently it was /divided between the remaining 2 competitors. The net race was competed/ for by about 16 youths, in heats of four and A final twice round a ladder/ at the end, won by a youth about 16 years of age, Today Father attends/ Church Service at the parish Church, and Clergyman presents him with a/ ticket value 6d for which he obtained 1 loaf and 2 packets of cocoa. ~~Wm Bridge repays 2/- with 6d for loan.~~ I fasten hair in bow, which answered / exceedingly well in the orchestra tonight.

Freezing

Retire 11.30

MARCH 6 SATURDAY

Mr and Mrs Thompson Public Hall

up 5.45 to work

8.am to Breakfast. 8.20 Shave 1d 9.00am to work Works Club 5d (10.40 Roe Buck 6d) lent/ Wm Bridge 2/- after him paying 2/- with 6d for loan (elapse of time about 1 ½ hours) /1pm To treasury Gaiety. Woolpack 6d I acquaint Mr Seward & Hemfrey that I cannot come/ to rehearsal at 2pm on Monday's when I am informed that they think they will/ be able to manage, without me. 2pm home. I repair Nellies toy carriage. 6.55 to Gaiety performance over I call at Cross Keys 4 beers 8d. Home 11.10 Retire 12.0

MARCH 7 SUNDAY

up 9am not feeling well

breakfast over. I retire to rest again. until noon, this is the first Sunday morning/ I have missed going out for some 6 months or more. 1.30 I get up and has/ dinner. Beer 4d. I again return to rest feeling tired I awake at 7.30 and/ myself and Lizzie pay a visit to Brother Jacks. Beer 5d. returning home at 10.30 / I am informed Father attended Church service this evening. Mrs Queckett/ also visited old people this afternoon. Father receives Biscuits and cocoa/ from Mrs Queckett this evening. Today the remains of I. Morris Whittaker/ was interred.

Retire 11.0 / Freezing

MARCH 8 MONDAY

Muldoons Picnic Public Hall Wests Company

Freezing

up at 5.40 am to work.

To day I do not call at the Roe Buck as has been my usual custom on / Monday's on my way to rehearsals, as I do not attend rehearsals / today owing to its being fixed for two o'clock. P Brimelows Second / Ball will be held this evening at the Conservative Club. 12 noon to dinner. / This is the first time I have been at home to dinner on Monday for 6 / months. 1 pm to work. 6 pm home to tea on my way home I meet Mr / Bramhall who informs me there was a piece of unpleasantness after / Rehearsal today, owing to I K Gibsons name figuring in connection / with the concert and Ball to be held on the 17 March. It appears that / Gibson had been and transacted business with the National League / in connection with the concert without the

Knowledge or Consent of / Mr Seward or Mr Hemfrey, which I think was rather too much, and he is / informed by Mr Hemfrey that if he plays on that occasion, he must / leave the Gaiety. 7 pm to Gaiety. I learn from Gibson the cause of the / unpleasantness was owing to him objecting to his wife's name being placed / on the bills, and not having to appear. This he informs me was because / Mr Hemfrey had forgotten one of the lady artiste's names (Miss Lizzie Elton) / and to fill up the Bill he had substituted that of Miss Lorenzo (Mrs Gibson) at / which Mr Gibson felt annoyed, and called his attention to the matter hence / the unpleasantness so says Mr Gibson. Lizzie not so very well.

Mr Henry Bramhall File and Steel Merchant Commits Suicide by Hanging (Sheffield)

(Chimneys swept both places) Bithell) /

Freezing Retire 11.45

MARCH 9 SHROVE TUESDAY

Muldoons Pic Nic Public Hall

up 5.40 to work (very cold morning)

8 am to Breakfast. 8.30 to work tobacco 1½. 12 noon to Dinner. I eat one / pancake. The boys seem greatly pleased at having an half holiday and / seem quite overjoyed at having pancakes for dinner Harry actually / dancing with joy. 6 pm Harry informs me they have been round / by the waterworks Hill Cliff met the Schoolmaster and salute him which / they consider a great thing to do. 6.55 to Gaiety I post 2 letters one to sisterinlaw / Mary Hurst and one to Mr M Hunt postage 2d. Brother Jack came this noon / to ask Father to stay in the House with his wife while he went Lymm to / See if he could obtain work which Father consents to do. 6 pm Home / to tea (Flutters very enjoyable (5) (Freezing) Retire 11.45

MARCH 10 ASH WEDNESDAY

Muldoons Pic Nic Public Hall

up 5.45 to work (Freezing)

8 am to Breakfast 8.20 to work again 12 noon to Dinner 1 pm to work. / I write to SisterinLaw & Brother Liverpool, acquainting them of Mary's recovery. / Father attends Church Service at the Parish Church. 6 pm to tea. 7 pm / to Gaiety. performance over adjourn to Band room. C Wilkinson asks I Gibson to / take his cornet home for him. I look at him when he exclaims / laughing there's nothing of that about me old boy. I scarcely get 50 yds / from the Circus before I see Wilkinson in Company of one of the opposite sex. / I hasten on and when opposite Jespers I discover Mr Bramhall in the Company / of Harriet Boscow, this is the third time I have seen him in her Company. / home 10.45 it is very cold this evening on entering the room occupied by Father / and Mother, I find Father asleep in front of a good fire, my hands being so cold / I take hold of his nose slightly which causes him to start up rather afraid. / he looked quite bewildered until he saw me. When he recovered himself. (Freezing) Retire 11.40

MARCH 11 THURSDAY

Muldoons Pic Nic Public Hall

Freezing, up 6 am late to work

8 am to Breakfast. 12 noon Dinner. 1 pm to work Shoelaces 1d 6 pm tea. 7 pm / to Gaiety. I learn on the appearance of Mr Bramhall in the Bandroom / that his Brother Henry Bramhall Steel & file merchant Sheffield, committed / suicide by hanging on Monday March 8th the cause his wife charging / him with inconstancy. home 10.30. Just before retiring for the night I hear / words between Father and Mother, of

rather an unpleasant character. / I think at their time of life there should be nothing but peace between them / the result of such words causes Father to sleep upon the floor all / night a thing I very much regret to learn. I trust such may not / happen again. Mother takes 1d worth Jalap.

Retire 11.30

MARCH 12 FRIDAY

Muldoons Pic Nic Public Hall

(Freezing) up 6 am late to work not feeling quite well.

8 am to breakfast the ill temper seems to have worked off Father he seems / a little pleasanter this morning, tobacco 1½ 12 noon dinner. Lizzie cooks me some codfish which I do not enjoy as there is scarcely any / taste about it. This is a second time (Friday) I have had to put up / with the same thing. I tell her not to get any more for fear it / should turn out the same. Father attends Church Service at Parish / Church. I ask Henry if he will kindly bring me from Naylor's 16 ft ½" timber / he consents to do so. 1 pm to work 6 pm W Bridge repay 2/- with 6d for loan. I pay / Henry Eyes 1/3 for 15 ft x 8" x ½ timber this I buy for the purpose of making a small / Bird Cage for breeding. 6.50 to Gaiety I meet T Hughes at Market gate who informs me / he is playing at the Public Hall. He asks me to join him in a small Scotch / at the Wool Pack which I do. he informs me that G. Jeffries the Bassoon / player is playing for the Padgate Wesleyan Bazaar, he also informs me that / He thinks Jeffries must be a little wrong about his head, from what he told / me he I almost believe it to be the case, for instance he went home with him one / night and Jeffries asked him to take notice on his Knocking at the door how / soon his wife would be there to open the same, on entering the house he asks his / wife to come and kiss him, which is immediately done he also asks her to / come to him whilst he screws her ----- (*presume this is a swear word which he has not recorded!*) neck round which Hughes informs me was an / actual fact the woman came to him, whilst he clutched her by the throat / in the presence of Hughes. I am almost led to believe the woman must be off her / head as the saying goes, as well as him or he must have subdued her to such an / extent of submission by tyranny.

Freezing

Retire 11.30

MARCH 13 SATURDAY

Muldoons Pic Nic Public Hall

up 5.45 to work (Freezing)

8 am. Breakfast 8.45 Shave 1d. Slight fall of snow. Works Club 6d lent to Bridge / 2/6. Roe Buck 11.30 (6d 3 beers) 1 pm to Gaiety Treasury Mr Hemfrey requests me to manage / without pay until evening, as they have scarcely sufficient to pay all artistes. 1.30 Wool Pack / 1 Beer 1½ Caldwell's ¼ lb 1" Sprigs 1d ½ doz Sprig Bits assorted 3d 2 pm home I commence to / make Bird Cage. 6.55 to Gaiety, performance over I go for pay but am requested to / wait for Balance of pay until Monday evening not having sufficient to pay with. / this is about 10.45 10.55 Cross Keys 1 Beer 2d. 11.00 home

Freezing

Retire 12.15

MARCH 14 SUNDAY

Up 9.40

On looking at Birds etc. I find I forgot to give Canary Seed on the previous Sunday / and find there is not a single seed in its box which makes me feel sorry / I having thought I had given it seed as usual. 12.30 Roe Buck 8d Wagon 6d / Today I was almost tempted to back a racehorse (Despair) at 12 to 1 with E Green he /

did take my shilling but refused to keep it being Sunday. 2.40 home to dinner / tobacco 1½. 3.30 nap. Charlotte Ann Rigby visits Father and Mother, evening Walkers 2d.

Miss Cooper late of Horsemarket Killed by express train at Irlam.

Freezing

Retire 10.30

MARCH 15 MONDAY

Freezing

Up 5.40 to work. Severe headache. 8 am to Breakfast. 8.40 to work again. I wrote / to I Hartley at Artingstalls & Co. asking for 18 yds Iron wire for Birdcage and cost / of Same. he sends the wire and a note back with the work given me. 12 noon / to Dinner, feeling rather unwell. I do not as usual enjoy my dinner. / I also notice little Nellie does not look so well. 1 pm to work again. / I O'Brien informs me that Mrs Bibby is dead. he notices the blinds dropped / about 12 at noon. 6 pm to tea. I am informed that Mrs Queckett has visited / Father & Mother and promised Mother night-dress if she will send on the following day. / 7 pm to Gaiety. P Grounds joins the orchestra this evening, performance over / 10.5 pm home 10.30. I receive 5/- from Mr Seward as balance of Salary due on / Saturday. Tonight Mother informs me that Mary Whitfield fell into the Brook on / Thursday last whilst fetching water, for fowls, and was in some time before / discovered. Father visits them this afternoon, and finds them very ill.

Snazelle's performance Public Hall postponed.

News today of the Sinking of the steamship Oregon (Cunard Line) off New York. All passengers and crew saved.

Freezing.

Retire 11.30.

MARCH 16 TUESDAY

Up 5.45 slightly snowing - to work. 8 am to Breakfast. 8.40 to work again. 12 noon to dinner. Willie goes to / Mrs Queckett and receives nightgown for his Grandmother. 1 pm to work. / 6 pm tea. 7.0 to Gaiety first night at reduced price 2d. in pit. performance / over T Howlan asks if I have any money. I answer 4d. which I lend / him. I ask I Gibson if he will require my services on the following / night when he informs me he has engaged Stirrup as the committee / require all to be there at the close of the concert for the purpose of playing the national air God Save Ireland. 10.15 home.

Retire 11.

MARCH 17 WEDNESDAY

National League Concert and Ball Public Hall
League of the Cross Concert St Mary's School Buttermarket Street

Up 5.45 to work. downfall of snow during night. Much warmer temperature. / 8 am to Breakfast today I am rather troubled with cough, from cold. / Mother informs me she is upset about not having passage and promised / to take her medicine again, as there appears to be a large amount of / epsom salts in it. I think it may have a tendency to promote a passage / through her and advise her to take it. 12 noon to Dinner. Afterwards / I cut portion of wire for birdcage. 1 pm to work. 3 pm Mrs Bibbys / funeral Cortege leave the house. 6 pm home from work. I learn that Miss / Elizabeth Whitfield pays the old people a visit. 7 to Gaiety. P Grounds Deputizes for I Gibson. / performance over I notice him on going from the Gaiety in company with

a Female / not his wife. whether she belonged to the profession I cannot as yet say he hailed a cab / opposite the Conservative Club got in by himself the lady walked on as far as the / opening by the Rev A Pilchers, when the cab stopped and she got in and were driven / down Legh Street. I call at Waggon. 2 beers 4d. 10.30 home.

MARCH 18 THURSDAY

Amalgamated Society of Engineers Concert Workmens Club Market Place

Up 5.45 to work. (Thawing)

8 am to Breakfast. Mother little better this morning. 8.45 to work again. 12 noon / to Dinner. 12.30 Bore cage for wireing. 1 pm to work again. 6 pm tea. 7 pm / to Gaiety. Miss Howard dies. Mr & Mrs Gibson have a squabble in which / Mr G gets his hand sprained. Shortly after seven pm Mr Hemfrey / announces to Mr G. a Policeman wants him.

Home 10.15.

Retire 11 pm.

MARCH 19 FRIDAY

Up 5.45 to work. 8 am to Breakfast. 8.30 to work again. 12 noon Dinner. 1 pm to work again. / Slightly raining. Partly wired cage. 6 pm / tea. 6.35 to Gaiety. Gibson invites me to imbibe but I refuse. performance / over I call with Millman at the Wool Pack 2 beers 3d. On my way / home when near Market Gate the Town Clock strikes the hour of eleven. / I take out my watch to compare time and in doing so I lose / the pin that presses the back open.

Retire 11.30.

MARCH 20 SATURDAY

Public Hall Bootle Minstrels

Up 5.40 to work. / 8 am Breakfast. 8.30 Shave 1d. 9 am to work. 11 am Roe Buck 6d. 12 noon to work again. / 1 pm Gaiety Treasury recd on a/c 10/- Wool Pack 1/-. 2pm home 3 pm Wire Bird Cage. 6.55 / to Gaiety. Not such good house. Lizzie purchases Nellie pair of boots also two fronts for / self 1/1 Odfellows club 1/- Works Club 6d Cross Keys 6d boot laces 1d, Rent arrears 1/-. tonight I / notice T Howlan in company with a female. Cannot say who she is, but I / think I have seen her during the week frequently in the Gaiety. From appearance she / looks to be of rather loose character. I have a few harsh words with Father / about tampering with Gas meter. he denies having done so but on looking / I find tap has been turned off also plug from bottom has been out and / wrapped with wool, his own doing he afterwards admits. / Football Match (Cup Tie) Warrington & Widnes. (Stand breaks down) Warrington victors.

MARCH 21 SUNDAY

Up 9.40 am

12.25 To Roe Buck 11d. 2.30 home. 3.30 nap. Miss Louise Howard buried. / Up 8.30 Walkers 6d. M A Barnett not well today. Mother appears to be well.

Retire 10.30.

MARCH 22 MONDAY

Public Hall Bootle Minstrels

Up 5.40 to work

8.am to Breakfast 8.30 to work change coat & waiscoat this morning / for light ones. 9.15 I send H Woodier to Mortons for a silver / scarf pin. 1/3 I observed in the window on Friday last. 12 noon / dinner. 1pm to work again 6pm to tea 6.55 to Gaiety I learn on entering / the Band room that the leader was in such a state of intoxication / as to be unable to rehearse in a proper manner and Mr Hemphrey / told him if he came the same at night he would not be allowed / to play. Mr Seward asks if we can manage without the leader / if he does not turn up. When he is informed we can do so by / his permission, and orders, the pianist B. Wilson informs us the / leader has been asleep for about three hours in the White Hart / 7.26 the leader turns up not sober. Performance goes on for a / time but his playing is anything but satisfactory especially in a / song of Miss (name missing) in 4 flats he is entire out which attracts the / attention of the audience, who laughed and jeered him. I felt really ashamed / he could not find the numbers of the songs quick enough, then the / audience would have another go at him. I was glad when the / performance was over, I went straight home. / Today I saw Father Hale the Roman Catholic Priest, he looked rather old and weak / in company with I. Lythgoe. St James St. Raining I retire 11.30

MARCH 23 TUESDAY

Up 5.40 to work wet morning

8.am to Breakfast 8.30 to work again 12 noon dinner I make door / of bird cage before going back mother seems very weak today she / informs me she has had another passage this morning and seems / quite pleased. She is knitting. I pm to work I learn from / Thomas Moorman [?] that Ed Garnett from the smithy at Black Bear / is dead, died this morning. E Kelly calls on Pemberton / today I see Kellys mother and 2 others in conveyance. 4.25 pm / 6 pm home to tea Mother still at her knitting. 6.55 to Gaiety I meet Father / who informs me that he is going to take shed down in back yard at / Longford. Leader comes to business sober this evening. 10.40 / Cross Keys 2 stouts 4d. home 11.5 M A Bennett poulticed.

Mr Kean dies age 102 years.

Retire 11.50

MARCH 24 WEDNSDAY

Up 5.45 to work

8am to Breakfast mother not so well this morning thinks she did too much / sitting up day before, also Lizzie not so well. 8.30 to work again Father / goes down to Longford and takes down shed, and sells same to I. Pilling. / 12 noon to Dinner mother seems to keep well in fact better than she has done / for the last three years. I make seed box for bird cage. 1.30 to work again / I have this day trespassed on my masters time to the extent of half an / hour without permission. 6pm to tea 6.55 to Gaiety I learn from B. Wilson / that Mr Bramhall finishes on Saturday, and that a new leader from Liverpool is coming. When asked from where he got his information he tells / us from Mr Hempsey. Rich(Richard) Bennett assists in the orchestra this evening, which / is part Benefit for Foresters. P Brimelow plays solo on flute / Jenny Jones), performance over Cross Keys I have 1 bottle stout 2d 11 pm home /

(J Mannions child dies) (age 18 months)/

Lincoln Handicap 1 falence [?] & bread knife 3

Mr Hawkeys Private Secretry Company Public Hall

MARCH 25 THURSDAY

Up 5.50 to work rather late.

8 am Breakfast. 8.30 to work again I am informed by Richd (Richard) Leigh that / his Father (Wm Leigh Gas st.) died at half past one o'clock this morning / Mrs Todd delivered of a daughter (Ellesmere st.) 12 noon to Dinner. Mother / seems to keep well her medicine seems to do her good. a little I do / at seed box for Bird cage. 1pm to work. we today send from the / works 10 tons S. White in America. I pay Mrs Mannion 30/- on behalf of / the works club on the death of her child 18 months old. Tobacco 1½d / 6pm to tea, 6.55 to Gaiety I ascertain from Mr Humfrey that our present / leader Mr Bramhall leaves on Saturday. Performance over home / on entering I learn from mother that Brother James child Charlotte Ann died this morning about 7 o'clock. Retire 11.45

MARCH 26 FRIDAY

Private Secretary Public Hall

Up 6.0 late to work

8.0 to Breakfast I am informed Mother has clear passage and seems quite / fresh looking, previous to going to breakfast I am accused by J Mannion of / not done that which is right on behalf of the works club, he thinking was his wife says there ought to be 2£ paid instead of £1.10.0 and that it is a / concerted plan between myself and her husband, so that her husband can / have the 10/- to himself. I feel very much annoyed at the accusation because / I paid her all that was due on the previous day viz 30/- according to minute / in minute book. The benefits having been reduced some months ago. 12 noon / to Dinner. 1pm to work. 6pm home to tea 6.55 to Gaiety today I wrote to / the leader asking for remainder of monies lent last year. not leaving / town I will see you on Mondays I peculiar doubtful ???

Retire 11.40

MARCH 27 SATURDAY

Private Secretary Public hall

Up 5.40

To work – home 8 breakfast shop Club 6d Roe 6 Walkers 3¹/₂ / 5/- on account of salary Gaiety other promised for Monday evening sure / Mr Bramhall leaves Gaiety. Rent arrears 1/- Shave 1d.

Retire 12.10

MARCH 28 SUNDAY

Up 9.20

Well. (very) Brother James child buried. Roe Buck 1/- funeral 2/6 Rileys 8d. Retire 11.0

MARCH 29 MONDAY

Public Hall. Lomaxs Gold and Silver Company During the week

Up 5.50 to work usual / I get on the beer. Mr Domville commences to lead at Gaiety / money not forthcoming on this evening, promised for Tuesday evening / sure. I called at Ashtons this morning and imbibed pretty freely / with W Eccleston to the extent of 4 pints beer 10d having after performance / Wool Pack 1s/2d. Retire 2 am.

MARCH 30 TUESDAY

5.40 up to work.

On the beer again not so much as day previous, but feel quite as / bad. Balance of Salary recd from Gaiety.

MARCH 31 WEDNESDAY

up 5.50 to work

Roe Buck 11.30 2 pints beer I only pay for one this morning I have one / with Mr Domville. 12.20 to Dinner Soup enjoyable. 1 pm to work / Mother not so well to day. Mr Garnell visits the old people today / 6.55 to Gaiety. Mr Domville is introduced to Mr Down at the brewery / to day performance over Wool Pack. 2 pints Beer 6d.

APRIL 1 THURSDAY

up 5.40 to work

8am to Breakfast I call at Ashtons 1 pint Beer 2½. 8.30 to / work again feeling rather shaky 12 noon Roebuck 1 pint / beer 2 ½ 12.10 to dinner 1pm to work again. Mother very / unwell today. again. (6.55 Friday to Gaiety Leader informs us he was / quite drunk at 5 o'clock. He informs me that everyone he has come in contact / with whilst he has been in Warrington all give me a good name As a / Bass player I cannot say whether from his expression he wishes to flatter / me or not I would much rather not listen to such remarks because / I only try to do unto others as I would like be done by. I should / not like at any time to make enemies , I Strive to do my best. / To day a visitor waits upon father to ascertain if he is one deserving / of Soup. I did not like his application but I am informed he did not / know the distribution was only for those unemployed. I notice in / the Gaiety tonight an electrical Instrument of Mr Julians. In / preparation for next week. the cost of this arrangement I am informed / was 2500£. during woodheads performance in bandroom I send / for Beer 1pm 2 ½

APRIL 2 FRIDAY

up 5.40 to work

7.30 to Breakfast Bridge Inn 2½. Mother much better this morning. / 8.30 to work again 11.30 Roe Buck 2½ Dinner 12 noon Places / Rockers on toy Cradle for Child I to work again. 6pm home to tea / Recd from W Bridge 2/6 - 9d for loan. This evening Folley and O'Neil take their / benefit two Comical Characters on this occasion prizes in the form of / Tobacco, Tea, Cigars, even a sheeps head and a Womans Dress improver / (Bustle) also watch, rather a laughable incident to see the young man / who had to go and obtain the Dress improver as this was announced / as something never seen before in Warrington (always worn behind) / performance over Woolpack 9d. Retire 12.0

APRIL 3 SATURDAY

up 6.0 rather late to work

Mother rather unwell this morning. / 7.40 to Breakfast Walkers 2½ Works Club 6d. Rent arrears 1/- Woolpack 1/½ / Roe Buck 5d 6.55 to Gaiety Leader rather inebriated purchased Brooches for / daughters. Performance over sojourn to woolpack. post Salaries tonight. / 11pm I go with Leader to Central Station he becomes very sick / near Trinity Church & vomits very much, but gets recovered again / on the way to the station, train departs 11.40 I then go home / R Whitfield robs his fathers Henroost. Or rather attempts but is caught / in the act by his Brother. Retire 12.45

APRIL 4 SUNDAY

up 10.35. Breakfasted. 1Pm Roe Buck 10d. 2.30 home. Fillets veal Dinner. / 4pm nap. Up 8pm. Regale ourselves with Egg'd Beer 1s/2d. Tobacco 1 ½ Retire 11 pm

APRIL 5 MONDAY

Cloches de Conneville Public Hall during the week

up 5.50 to work

not feeling well. 7.45 to Breakfast. 8.40 to work again 10 am I am / startled by Brother Jacks Wife come crying to the lodge to inform / me the Bailiffs are in the house for Rent, also wont leave until they / get 1£ or chattels to that amount. I write to Mr Down asking a favour / on behalf of Brother Jack if he cannot stay the execution. he sends / reply to agent J. Isherwood. I cannot say what the result will be up / to 12 noon, as Annie is waiting at home to deliver the message / to Isherwood when he calls. She is advised by one of the Bailiffs to meet / him at Isherwoods office at 12 noon. She goes and is not treated by / the Agent as she ought to be he is very much annoyed because / she has been to the Brewery and informs her that Mr Down has nothing /to do with the business and she must pay the Bailiffs expenses 5/6 and / have the rent ready for him when he calls on the Tuesday or he will / again put her to further trouble. She returns home and informs me of what / he has said I advise her to go and acquaint Mr Down of his conduct I also / ask her to give me brother Jacks address and I will write and inform/ him of the affair and he can then prepare if possible for emergencies. / I think it a shame on Isherwoods part to press the affair whilst he is out / of town having gone to Bolton to work for Mr Chandley. Mr Down promises / to send one of his clerks down to Isherwood, to settle the matter. 12 noon to / dinner. 1pm to work again. 6.55 to Gaiety the house looks as if it would /be very quiet but however as the time wore on the place was much better /than I anticipated. performance over part wage 5/- remainder for Tuesday / we adjourn to Woolestone first wont serve pints, after promising in the afternoon / consequently we go to Wool Pack 2/½. 11 pm Home. R.Whitfield arrested on charge / Hen stealing.
Retire 12.0.

April 6 Tuesday

Up 5.50 to work

I am somewhat anxious for the evening of to day Although it is only / yet morning. 8am Breakfast, Mother better this morning. 8.40/ to Work again 11.45 Roe Buck 2 ½ . 12 noon to dinner. Mother vomiting. / 1pm to work again. I cannot say I feel so very well today, having imbibed / rather too much night before. 1pm to work again Mephisto is announced / to appear. This combination of Instruments is worked by electricity, and is truly one of the greatest if not the greatest novelties ever produced in Warrington the / house was not as expected fill'd, but I think it had some little / attractive powers about it as there was certainly more in than there / has been for some time on Tuesday evening. And the performance seemed / to be enjoyed. I promised Father I would take him to see this novelty. On / the close of performance I adjourn to Wool Pack and have beer costs 10d in all. / 11pm home, Father has Just arrived before me, and is quite independent of / my proffer as he says he can go in without my aid. Someone having / promised to pay for him. I notice he has had rather more than usual: / of Beer and a soldier comes to see Mother this afternoon after an absence of / Some years but she forgets his name. Father goes out with him hence / the state of inebriation.

Retire 11.45

April 7 Wednesday

up 5.50 to work rather late.

7.45 to Breakfast Mother looking Better this morning. 8.30 to work again / 12 noon to dinner Annie Calls me in and informs me Isherwood call'd for / Rent, and never had any words to say on her informing him she had / not any money for him. home 12 to Mother Knitting feeling rather better / than previous, I am as well as

Mother & Lizzie very much amused by / Father who relates to us as much of the evidence as he can think / of given by W.Whitfield and Peter. respecting the charge of henstealing / against Robert.Snr to William and Brother to Peter they give it in such a / comical manner, causing great laughter in court. 1pm to work again / Tobacco 1 ½ 6pm to tea 6.55 to gaiety house pretty well fill'd Seems to bring / the people in this electrical organ Mephisto. to day. Mephisto. Today the Semi final Cup tie is / again played by Warrington v Runcorn. Warrington winning easy. / Father goes to whitfields today and is presented with fowl that was / killed on Saturday last. Lizzie visits Gaiety this evening, performance / over we adjourn to Cross Keys costs 6d. 11pm Home. This evening/ a Rehearsal was call'd for thursday at 1pm. (I may mention the above / match was played at Southport on neutral ground)

April 8 Thursday

up 5.45 to work

8. am Breakfast. 8.30 to work. 12 noon Dinner (Fowl. Whitfields) 1 to work / old Mr Roberts in town. from Manchester. 12 noon to dinner. 1 pm to work. / 6 pm to tea 6.50 to gaiety P. Walsh deputises for Mr Domville he having / gone to South Wales to play at a concert. Mr Hemfreys Benefit takes / place this and night following night the house was pretty well filled on / this occasion. performance over I call at Cross Keys 4d this evening Mr Gladstone makes his great speech on the Irish home rule question. Retire 11.50

April 9 Friday

Up 5.50 to work

8. am breakfast

8.30 to work 12 noon dinner tobacco 1½ Father exp's to gaiety 3d 1d Lpool post / 1 pm to work 6 pm to tea. Rec'd from Bridge 2/- and 6d for Loan. 6.55 to gaiety / this evening presents the greatest number of turns on the stage. It / has been my pleasure to witness being for the benefit of Mr H Hemfrey / the performance finishing at 11.20 pm. having had a good house / Father tells me he never witnessed such a performance before. and / is very much pleased. Lent I. Gibson 6d Retire 12.15

April 10 Saturday

Up 5.55 rather late to work

7.55 shave 1d 8.5 Breakfast. 8.40 to work. Lent W Bridge 2/6. Works club 5d / Roe Buck 1 pm treasury Gaiety. Rec'd 5/- gave this to Nelly for her boys. 1.30 / to Walkers 6d Public Hall Hotel and then Roe Buck. I am sorry I have to admit / I was drunk this afternoon. 6.55 to gaiety at the end of the performance a scene / occurs Haslam will not appear without being paid, and does not do so / we of the band adjourn to office for payment but does not get paid. / during the time my Instrument gets knocked down in the orchestra. and / an attempt is made to damage Mr Julians instrument. but is not / carried out. owing to Mr Julian's interference. I take my instrument / home. when I am told by Mr Hemphrey that my services will not / be required after tonight. having been in the office an hour or more. Retire 12.45

April 11 Sunday

White Hart 12.30 1 pm Walkers 7½ d Roe Buck 1.30 1/6 / Roe Buck evening Walkers 2d

April 12 Monday

Up 5.40 to work

Roe Buck 1.30 1 ½

Roe Buck 7.35 4d 8.15 Breakfast 8.50 to work. 12 Roe Buck 2 ½ /12.30 to gaiety for balance of salary. Having waited for some time Mr Seward came /and called the band such as were there and stated that he has borrowed 5£ for/the purpose of paying us, he payed me in full but the others were not/ I then asked him if he required my services any more and he answered yes/ you must come as usual and take no notice of Hemfrey he has nothing/ at all to do with it, Mr Julian mentions that he will take the money tonight/ if there is any show and it shall be shared according to salaries/ 6.55 again I take my instrument to the gaiety and on entering I/find the artistes in deep conversation respecting the opening of the/ place. and how it shall be managed, when it is suggested that Mr/Fuller shall take the responsibility for the present Mr Seward having /given Mr Hemfrey his notice to quit as his service will not be required/ any longer. Mr Julian to is asked to reduce his salary a little which/ he promises to do he then goes into the pay box and the place is opened/and although we have no leader the things go on very well. After/ the performance the artistes again assemble and there is another / consultation when four of the gentlemen together with the members/ of the band decide to wait for their share of the money until tomorrow/Tuesday. Walkers 6d home 11.10 tobacco 1 1/2 during the evening I rec'd / a note from R Whitfield asking me to let him know when it is my intention to /join Messers Down & Gaskels bands. I write to say I will let him know at/ the end of the week. Mr Hemfrey is prevented from taking the Horse & trap from/ the Gaiety Retire 11.50

April 13 Tuesday

Up 5.45 to work

Not so well from effects of yesterdays liquor 7.40 Roe Buck 2 ½ Breakfast/8.30 to work 8.45. Roe Buck 11.45 1 ½ dinner 12.5 hair cut 2d / 1pm to work. 6pm to tea lent to sister Mary 1/- 6 55 to gaiety poor house/ I learn to day the artistes at the gaiety shared monday evenings proceeds / to night the Band became 2/6cash. As their share for monday must not/expect anything from this evenings takings. Myself (& Gibson adjourn to / the Woolpack. and having to receive my money from him he has to change / a shilling whilst we are waiting he asks which of us shall pay for / drinks meaning 3 I toss him for them & loses consequently I paid for/them leaving me 1/10 in hand. this evening Mr Vanguard complimented / the band on their work as it is what you might term playing under difficulties/ having no violin to lead. I myself found it not at all pleasant the / Company engaged for the week are very good, pleasing the audience much / this evening a speech is made in the house by Sir W Harcourt on the home Rule / question, in which he says he will give his utmost support in carrying it.

home 11.10

retire 12.0

April 14 Wednesday

Up 5.45 to work

8 am to Breakfast 8.40 to work again 12 noon Dinner 1pm to work 6pm to tea / 6.55 to gaiety on my way I met Mr Cassidy who informs me that Mr Perkins (Mr J E Wrights clerk) is in possession of the Building and that I had better take / my Bow from the office. everything look glum only about 12 people up to 7.20 / but later on more come in and we find it better than anticipated I am informed /that Mr Hemfrey attempted to take horse and trap from Gaiety this morning but was / prevented in time by Inspector Spinks his excuse being that he was going out / with bills, the performance over we receive this evening 2/- each as our share / of the proceeds, Mr Julien takes the place for the remainder of the week on / his own responsibility. 10.25 Wool Pack 3d today Father goes to pay2/- which / I have given to pay his rent arrears, but instead of paying2/- he only pays 1/- I / am sorry he should. do because I know he has no money to spare I am told / on getting home that he is not well I begin to suspect he has been taking / more drink than what is good for him. I

trust it will not cause mother any uneasiness, as she is coming on so very nicely. Lizzie is suffering from / severe headache. I trust she may soon be better

April 15 Thursday

Up 6.5 late to work.

Breakfast 8.0 to work 8.35 12 noon dinner 1pm to work / tobacco 1½. 6.55 to gaiety house quiet. After performance a dividend occurs in which the Band receive 2/- each Retire 11.40

April 16 Friday

Up 5.45 to work.

8am Breakfast. Mother keeps on improving in health. 8.30 to work. / 12 noon Dinner. 1pm to work. 6pm rec'd from W Bridge 2/6 & 6d / for loan. 6.50 to gaiety house not so good after performance / a dividend recurs in which the band receives 2/- each / a consultation goes on and it is thought that the Band / shall not play on the Saturday evening without they get some / money before the commencement of the performance but nothing / is definitely settled. Roe Buck 3d. Retire 11.50

April 17 Saturday

Up 5.50 to work.

8am Breakfast. Shave 1d 8.30 to work again 11.30 Roe Buck 3d / works club 6d Tobacco 1½ Mothers Boots 3/8 Odfellows Club 1/- handkerchiefs / 7d Gaiety 6.50 Bandroom a consultation is held and a note written to / say that unless the Band are paid they will discontinue the performance / but is not sent in until after the second turn on the stage when the Band / leave the orchestra for the purpose of ascertaining what shall be done respecting / the money they shall receive, they are met by the professionals also Mr / Cassidy who is in possession of the Building and persuades the band to /continue the performance until the end and he will guarantee them a / share of the nights proceeds which they do, and finish as usual. When / a meeting of all concerned is held and the amount of £4.11.0 divided / amongst the lot which means 5/- each for the band and remainder / divided among the artists and stage manager a boy receives 2/-

Retire 12.15

April 18 Palm Sunday

Up 10.30 White Hart 4d I meet Howlan & Milliman adjourn to Wool Pack / 1/6 Walkers Mersey Street evening home 6d. To day Mother dresses herself for the / first time in nearly four years and states she feels herself better than at / anytime during that period. I only trust she may day by day gain strength / with the help of God. I Parker of Widnes visits M A Bennett. Retire 11.0

April 19 Monday

Davies Circus (Colonel Boone & davies Fair Ground)

Up 5.45 to work

Breakfast 8am 12 noon dinner I deposit in H Eyls hand the / sum of £9.4.0 retaining 1£ in hand for incidental expenses/ 1pm to work again 6pm tea I am happy to learn that mother has / this afternoon walked out to the back of the houses. what she / has not been able to do this last four years tonight is the first / I have had at home in the week nights for over seven months / I commence to work at Bird cage and unfortunately cut the end/ of my finger which prevented me getting any further on with it. / I feel very tired this evening

retire 10pm

April 20 Tuesday

Sam Hagues Minstrels Public Hall

Up 5.45 to work.

8am Breakfast I this morning pay to father the / balance of arrears for rent owing by him viz 3/2 but he deducts /2/2 from the amount and settles the account, I go tonight to the public / Hall 6d to see Sam Hagues Minstrels. I am invited by Dell to a drink / and in return costs me 6d Mr Bramhall being present Public Hall Hotel / he promises to run down and have a chat before he goes / to Dublin on Thursday but I can scarcely believe him. / after performance is over I adjourn to the Roe Buck & / have two beers 4d and then home . To day I purchase from/The Grand Clothing Hall Co 2 pairs of trousers 20/-s retire 11.15

April 21 Wednesday

S Hagues public Hall

Up 5.45 to work

8 am Breakfast 8.30 to work 12 noon dinner 1pm to work / 7pm I meet P Caldwell by appointment at Warrington Bridge and / walk up to Mr Downs for Practice after a lapse of about 8 months/ came and shook hands and was pleased to see me amongst them / again, at the interval he invited me in the house for a chat / when he mentioned the little affair of my Brother Jacks (sent) / and informed me he was not a tenant of theirs. I had a cigar/ and a pint of beer with him in his study and then resumed practice / I cannot say much for the practice on this occasion as the Band / was rather too loud. I noticed he had orchestral drums on / this occasion. Return home call at Red Lion and Roe Buck.

Home 11pm

Retire 11.45

April 22 Thursday

Sam Hagues Public Hall last night

Up 5.45 to work

8am Breakfast 8.45 to work again 12 noon dinner Lizzie / reminds me of promising to take her to Belle Vue. 1pm / work. 6pm rec'd from W Bridge 2/6 and 8 for Loan. This evening I commenced / practice at Mr Gaskells, for the first time since August 1885, he welcomed / me right heartily (wellcome back again were his words) I felt rather / pleased to have another practice at Haydens & Mozarts compositions / and I was pleased, with the practice. I noticed there was not/any wine laid on the table as was the usual custom when / I attended practices before, but this I had been told of / before, however when practice was over , I was rather surprised/ at Mr Wallington offering me a cigar, which I enjoyed, 11.20 by / train 1 ½ home

Retire 12.30

April 23 Good Friday

Up 9.0 Breakfast 9.40 Roe Buck 12.35 2/6 home 2.30 practice at / Buttermarket St. St. Marys. Haydns no3 and Kyrie from no 16 Hayden / home 5.40 Rest 2 hrs Beer 7d. this afternoon mother walks with/me round the Row of Houses one of which we occupy. the greatest / distance she has walked for nearly 4 years. retire 11.0

April 24 Saturday

Up 8.30

to work 9.35 Roe Buck 10am ~~4~~ 6 ½ again to works 11.30 no orders / Roe Buck 11.35 I commenced playing dominoes and continue until after/ 3 o clock costs 1/6 being foolish enough to commence gambling

pennies on / the game but nothing higher with the exception of a glass of beer on the / game. when I found I was not competent to continue I made my / way home, and met Mr W Woods, who wished to know if I would play / at the Dramatic Society but I told him if I did I must be paid but/ he said he could not offer me anything as all the others were playing/ for nothing, and were going to have a supper afterwards. With that we parted friends I hope, evening beer 6d Brother George comes and is / inebriated before he goes home, I see him home. lost 7 ½ at dominoes / works club 6d

retire 12.20

April 25 Easter Day

Up 9.0

To St Marys . Haydns No3 Mass with the Kyrie from Haydns 16 Mass / performance of Band went off very well considering there had only / been one practice, evening service did not go off so well. why/ I am not in a position to say if not for the want of practice. / Anderton nor Hughes did not turn up today. Wagon evening 2.0/ Walkers 3 ½

Home 9.30

Retire 10.30

April 26 Easter Monday

Bank holiday

up 8.30 to work

Finding no orders to be executed (with the exception of Alum 5 z / for Cockhedge. I see that away and then foolishly I go to the/ Roe Buck and commence drinking and I am again led / to play Dominos which game continues until the afternoon / which costs me 2/6 and I am gladly disturbed by an old / friend Mr Wright who has a surate port 2d. had it not been / for him coming I might have been persuaded to stay much / longer I am very glad he came. I then went home having / had up to this time nearly 4 oclock neither breakfast nor/ dinner, I did not go out any more this day but stayed at / home and had 1 pint Beer 2d tobacco 1½ Retired 10 pm/ to get ready for a fair Start at work on the Tuesday. purchase a / hearth rug from Sister May 10d.

Tuesday 27 Easter Tuesday

Up 5.40 to work rather queer sickly from effects of Beer no doubt / however I go to work, but call on my way to breakfast / for a pint of Beer Roe Buck 2½ which I have a hard job / to get down the stomach being so weak however I manage / it and when I get home I eat my breakfast much better than / if I had not had it. To day Mother and Father walk out to/ tea to Brother Georges on my return home from work. / I am glad to see them together in the street returning / home, this is the longest distance Mother has walked up to / present date since her illness nearly four years ago. Previous / to coming home I am tempted to call at Walkers for 1 pint beer / with Hampson. I do not go out this evening and retire about / 8 pm feeling the want of rest.

April 28 Wednesday

up 5.45 to work Breakfast 8 am. Dinner 12 & Tea 6pm 7.30/ to Mr Downs Practice, I cannot say I feel very well this evening / the practice went very well in the presence of Mr Owen and Mr Chorley / I am told that Mr Down is about enlarging the Bandroom as / the music has not sufficient effect. when practice over I call

/ at the Roe Buck with Anderton & others and have 2 Beers 4d / on reaching home at a few minutes past eleven I find all / have retired to rest. My watch having been stopped for the past / few days I endeavour to start it by winding it up but I find I cannot / turn the key more than twice. I leave it going on the mantelpiece / and retire at 11.20

April 29 Thursday

Warrington Dramatic Society (Gentlemen) Public Hall (Caste)

up 5.45 to work

on looking at the watch left the night before I find it did / not go more than 15 or 20 minutes and thought struck me / that I should have it cleaned, but on a second thoughts / I make up my mind I will try to remove what dirt it / contains by a washing process. So I place it in my pocket / and go to work. I commence the washing process. Viz pouring / Benzole in amongst the works and agitate it about and / allow it to run out again which brings a lot of dirt with it. I repeat the same 3 or 4 times until I think it / sufficiently cleaned. I then dry the Benzole from the watch / by means of an air pipe (dry air) Say bellows wind it up / and find it going all right during the day. This morning / not feeling so very well must have been from the effects of / the Bitter Beer I drank night previous. I call'd at the Roe Buck / and had glass Rum & Coffee 4d which made me feel much / better. Evening Public Hall 6d Roe Buck 3d. I was invited to stay /after eleven o'clock but I thought I should do better by going home and there / I went. I have not been in more than 10 minutes before I discovered a / Strangeness in Lizzie. I asked her what was the matter. She said there / was nothing the matter but before retiring to rest she admitted if she / had had 6d she would have gone to the Public Hall, but she told me I did not / want her with me She was not good enough for me, I certainly felt amazed / because had I known it was her desire she should have gone with pleasure. / I must certainly say she was in the wrong. by having her expression.

Retire 11.45

April 30 Friday

Mr Boys Warrington Amateurs Public Hall

up 5.50 to work

Rather sullen this morning on account of Wife's expression night previous / Breakfast 8am, Mother continues improving at Breakfast I / feel half inclined not to speak to wife as a punishment for / her conduct night previous but her temper having worn off / cannot as she is inclined to be pleasant continue sullen. So / join in conversation and overlook unpleasantness. watch stopped / I have an idea that the cause of the stoppage is want of a little oil / So I endeavour to oil as much as possible, with needle dipped in / oil when it continues to go again, Nellie has her hair cut and wife / says she behaved herself very well (indeed more than was expected) /. 6pm home feeling tired I remain in house and have 1 pint Beer 2d / retiring about 8.30pm. parents Beer 2d.

May 1 Saturday

Warrington Amateurs Mr Boys Public Hall

Football match visitors Wakefield Trinity & Warrington

up 5.40 to work

Breakfast 8.30am Shave 1d Works Club 6d this morning rather an unusual / thing during the past 8 month as has been my custom to call in the Roe Buck / on Saturday mornings I do not call this morning. At noon I am tempted / to call but resist the temptation and goes straight home, where I / have 1 pint Beer to dinner instead. evening I call in the White Hart / and See Charles Cotterill who informs me he had only had 5 weeks work this / year and can scarcely afford a glass of Beer for himself I hear him / whilst I stay which costs me 10d for him & myself. I then adjourn / to the Cross Keys where I have 2 beers 4d going home just before /

eleven o'clock. To day I learn that Father was intoxicated on the Foot-ball / field for which I was sorry to learn. I K Gibson gives a kind of concert / at the Green Dragon. no charge to go in Retire 12.15

May 2 Sunday

up 9am

I have walk through Orford Houghton Green, Middleton Winwick to Warrington / time 1 hr 35 min, I call at White Hart 3 beers 6d for self & 2 others viz Mr Cassidy / J Henderson Mr Cassidy informed me he had written to Mr F Fordham mentioning me / as a double Bass player, and wanting cornet & Leader for the 17 inst for the Gaiety / I afterwards ~~next~~ adjourn to the Roe Buck and on the way I Henderson. ~~wants~~ / requests me to lend him 6d which I do not expecting at the time to / get it back. Roe Buck 6d. Mother & Father dine out at Brother Neds this day / Dinner & Tea. home about 8.30. Supper Beer 6d / Mother feeling very tired retires shortly after / coming home without supper. Retire 10.30

May 3 Monday

Up 5.45 to work

8.0 Breakfast I am tempted to call at Roe Buck this morning but feeling much / better than usual on Monday I resist the temptation, and goes / straight home. Lizzie purchases or Rather exchanges shirt at Co-operative / Stores, having purchased one on Saturday previous which did not suit / me. for one that does being both nice. pattern and make. I see W Simpson / who informs me that his old master of the Diorama has written / for him to join the show, but he informs me that he does not know yet / whether he shall do so or not. Tobacco 1¹/₂. Retire 10.30

May 4 Tuesday

Up 5.50 to work

Breakfast 8.0. To work 8.30. Dinner 12.0. To work 1 pm. This afternoon / Father and Mother visits sister Mary's to tea after Dr Josephs visit who / advises Mother to get out as much as possible, she returns home / about 8.30 pm. Tired. and feet and legs swelled owing to having / walked so far. This is the longest distance she has walked / since her illness. I must certainly say she looks better in / flesh every day and she says she gains flesh and strength / as well. I this evening endeavour to make a pin for / my watch, and with difficulty succeed in doing so roughly / I admit but at the same time it answers the purpose for / the present, it is intended for. On coming home at noon my attention / was called to the Linnet male hanging by one claw fastened to the end of / his perch head down. I liberated him not much the worse for his accident. Beer 1d. Retire 10.30

May 5 Wednesday

Up 5.45 to work 8 am to breakfast 8.20 I call in mothers room / to see how she is when she is inclined to have fun. She is / in bed, but on my entering she looks slyly at me and asks / me what it is that is on my face at the same time pointing / to her own as if I should feel and remove the same but I / not succeeding in the attempt she calls me to the bedside / as if for the purpose of removing the object from my face but / instead of doing so takes old of my hair. And pulls it / well at the same time laughing heartily and announcing / that it is my 35th Birthday and had I forgotten it. / 7.20 Mr Davis practice 10.15 Roe Buck 8d. Retire 11.45

May 6 Thursday

Sangers Circus behind Conservative Club Sankey Street

Up 5.40 to work

7.30 ~~Roe Buck~~ 5d Breakfast 8 am cut Birds claws. 8.40 to work. ~~11.50 / Re.~~ 12 dinner. 12.30 Visit to Sangers Circus turn out 12.45 / Work 1 pm. 2.15 Head quarters of 4th Dragoon Guards / enter Warrington Latchford way. 7.20 Mr Gaskells / practice last of season previous to going for his holidays / I this day promise to send Lizzie to Liverpool on Wednesday. / This morning I commenced going round for mens time to make a practice of doing so. Retire 12.15

May 7 Friday

Up 5.45 to work Roe Buck 7.30 5d Breakfast 8.0 Work 8.40 / 11.50 Roe Buck 2½. Dinner 12.5 Work 1.0 Evening Tired. Beer / Walkers 3d. ~~Retire~~ Retire 10.10

May 8 Saturday

Up 5.40 to work Works Club 5d. Lent Mr Bridge 2/- . Walkers 2d Evening Walkers 2

Retire 12.15

May 9 Sunday

Up 9.30

White Hart 12.30 After stroll round Wilderspool Walton Locks and Bank / Quay. Invitation to tea Mr Clements lodgings Nicholson Street. Enjoyable / tea Whiskey 2/- White Hart evening 1^s/4^d Home 10.30 Retire 11.0

May 10 Monday

Up 5.40 to work 7.30 Roe Buck Whisky & Ginger beer 1/1½ I must / admit I imbibed to freely this morning and almost became / incapable of executing my work, and felt rather unwell. / but however I got over it after a good shuggle. I must admit / I was sorry I was in such a plight. 6 pm home / and remained in. I today ask off for a day on Wednesday / to go to Liverpool which is granted.

Retire 10 pm.

May 11 Tuesday

Up 5.30 to work.

Not feeling well. 8 am Breakfast Receive sick note from / T Norman (Inflamed Leg). 8.30 to work again feeling very sick / Exhibition (Shipperies opened by the Queen) rained in the evening. / the Mayor of Liverpool Knighted. Retire 8.30

May 12 Wednesday

up 5.30

Feeling much better than day previous. this morning comes / in very wet to work and executes what I have to do / breakfast 8.30. the morning being so wet I cannot at once / make up my mind as to whether I should go to Liverpool / and take Lizzie with me. but something after nine I at once / make up my mind that after asking leave of absence I / will go thinking it will clear up. Station 9.45 train coming in / tickets taken train off. 9.50 another train cannot get on being / full. 9.55 another train full Guard places us along with others / of a respectable class in the Guards van several of whom I knew / reach Liverpool 10.50 Procession.

traversing the route. First seen / by us were the Book Binders and letterpress printers. Stood a length / of time in the rain until unendurable. henstock Buildings 12.0 / Glass of Rum. I thought our reception by Brotherinlaw A Williams / was not at all very cordial. a little dinner over intention to go to / Bro Wills but on reaching Georges Hall, could not pass being crowded / so we made our way to Bro Henrys he out. 4pm Tea, Whisky. 5.30 / Henry home. Beer. Stay until 8.40. leave for Castle Street. reach 9.30 / henstock Buildings closed. return to station train up. full. Another / train 10.50. Arrived home. 11.55. Still raining. Not having seen her / Majesty the Queen after all. our journey 4/6. Sorry I have to / add the death by train of an old Chum J Buckley. Killed whilst / crossing the line at Bank Quay.

Retire 12.30.

May 13 Thursday

Up 5.40 to work Breakfast 8.00 raining heavily this morning. / I feel much better after the out to Liverpool although it was/ wet and cold on coming to work I cannot get along / very well owing to not being able to obtain keys I left / day previous Her Majesty leaves Liverpool for London.

Retire

May 14 Friday

up 5.45 to work. As usual all day nothing of special/ interest this day only the forwarding of a letter to P Walsh / to ascertain if he has obtained the leadership at the gaiety / for the 17th and if he should require my services.

Retire 10.0

May 15 Saturday

up 5.40 to work

7.50 to Breakfast 8.30 Shave 1d Works Club 6d Roe Buck 2½ / ~~noon home.~~ evening White Hart noon to see Mr Cassidy who informs/ me I shall be required at the Gaiety on the 17th. home 3pm evening 7.00 / Mr Cassidy promised to meet me at Gaiety so that I could place my Bass / in the orchestra. On arriving there I could not get in so that I had to return / and Mrs Brickley kindly offered a room for me to place it in to remain / until Monday. Ex's White Hart 1/4 had it not been for having to / leave the Bass I do not think I should have stayed any length / of time at the White Hart. I went home at eleven oclock with a / splitting headache

Retire 11.50

May 16 Sunday

Up 9 am

12.30 am White Hart 1/- C. Cotterill Warburton Clements today the funeral of / J Buckley takes place and I must say I never saw a more affecting / scene for a Military Funeral in Warrington. Great respect was shown by all with whom he was connected. A rather rough scene presented / itself at the Cemetery Gates the crowd being so great. Mother even / went to the end of Mersey Street to see it. when I got home all were / out witnessing the funeral. Evening I Daniels and A Pattinson visit / first time for Daniels since Christmas. Walkers 6d.

Retire 10.30

May 17 Monday

Gaiety reopened Kate Harvey & Co
Bros Courtney engaged instead of prince

Up 5.30 rather late to work / I am half inclined to call at Roe Buck but think it would be better not to do so. I go straight to breakfast over I / again go to work taking a little dinner with me as / usual when I am playing at the Gaiety on account / of attending Rehearsals. Previous to going to rehearsal / I call at Roe Buck and have pint beer^{3d} then to White / Hart for Bass. I do not feel inclined to drink anymore / so make my way to the gaiety all artistes with the exception / of Prince arrived. Mr Tullock Leader first. I also / recognize an old friend in the Drummer who has quitted / Sangers. The overture is to be Tancredi when I hear of it / I must certainly say I felt a little queer not having / done anything in that line for a long time, but however / when it was over we were complimented by the artistes as / having played it very nicely the first compliment paid Since / the opening in the Variety Business. I leave at 2 pm as / usual to work feeling very worn. Previous to leaving I notice / one of the artistes Cecil Merrie, has a great amount of cheek / respecting his songs. I think when he comes to execute them / this evening he will be found wanting. arrived at work 2.10 - / 7pm to Gaiety. overture 7.30 went off very nicely. As I suspected Mr Merrie / gets hissed, and not at all appreciated. P Brimmelow plays tonight / Molyneaux with his oboe lost in the business as usual. Meredith Cornet / Clements Piano Tullock Violin myself Bass. Howlem Drums. Lizzie with / Nellie at Gaiety 6^d White Hart 4^d
Retire 11.50

May 18 Tuesday

Up 5.40 to work Breakfast 8.am to work 8.40 Dinner 12 noon / To work 1pm tea 6pm. Gaiety 7pm. [illegible crossing out] performance / appreciated. adjourn to White Hart Mr Praeger is asked / to play a solo, by persuasion of M^{rs} Brierly and the / company present; he will do so if Mr Tullock will kindly allow him the use of his Violin, which he does, after / manipulating the instrument. I notice Mr Tullock does / not at all look pleased which he afterwards on / getting out of the place admits to me, and says / he can find a lad 13 years of age considerably better / a player, and he himself having played the thing / 7 years ago, he feels quite disgusted with Praefer. / and calls him an eccentric old d___l . I endeavour / to take Mr Praegers part, which I think I do to my / satisfaction and at the same time think that when he has had as much experience of the world / as Mr Praeger he will not talk so loud. home 11.20 White Hart 8^d
Retire 12.0

May 19 Wednesday

Up 5.40 to work Breakfast 8.0 to work 8.35. Dinner / 12 noon. To work 1 pm 6pm home 7 pm Gaiety whilst in / the Band room a proposition is made that a quart of Beer / shall be brought in each night until the end of the week / when each member partaking of the same shall pay / his share of the expense, which is agreeable to four out / of the six. this is drunk during an interval of 8 minutes / whilst the Bros Courtney are on. Performance very much / appreciated. by the Audience Kate Harvey and Miss Laybourne / having to respond to enchores each night. This night previous / to going in the orchestra. the language used by certain / members of the orchestra was something beastly and a / majority of the members seemed to enjoy the same. I must / certainly say I felt ashamed. I hope I may never have / to listen to such again. P Walsh comes this evening / with his Bassoon I would much rather have my copy / by myself at any time, than another instrument / should come and sit where it is not convenient. / Performance over White Hart 4^d.

Retire 11.45

May 20 Thursday

Up 5.50 rather late to work / Breakfast 8. to work 8.30. Dinner 12.10 noon To work 1pm / This afternoon Mother walks as far as Bro Jacks in / Latchford (St James's St.) I am a little surprised at seeing her there at 6 pm on leaving work. 7 pm to Gaiety / Clements Brings whisky in Bandroom. ½ pint which / is consumed by 4 members of the Band including myself / Sorry to say Mr Cecil Merrie does his business very / badly indeed tonight breaking down in two of his songs. / This is the man who on Monday at Rehearsal boasted / as it were of his talents. and tonight finds himself lost. / No Bassoon or oboe tonight the music I think has / scared them. Performance again appreciated by the Audience. when over adjourn to the White Hart exps 2^d. / on my way home accompanied by the leader Mr Tullock / tells me his career, which is so dreadful I will not take / up space to describe it – and only young his age he / informs me being 23 years. he also informs me his father is / manager for Mr Sheridan at the Theatre Royal. I this day wrote / to my old friend Miles in Australia and forwarded four / newspapers. Retire 11.30

May 21 Friday

Up 5.50 To work / To Breakfast 8 am. Mother not so very well this morning. 8.40 / to work. 12 noon Dinner. Rather amusing to see Father endeavouring / to fit on Mother a Jacket he has obtained but finds it to small / 1 pm To work. 7 pm Gaiety Kate Harveys Benefit. 10.30 Cross / Keys. Mr Schoolmaster from stocton Heath in Bar exps 5^d / 11.10 home

Retire 11.45

May 22 Saturday

Up 6.15 late to work. / 8. Breakfast 8.30 Shave 1^d 8.45 to work. Works club 4^d. Lent W Bridge 2/- paid T O Brien for Ticket 6^d. To Clements 4½ Sundries 1/3 White Hart / 1/- 6.55. to gaiety good House Mr Clements finishes this night. Mr / Cassidy engages me for Monday the 24th for Mr Paul Dillon's / Company. I receive 25/- for the weeks salary from Mr / Fred Fordham. I call at the Roe Buck this evening and pays / Mr Brimmelow 5/- rec^d from Mr Cassiday for Monday nights salary

Retire 12.15

May 23 Sunday

Up 9.0 / Roebuck 11.0 am. expenses 1/5 I stay until 2.30. and am nearly / inebriated Sorry to say I took more beer than my stomach would contain, but I managed my dinner when I got home. 4pm / I go for a nap rising again at 8.30 feeling tired and still sleepy / Mother & Father Visits Susannah's for the first since her recovery / and walks there and back. this is the longest distance up to the / present time she has walked. Since she commenced going about / Returning about 9.15.pm. not looking so very well pleased. owing to Fathers cross ways Retire 11 pm.

May 24 Monday

Queen born 1819

Mr Edward Terry and Company Public Hall

This and two Following nights.

up 5.40 to work

Roe Buck 2½ Breakfast 8 am. very sick I feel today very sickly. / this I believe is owing to partaking of too much beer this / week end. I cannot eat my dinner as I usually do / on the Monday with the same relish, and have to / take one half of it home which is sufficient for / my Tea. Rehearsal 1pm no pianist, sends telegram to / say he has missed train and will arrive by next. We /do the best we can under such circumstances, but Mr / Dillon does not look so very well pleased at the way / the rehearsal is going on but the leader informs him / it will be all right in the evening when he appears to be / reconciled to the matter. 6pm home to tea I eat / remainder of Dinner 7pm Gaiety poor show for good / house, as opening but gets better as the night wears on. / All business goes off very well with exception of 1 young Flutist/just entering the profession. pianist turned up. Performance / over White Hart with leader exs. 4d. Mother to day displays / her handiwork in the shape of Bed quilt she has made for / us from prints received from Sister Sarah. Liverpool and it / looks very well, being Samples of pocket Handkerchiefs in halves / to suit various nationalities. Lizzie troubled very bad headache.

Retire 11.35

May 25 Tuesday

Up 5.45 to work feeling little better this morning breakfast / 8. To work 8..40. Dinner 12. noon, work 1pm. 2.15 T. Tear/ requests me to make him out estimate for completion of/ Chimney. 7pm Gaiety 10.20 White Hart 10.40 Cross Keys 4d. Tobacco 1 ½.

Retire 11.30

May 26 Wednesday

up 5.45. to work

Breakfast 8. To work 8.40. Noon 12 Dinner. 6 Tea Gaiety 7.15 / during the performance this evening one of the Artistes Miss Blanche Barrett / was not at all up to her Business and had the audacity to tell / the leader from the stage that he was playing wrong, and / went off the stage, but returned again. we commenced to play the / same piece of music in the same key as before and she sang / it all right. She could not at first catch the key. the leader / felt greatly annoyed as did the rest of the Band. The leader / saying he would not play any more for her during the week. / performance over White Hart 4d Retire 11.50

May 27 Thursday

up 6.0 late to work

Breakfast 8.15 Dinner 12.0 Tea 6pm Gaiety 7. 5.. I learn an / accident occurred today at the Whitecross Wire and Iron Co. / 1 person hurt. falling of portion of warehouse. this evening / I go straight home, arriving about 10.30.

Retire 11.0

May 28 Friday

up 5.40 to work

Breakfast 8. Dinner 12. .Tea. 6pm rec'd from W Bridge 2/- with/ 6d for Loan. Gaiety 7pm benefit of Tom Robson. Amusing Scene/ Boys racing in net. performance over. Waggon 2 Brs 4d. Retire 11.50

May 29 Saturday

up 5.40 To work

Breakfast 8 am Shave 1d Works Club 4. Roe Buck 2 ½ . 1pm Treasury / Gaiety we Today practise overture for Monday raining heavy, we wait/ in Gaiety until fine White Hart 1/- home, 3.10. Gaiety 7pm. White Hart. And then home. Retire 12.15

30 May Sunday

Up 10.am

White Hart 12.45 Thunderstorm comes on which detains me in there 1/- noon / evening George Inn 10d. 10.10 pm Home This day at noon Mr Cassidy / announces to me that he will have to dispense with my services / for the following week. I am advised to Claim a weeks notice / or a Weeks wages, but as I cannot see where it would come / from I decline to do so. Tobacco 3d. Retire 11pm.

31 May Monday

Sangers Circus. behind post office
Frank Harveys Company Theatre
W. Derek

up 5.50 work

Breakfast 8.0. To work 8 30. Roe Buck 12noon 2½^d Gaiety 12.30 / I see leader who promises nights salary if work turns up and / will see Mr Cassidy in the meantime about the week. Rehearsal / over we adjourn and on the way meet Mr Cassidy The leader / asks for an explanation, and walk back to Gaiety with him / 7pm Gaiety I am told by the leader that I am to stay the / week out and that the clarinet (J Buckhard) must give way. / Performance over Buckhard sees Mr Cassidy who informs him / he shall have to dispense with his services the remainder of the / week but must see him tomorrow, (Tuesday) we call at the White Heart but being full we adjourn to Walkers 4½^d / afterwards Waggon 4^d Charity 1^d Mr Mather reminds me / that he shall want me to play at St Mary's Buttermarket a / fortnight ~~after Whit Sunday~~ from Sunday next. Retire 11.40

June 1 Tuesday

Newton Races

Up 5.50 To work / Breakfast 8. To work 8.30 Dinner 12. To work 1pm. Gaiety / 7pm. White Hart 10.20. Waggon 6^d. Received today / Newspaper from Australia (Mills)

June 2 Wednesday

Newton Races

Up 5.45 to work / Breakfast 8.00 am To Work 8.30 Dinner 12noon. Gaiety / 7pm. Father goes to Newton Races. Waggon 10.30. 4^d / ~~T. Pickton died~~ also Robt. Boardman. (Latchford) Child drowned in / Brook behind Florence Mill . River high from Continuous Rains , / Bamfords and Chesters Cellars flood. Mother for the first time in / four years goes to market. Retire

June 3 Thursday

Up 5.40 To work

Breakfast 8. To work 8.30. Dinner 12 withe expectation of enjoying what was / in preparation but unfortunately the preparation was spoiled by being / left on the fire and not attended to sufficiently. Which caused / great disappointment on behalf of self and wife being a / favourite dish of mine. I must say I felt a

little / annoyed. but soon got over the annoyance. To work 12.50. / Tea 6 pm. Gaiety 7.0 poor house, prizes displayed to the amount / of about 2 or 3 Dozen, including watches Clock Pipes' Cruet / Stands Studs &c. for benefit of Lillo, Elspa and Echo / 10.30. Waggon 4^d. 10.30 home / Retire 11.30

June 4 Friday

Up 5.40 To work Most beautiful morning since Easter Monday
Breakfast 8.0. To work 8.40. Dinner 12 Noon To work 1 pm. Gaiety / 7 pm pretty good house owing to prizes being given away / audience rather dissatisfied owing to boy receiving prize / supposed to be won by another. Harry & Willie go on / this occasion to the gaiety. W Bridge repays 2/- / Retire 11.45

June 5 Saturday

Up 5.45 to work Fine morning and during Day.
Breakfast 8am. Shave 1^d. Works Club 4^d. Roe Buck 2.½ White Hart 8 / evening 4^d. Tullock takes Fox's Books in lieu of payment for songs / written. Tobacco 4^d. Herr Praeger asks if I can / play for his Concert on the 8th inst. If I can get a deputy for the / Gaiety he will pay him. I inform him I cannot, and the leader Mr Tullock refuses to let me go.

June 6 Sunday

Up 8.30 Fine morning and during the day./ White Hart 12.40 -. 6^d. Roe Buck 6^d pipes 1^d. evening White Hart 4^d Waggon 4^d. Cross Keys 4^d. / Retire 11pm

June 7 Monday

Mr W. Ducks No. 1 Company Called Back Public Hall this and 2 following nights.
Ted Jarratts Company Gaiety also Ballett Troupe.

Up 5.50 To work Fine morning warm during day
Roe Buck 7.30. 2.½^d Breakfast 8. To work 8.40. Roe Buck 11.55 2.½^d. / To rehearsal .12.30 Door Locked stroll with Tullock in the park / 1pm Rehearsal. 2 pm Back to work, weather about this / time very sultry. Redemption of Trying Plane 3^s/3^d (~~Gaiety~~) / T Barber died. Mother pays visit to sister Margo. Gaiety 7.pm / poor house for Monday evening. This evening I make up / my mind to go straight home which I accomplish without stopping / anywhere. division on the Home Rule debate. Majority against the second reading 30 / Retire 11.30

June 8 Tuesday

Up 5.45 to work Morning Fine. Warm during day
Breakfast 8 am. During Forenoon Father breaks the holdfast from / Stone at the Backyard door at home. 12 Dinner. 1 pm To work / L'pool Daily Post 1^d. (~~White~~) Waggon 2^d. Gaiety 7 pm. Poor House / performance cut 1 turn. (The Hunchbacks). Between 8 and 9 pm / this evening we had a heavy downfall of

Rain (which). raining / up to between 11 and 12pm. Mother this day Visits Sister Susannah. Herr Praeger's Concert (Co operative Hall/

Retire 11.45

June 9 Wednesday

Up 5.50 To work Morning Fine but dull.

8.0 Breakfast 8.30 To Work. 12 Noon Dinner. Weather Sultry. / 1 pm To Work. 5.15 pm Thunder, weather gloomy. 6.30 rain / Waggon 10.30 4^d

Retire 11.45

June 10 Thursday

Up 5.45 Weather Dull. 8am Breakfast, 8.30 Rain/8.40 to work. T Barbers funeral takes place. Boots/repared 1/6. Gaiety 7pm raining slightly. 10.15 White Hart/4d 10.30 Woolpack 2d Raining.

Retire 11.45

June 11 Friday

Up 5.30 to work morning cloudy , 8 Breakfast 8.30 to work/ 12 noon rather sultry 1pm to work . Recd from W Bridge / 2/- for loan. 7pm Gaiety Ted Tarrots Bluefit , Leaping/contest, Woolpack.

Retire 11.45

June 12 Saturday

Rain

Up 5.45 to work 8am Breakfast, 8.40 shave 1d works club 4d. 11.30 Roe/ Buck 2 ½ 12.50 Treasury Gaiety, White Hart. 4.30 pm after day show . Jarrat Ballet/ troupe. and Nelly 1d for Confectionary Beers 6d. Tea 6 pm Gaiety 7 pm White Hart/ 10.30. 4 d. Tobacco 1 ½ .

Mr Tullock leaves Gaiety for Salford Theatre Royal (Leader)

Retire 12.15

June 13 Whitsun Day

UP 9.30,12.45 White Hart 2/7 Willie for ticket 3 d . Nothing of / any special interest occurs today. To Mrs. C. 15/-

Retire 11.0

June 14 Whit Monday

Rainy

Up 8 am Ginger Beer ½ Roe Buck 11.50 2/0d Gaiety 12.40 Rehearsal 1 pm Walsh/leading. Rehearsal over 2.20 pm ~~White Hart 2/-~~ Tobacco 1 /2d / home 5 pm rather inebriated. Tea over 6.55 off to gaiety / business over home. Ginger Beer ½ Wool Pack 4d

Retire 11.45

June 15 Whit Tuesday

Fine

Up 8.30 Breakfast (slightly) 1.0 am Roe Buck 1/- Chicken 1/9 / home 3pm. Dinner sleep 6 pm wash dress & off to gaiety. Business over 10.15. home.

Retire 11.50

June 16 Wednesday

Fine

Up . 9.0 Fine Morning 11.0 Roe Buck meet Aaron Brimmelow / treat after treat until too much taken.
When I go home / & have a quiet nap for a few hours. until business / hours at Gaiety. business over .
White Hart 8d Wool pack 4d Retire 11.55

17 June Thursday

Morning fine but rather windy

Up. 8.30. 10.30 Stroll through Park to White Hart enter into/ conversation with young man stranger who invites me/ to join him in a drink which I do. after which I/ return the Compliment 6d. after a length of time I am/ again invited by Mr P Bradshaw to have a drink with/ him which I do. afterwards I go down as far as/ the Roe Buck and on my way meet with the / Bros Ridgeway, Mr Payne & Joe Ives who join me in/ a Drink at the Roe Buck. I got home pretty well/ on as the saying goes, about 3pm. A little dinner/ a little scolding and a nap. 6.55 off to gaiety feeling/ very much worse for my outing. Business over straight home & off/ to Bed not being able to drink my supper beer. 10.45

June 18 Friday

Walking Day first time in Warrington

up 8 am Morning rather dull, but not cold. I make up my mind / to take Mrs C & child to Botanical Gardens at Old Trafford / we take the 10.55 train to Manchester by the Central, arriving / in Manchester 11.25 just in time to see orphans from Industrial / School parading. we walk along Deansgate and take Bus to / Old Trafford 8d entrance 2/- Train Fares 4/6, Dinners 3/6 Bus / return 6d Sundry refreshments 1s/2d. I was rather taken to see how / they put on prices for dinners at the Gardens considering the / food supplied, I thought the thing outrageous. for a plain dinner / however we had to grin and bear it, we stayed in the garden / about four hours much pleased with what we saw in the flowers / and the little one highly delighted. At 3pm the Band (Military) / commenced to play, a combination of National Airs, Afterwards the / overture Mirella which was rendered very tastefully indeed / we then left the gardens for the city, but everything seemed / very dull and quiet I wished myself at home, having no / pipe I went into a shop in oxford Street and purchased one for / 3d, and did not find out it was split until I had been / trying to smoke about an hour. We strolled up and down / Oxford Street until train time when we returned by the / 5.30 pm, and reached Warrington Central in 20 minutes after / 6 pm Tea 7.0 Gaiety Business over, home. Mrs C at Gaiety / this evening. I noticed there were not any of the towns lamps / lit this evening. Children return from Dunham.
Retire 11.50

June 19 Saturday

Day Splendid Slight Thunder & Rain

up 8.30. Breakfast and to work. Works Club 4d Roe Buck 4d White / Hart 4d Wool Pack 8d Gaiety closed.
To day I receive a / letter from Mr Tullock apprising me He cannot come to / Warrington on Sunday 27 inst.
Retire

June 20 Sunday

Fine. Short shower in afternoon.

up 9.30 Breakfast 9.50 White Hart 12.45 4d Roe Buck 1.50 / 6d evening Cross Keys 8d
Retire 11.0

June 21 Monday

Day very dull & windy

Up. 5.40 to work

Breakfast 8 am To Work 8.30 Dinner 12 noon / To day I must say I feel more contented than I / have felt for the whole week. whether it is with being / at work I cannot say. work over I retire home and stay there remainder of evening. Mother / informs me she has at last been and visited / one of her old friends Mrs Hampson, a visit she / has often longed to execute but on her return / complains of being rather unwell bad headache. / I feel sorry to see Father so poorly and suffering / great pain. Liberal Meeting Wycliffe Hall F A Roberts (chairing) / Speaker Mr Melley. J Crossfield, Mr Minnies &c (first meeting) / Mr Henry plays at Roe Buck for first time engaged, Retire 10.50

June 22 Tuesday

Morning Dull

up 6.40 To work 8 am to Breakfast. 8.30 again / to work 12 noon Dinner. Mother still complains of being / Sore & Father says he can scarcely rest anywhere, he invites / me to look at his affected parts but I feel so sorry for him / it hurts me to think of his pain so I decline to look. / I fancy at the time he feels a little hurt. because I / decline. commenced to make Rosin Box for I Grounds 1 pm to work / 6 pm Tea, Mother keeps rather unwell, I stay in during the / evening being showery. Beer 1d (Walkers). Complete Rosin / Box for I Grounds. Retire 10 pm

June 23 Wednesday

up 5.45 to work morning Dull. Breakfast 8 am Purchase / Stationary & Tobacco 2d. 8.30 to work 8.40 Dinner 12 noon / 1 pm very windy but Bright. Note despatched to R Whitfield / apprising him of my intention according to promise of / attending Mr Downs Practice. 6 pm Tea 7.30 Mr Downs / I am informed by Arthur Down that his Father intends / getting up a Military Band. practice over return to Roe Buck 10d. Mr Henry late of Gaiety at Piano / Littlewood sings (Remember Me). P Brimmelow and / Mr Henry play the overture to the Bohemian Girl. Retire 12.15

June 24 Thursday

Up 5.50 to work. Morning dry. Roe Buck 2¹/₂. Breakfast 8.0. To work / 8.30. Dinner 12. Noon. To work. 1.1pm Father displays / purchase in form of Pills and medicine from Alport / quack. Market place. he says he has great faith in / it. although only taken one days Dose. 6 pm tea / 8.30 practice St Marys Buttermarket Haydns No.4 Mass./ Retire 11.30

June 25 Friday

Up 5.45 To work Breakfast 8 am. Dinner 12 noon to work / 1 pm 3.30 Stock taking at warehouse until 5.40. 6 pm / tea. I remain in house this evening. Retire 10.30

June 26 Saturday

Up 5.40 to work 8 am Breakfast. 11.50 Roe Buck 5d / Shave 1d Works Club 4d. 1 pm Dinner nap 6.55 Public Hall / Liberal Meeting Mr Percy and Mr Dron. Speakers Hall packed / meeting over 9.45. adjourn Waggon. 6d 11 pm Home. Retire 12.15

June 27 Sunday

Up 9.0 11 am St. Mary's Buttermarket Haydn's No 4 Mass / G Jeffries Basson. 1 pm Waggon. 2.30 Dinner. nap 6 pm / Cross Keys 6d. ~~9.30~~ 7.0 pm Service. (Benediction) ~~9.30~~ 8 pm / Waggon. 9.30 Cross Keys 4d Retire 11 pm

28 June Monday

Weather fine all day

Up 6.15 late to work & not feeling well after imbibing too / freely on Sunday. Breakfast 8.30 very little Mother / invites me to little beer left over night which / I drink and then off to work 8.40. 12 noon / dinner. eat little more than expected at commencement / 1 pm to work, evening 8th Kings Own Regiment Band / in Park. Lizzie goes with Nellie. did not care much / for Band. I stayed in house myself. / Mr Clements commences to play in Roe Buck.

Retire 11.00

June 29 Tuesday

Weather fine all day

Up 5.40 to work breakfast 8 am dinner 12 noon / to work 1 pm. 6 pm home. Remain in

Retire 9.30

June 30 Wednesday

Weather fine

Up 5.30 to work

meals as usual this day. ~~Roe Buck~~ evening 7 pm to Mr Downs Practice. the pastoral symphony is attempted / but comes off a failure. R Eccles present. / Call at Norton Arms. P Caldwell and R Eccles defray expenses at Roe Buck. P Caldwell defrays expenses / I must say I get rather too much this evening. ~~I have a~~

Retire 11.30

July 1 Thursday

Weather Fine

Up 5.30 To work

Breakfast 8am. Nomination Day for of Candidates for the/ Parliamentary Election. Sir G. Greenall & Mr John Crosfield. / 7.45 am Roe Buck 2 ½. 11.45. 5d. 1pm To work. / 2pm pay at No.1 works, Roe Buck evening 10d.

Retire 11.pm

July 2 Friday

Parliamentary Election

up 6.30

out to Waggon 4d 7.0 Bulls Head 8 2d. voted 8.10 I went in to / the Liberal Committee room and asked if I could be of any / service. I proffered to check for them but unfortunately only / the secretary could quickly understand the book. so I went / out with 3 Cards with an intention of getting an answer at / every house I

called upon which I did and considered it / very satisfactory the Job I finished about 12 noon. I / then went in the Bulls head again expenses 1/-. I felt myself rather/ knocked up. and at about 2 I went home, and rested myself / until evening when I learned that Sir G Greenall had gained a / victory over his opponent by a majority of 501. I must admit I felt / rather sorry, but retired at something like 12.30 pm.

July 3 Saturday

up 8.30

to work 9.30 about 1 hr then to Roe Buck where I spent something / like 5 or 6 hrs after having paid Sick members money / I saw T. Norman and was invited to look at his leg which I must / confess was exceedingly bad. on reaching home in the afternoon/ I stay in the house the remainder of the evening. Works Club 4d. Roe Buck 3/- Walkers 2d. Ginger Beer 1d. pens 6d. Retiring 12.30

July 4 Sunday

up 9am

11.0 Stroll with Nellie. call'd at I. Monks 3d afterwards Roe / Buck. 10d. return home 2.30. Confectionary 1d. Evening / home. Walkers 3d Retire 10.30

July 5 Monday

up 5.40 To work unwell

Roe Buck 2 ½.

~~Breakfast 8am unenjoyable Dinner noon also Tea at evening 6pm~~ / Breakfast 8 am 11.45 Roe Buck 7 ½. Dinner.12 noon / to work 1 pm work over 6pm home and stay there

Retire 9.pm

July 6 Tuesday

up 5.50 rather late work

Breakfast 8 am To work 9. Dinner 12 noon / To work 1 pm evening 6pm tea and / remain in Walkers 1d.

Retire 10.40

July 7 Wednesday

up 5.40 To work

meals as usual this day. evening 7 pm / To Mr Downs Band Practice. ~~return~~ I find ~~on~~ / an old friend in the form of Mr Stirk Cornet player / from Runcorn turns up to practice. on returning home we / call at I Monks' (Packet House) and are invited to drink / afterwards Mr Stirk obliges the company with two Solo's / on the Cornet. and I myself considered them well / executed. We afterwards call at the Roe Buck and / imbibe a glass or two. 2d. P Caldwell defrayed the / ~~rest~~ remainder. Retire 11.50

July 8th Thursday

Up as usual to work 5.35 /

Meals as usual. /

Nothing of interest I can remember this day.

July 9th Friday

Up 5.40 to work

Breakfast 8.15 To work 8.40 Dinner noon 12 / To work 1.0 evening 6pm home. I chaff Mrs / C to pay for a pint of Beer which she kindly does / I always find her rather stern in this respect but /still she as a rule gives way.

I here draw a line in lead, & / take up little instances after a lapse of time / without taking notice of the ~~dates~~
~~of the~~ / printed dates of this book and follow the / dictates of myself and others for instance / I here cross
out ~~10 SATURDAY~~ — excuse the w in the / out. previous to the crossing out~~ing~~ — as this / occurs on the
Saturday night, and I feel / inclined to enter a few little lines just / for information. I now call upon Father
to/ give me a little I should also like Mother/ to be present as well but she has gone to / brother Georges
~~11 SUNDAY~~ Excuse the pencil line / It's only 26½ minutes past nine (Grandfather) we / always call him that
is myself & others or ~~other~~ / Granfather and Grandmother. This is like a / little preface to what you have to
hear. Now / to begin this Day Saturday Dec 8/88

December 8th Saturday

12/88

July 12th MONDAY

I have tonight been informed that old Peggy / Shaw, that was an old woman when I was / a child kept a shop
in Buttermarket St / (a provision Shop) and the Irish people (so / Father & Mother say would not buy from
them / because they thought their business was the / ~~purchase~~ outcome of what was called Bloodmoney /
So I think there was what is called Boycotting in England years ago as well as in Ireland. / the above party old
Peggy was the wife of old / John Shaw who was ~~accused~~ at the time supposed / to be the party that shot
one of Lord Derbys / Keepers at Knowsley and the money that set / them up in business was through one of
their / sons Nuaman, who informed upon the / party that shot the Keeper whose name / was supposed (so
Gfather says) to be Jackson / Keepers name Father forgets (/ When this Business occurred I was a nonentity,
/ that is to say I was not born & Father / says they got more than 100£ for the information

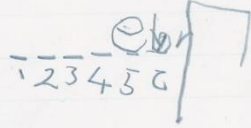
SATURDAY Dec 15/88

~~Mary P~~ Eliza Plunkett sister to I Plunkett / who worked at the Chemical Works (R D & Co^s) was / servant to
Thomas Peters who kept a / provision shop in Church Street – Warrington. / This is about 41.2. or.3 years
ago, and Mother informs me that she always thinks of her / when she peels a potato, (why) because / she
told her when she saw her peeling / one, one day she was wasting the potato / she was putting the eyes out
before / peeling and E Plunkett said she should / peel the potato before taking the eyes out

Monday May 16/93 Information

Man Hung at Lancaster for Rape / on his niece named John Hayes work'd / at factory, Mechanic?
Residence yard behind St. James's St. Daughter Jane / Rowbottom

shoes



Cash Account – January – 1st Month, 31 days

	Previous to the 16 th inst I cannot bring all purchases &c together / not having kept an account. As near as I can remember they are as follows	11	11
			5
16	2 tickets for [Cathlic] Drawing 1/- Diary 2/1. Refreshments 1/8 Club 5d	4	9
17	Refreshments 1/- Morning Evening 3d	1	3
18	“ 6d Tobacco 1½ Rent arrears for Father 1/-		1½
		1	6
19			
20	Tobacco 1 ½		1½
21	Stamps for ointment and postage 1/4 ½ snuff	1	6
22			
23	Ref noon 1s/2d Evening 6d Tobacco 1½d Oddfellows Club 1/- works club 6d	3	3½
24	Ref noon 1s/2d Evening 3d	1	5
25	Ref noon 5d Ref at Ball 6d This includes Beer and Tobacco		11
26	Ref noon 4d Evening 4d		8
27	Ref noon 4d Tobacco evening 3		7
28	Postage 1d		1
29			
30	Ref noon 1s/2d evening 2d club 6d machine Rollers 14/- 2 tickets for Drawing 1s/-	16	10
31	Ref noon 1/10 evening 2d	2	
	To Wifes 5 weeks Wages @ 30s/- Rent arrears Father 1/-	7	12 0
		7	11 0
		<u>£9</u>	<u>17 4½</u>

Cash Account – FEBRUARY – 2^d Month, 28 days

1	Ref noon 6d. Mrs to Gaiety 6d	1	0
2	Liverpool Post 1d Tobacco 1½ Blacking ½ Beer Roe Buck 4		7
3	Refs evening 2d		2
4	Ref noon 2Brs 4d		4
5	Liverpool Post 1d Tobacco 1½ Shave 1d Ref evening 4		7½
6	Oddfellows Club 1/- Works 6d Roe Buck 1/2½ White Hart 8d Cross Keys 6d Medicine 9d ointment 1d Rent arrears 1/-	5	8½
7	Ref noon 1/- evening 6d	1	6
8	Whisky Mother 3d Tobacco 1½ Roe Buck 3 Beers 6d		10½
9	Wagon 1 Beer 2d Cross Keys 2 beers 4d		6
10	Tobacco 1½ 1 Beer 2d		3½
11	White Hart 4 Beers 8d Roe Buck 1 Beer 2d Cross Keys 2 Beers 4d	1	2
12	Roe Buck 1 Beer 2d Evening Cross Keys Whisky Beer 10d	1	0
13	Tobacco 1 ½		1½
	Roe Buck 2 Beers 4d Works Club 6d White Hart 2 Beers 4d Waggon 1 Beer 2d Cross Keys 2 Beers 4d	1	7
14	Waggon 4 Beers 8d Cross Keys 4 Beers 8d Tobacco 1½ Evening Beer 5d Father Rent arrears 1s/-	2	10½
15	Mrs.C.s expenses to Manchester 5/- Roe Buck 3 Beers 6d	5	6
16			
17	Tobacco 1½ Roe Buck Beer 6½		8
18	Cross Keys Beer 2d		2
19			
20	Shave		1
	Tobacco 1½ Works Club 6d oddfellows 2/- Father Rent Arrears 1/- Roe Buck 4d White Hart 2d Waggon 2d Cross Keys 6d	4	9½
21	Roe Buck Tobacco and Beer 11½ Cross Keys 2d evening 6d Beer for Mother 1d	1	8½
22	Roe Buck 2 Beers 4d		4
23	Bird Cage and Fountain 5s/2 Waggon 3 Beers 6d Tobacco 1½	5	9½
24	To Mrs Pearson 6d for 1 Knot of Black Hair for Double Bass Bow		6
25	Tobacco 1½		1½
26			
27	Works Club 6d Shave 1d Roe Buck 4d Wool Pack 6d Cross Keys 6d	1	11
28	Tobacco 1½ Roe Buck 1/- Walkers 4d Child ½ Rent arrears father 1/-		2 6
	To Wife 1 Month Wages £6	6	0 0
		<u>£8</u>	<u>2 5</u>

Cash Account – March - 3d Month, 28 days

1	Roe Buck 2 beers 4d Tobacco 1 1/2		5½
2			
3			
4	Tobacco 1 ½		1½
5			
6	Shave 1d Works club 5d. Roe Buck 6d Wool Pack 6 Oddfellows Club 1/- . Fathers rent arrears 1/- Tobacco 1½ Cross Keys 8d	4	3½
7	Noon Walkers 4d evening Oak Branch 5		9
8			
9	Tobacco 1 ½ postage 2d		3½
10	Postage 2d		2
11	Postage Bootlaces 1d		1
12	Tobacco 1½ timber 1/3 Bird seed	1	4½ 5½
13	Works Club 6d Shave 1d Roe Buck 6d Wool Pack 1½ Nails 1d spring bolts 3d Cross Keys 2d Boots 8d Rent arrears 1/-	3	4½
14	Roe Buck 8d Wagon 6d Tobacco 1½ Walkers 2d	1	5½
15			
16			
17	Waggon 2 beers 4d		4
18	Tobacco 1½		1½
19			
20	Shoe laces 1d 2 fronts 1/1 Works club 6 Shave 1d Roe Buck 6d Wool Pack 1/- Cross Keys 6d Oddfellows Club 1/- Rent arrears 1/-	1 4	2 7
21	Roe Buck 10 Walkers 6 matches (Saturday) 1d	1	5
22	Mortons 1 Scarf pin 1/3 Tobacco 1½		1½
		1	3
23	Cross Keys 2 Stouts 4d		4
24	Cross keys 1 stout 2		2
25	Tobacco 1 ½		1½
26	Stationary 1d Stamp 1d		2
27	Roe Buck 6d Wool Pack 3½ Rent arrears 1/- works club 6d shave1d	2	4½
28	Roe Buck 1/- Funeral 2/6 (Rileys 8d Borough Arms)	4	2
29	Bridge Inn 10d Roe Buck 1s 2½ Wool Pack 1s/2d	3	2½
30	Roe Buck 2 ½ Wool Pack 1/-	1	2½
31	Roe buck 2 ½ To wife 1 months wage £6	6 0	2½
			<u>£7 13 9½</u>

Cash Account – April- 4th Month, 30 days

1	Bridge Inn 2½ Walkers 1/4 tobacco 1½ Roe Buck 2½	1	10½
2	Bridge Inn 2½ Roe buck 2½ Wool Pack 9d (Beer Gaiety 2½)	1	4½
3	Walkers 2½ Works Club 6d Roe Buck 5d Wool Pack 1s ½ d Oddfellows 1/- Rent arrears 1/-	4	2
4	Charity 1d		1
	Roe Buck 10d Walkers 8d eggs 6d	2	0
5	Postage 1d		1
	Tobacco 1 ½ Wool Pack 2s/½d	2	2
6	Roe Buck 2 ½ Wool Pack 9d		11½
7	Tobacco 1 ½ Cross Keys 6		7½
8	Cross keys 4d		4
9	Tobacco 1 ½ L'Pool Post 1d Father Gaiety 3d		5½
10	Works Club 5 Shave 1d Walkers 6d Nelly for box 5/- Roe Buck 1s/6 Rent arr. 1s/-	8	6
11	Roe Buck 2s/1½d Walkers 9 ½	2	11
12	Roe Buck 8d Tobacco 1½ Walkers 6d	1	3½
13	Roe Buck 4d hair cut 2d loss 5/7 Wool Pack 6d	6	7
14	Wool Pack 3d		3
15	Tobacco 1½		1½
16	Roe Buck 3		3
17	Shave 1d Works Club 6d Roe Buck 3d Tobacco 1½ Mothers Boots 3/8 Handkerchief 7d Oddfellows 1/-	6	2½
18	White Hart 4d Wool Pack 1s/6d Home 6d	2	4
19	Buttons 1½ Stationery 1d postage 1d		3½
20	2 pairs trousers 1.0.0	1	0 0
	Rent arrears Father 1/0 Public Hall 6d Public Hall Hotel 6d Roe Buck 4d	2	4
21	Tobacco 1½ Mother 3½		3½
22	Train fare Latchford 1½		1½
23	Roe Buck 2/6 Walkers 7d	3	1
24	Roe buck 2/8 Walkers 6d Works Club 6	3	8
25	Waggon & Horses 2d Walkers 3½		5½
26	Roe Buck 2/8 Walkers 2d Tobacco 1½ Rug 10d	3	9½
27	Roe Buck 2 ½		2½
28	Roe buck 4d Tobacco 1½ Charity ½		6
29	Roe Buck 4d		4
30	Tobacco 1 ½ Beer 4d to wife 1 months wages for April 7£	7	0 5½
		<u>£10</u>	<u>18 4½</u>

Cash Account - May 5th - Month, 31 days

1	Shave 1d Works club 6d White Hart 10d Cross Keys 4d tobacco 1½	1	10½
2	White Hart 6d Roe Buck 9d evening Beer 6d	1	9
3	Tobacco 1½ Sundries 5d Beer 1d		7½
4	Beer Supper 1d		1
5	Roe Buck 8		8
6	Fare Latchford 1½		1½
7	Roe Buck 7½ Tobacco 1½ Walkers 3d	1	0
8	Walkers 2d Work Club 5d Mr		7
9	White Hart 1/- Tea (whiskey) 2/- evening White Hart 1/4	4	4
10	Roe buck 1/1½ Walkers 4d	1	5½
11	Tobacco 1½		1½
12	Liverpool Exs 4/6		
13	(Crossed out illegible) Shirts	7	
14			
15	Roe Buck 2½ Works 6d White Hart 1/4 Stamps 6d	2	6½
16	White Hart 1/- Walkers evening 6d	1	6
17	Mrs C Gaiety 6d White Hart 4d		10
18	White Hart 8		8
19	White Hart 4d		4
20	White Hart 2d		2
21	Cross Keys 5		5
22	Roe Buck 4½ Shave 1d Works Club 4d White Hart 1/- Ticket 6d	2	3½
23	Roe Buck 1/3 Walkers 2d Ginger beer ½ Snooker 2d	1	5½
24	Roe Buck 4d White Hart 4d Charity 1d		9
25	Paid on Saturday to Mr Clements 4½ Sundries 1/3½ Cross Keys 4d	2	0
26	White Hart 4d Tobacco 1 ½		5½
27	Sundries	1	5
28	To Wife 1 month salary £5.10.0 Waggon 4d	5 10	4
29	Shave 1d Works Club 4d Roe Buck 2½ White Hart 1/- Rep & watch 2/-	3	7½
30	White Hart 2s/- tobacco 3d George Inn 10d	3	1
31	Roe Buck 2½ Walkers 4½ Charity 1d Waggon 4 Wife Theatre 6d	1	6
			<u>£7 13 0</u>

Cash Account June 6th Month, 30 days

1	Waggon 6d		6
2	Waggon 4		4
3	Wagon 4		4
4	Mrs C Weeks wage 30/-s Boys Gaiety 6d	1	10 6
5	Shave 1d Boots 1d Works Club 4d Roe buck 2½	2	6½
	White Hart 1s/10d including tobacco		
6	White Hart 10 Roe Buck 7 Waggon 4 Cross Keys 4d	2	1
7	Redemption of Trying Plane 3/3 Roe Buck 5d	3	8
8	L'pool Daily Post 1d 2d Waggon		3
9	Waggon 4d		4
	Tobacco 1½		1½
10	Boots repaired 1/6 White Hart 4d Wool Pack 2	2	
11	Shave & work Mrs C weeks wage 30/-	1	10
12	Shave 1d Works club 4d Roe Buck 2½ White Hart 10d child 1d tobacco 1½	1	8
13	White Hart 2/7 Willie 3d Mrs C 10/-	12	10
14	Ginger beer ½ Roe Buck 1/- Wool Pack 4d White Hart 1/-	3	6
15	Roe Buck 1/- Duckling 1/9	2	9
16	Roe Buck 1/- White Hart 8d Wool Pack 4d	2	0
17	Roe Buck 1/2 Mrs C weeks wage 30/-s	1	11 2
18	Excursion to Botanical Gardens Manchester expenses 12/4	12	4
19	Works Club 4d shave 1d Roe buck 4d White Hart 4d Wool Pack 8d	1	9
20	White Hart 4d Roe Buck 6 Cross Keys 8d	1	6
21			
22	Walkers 1d		1
23	Roe Buck 10d		10
24	Roe Buck 2½		2½
25	Mrs C Weeks wage 30/-s	1	10 0
26	Roe Buck 5d Shave 1d Works 4d Waggon 6d	1	4
27	Cross Keys 10d		10
28	Tobacco 1½		1½
29	Roe Buck 6d		6
30	White Hart 4d Roe Buck 2d		6
		<u>8</u>	<u>16 7</u>

Cash Summary

By balance 13.1 ½

Rec'd

Jan 1	1-6-0	wages	Feb 5	1-5-6	wages	March 5	1-5-6	Wages etc
2	1-0-0	Gai	6	10-0	Ball	6	1-0-0	Gaiety
8	1-5-6	wages	8	16-8	Gai	12	1-5-6	Wages etc
9	1-0-0	Gai	12	1-5-6	wages	13	15-0	Gaiety
15	1-5-6	wages	13	16-8	Gai	"	5-0	Club salary
16	1-0-0	Gai	17	10-0	Ball	15	5-0	Balance of pay Gaiety
22	1-5-6	wages	19	1-5-6	wages	19	1-5-9	Wages etc
23	1-0-0	Gai	20	16-8	Gai	20	1-0-0	Gaiety
29	1-5-6	wages	26	1-5-6	wages	26	1-5-9	Wages etc
30	1-0-0	Gai	27	1-0-0	Gai	30	1-0-0	Gaiety
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£11-8-0			9-12-0			9-7-6		

April 2	1-5-9		May 7	1-5-0	wages	June 4	1-5-6	
3	0-10-0	}	14	1-5-6	wages etc	5	1-0-0	
5	5-0	} Gaiety	21	1-5-0	wages	11	1-5-6	
6	5-0	}	22	1-5-0	wages	12	1-0-0	
9	1-5-6	wages etc	28	1-5-6	wages etc	16	1-5-0	
10	5-0	Gaiety	29	1-0-0	Gaiety	19	1-0-0	
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13	2-6	"	7-6-0			<hr/>		
15	2-0	"				8-1-6		
16	1-5-6	wages etc						
16	2-0	Gaiety						
17	5-0	"						
23	1-5-8	wages etc						
30	1-5-0							
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ANNUAL CASH SUMMARY

CASH RECEIVED

BY Balance

£0 13 1½

£11 8 0

9 12 0

9 7 6

8 18 11

7 6 0

8 1 6

Balance from last year

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

CASH PAID

£9 17 4½

8 2 5

7 13 9½

10 18 4½

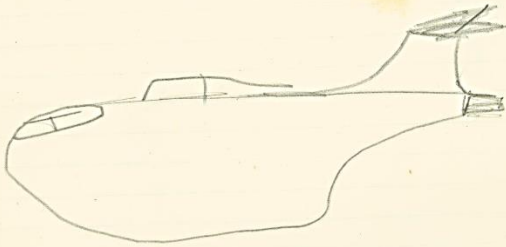
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Memorandum of things lent

Date	Article, or Title of Book	To whom lent	When returned
1886			
Jan 2	Money 1/- 3 ½ previous	Mrs J.H. Charnock	
April 9	Money 6d	Mr J Gibson	Paid 2d
10	Money 2/6	Wm Bridge	April 16 th
21	Money 3 /12	Father	Given back
17	Money 2/6	Wm Bridge	April 22 nd
May 2	6d	I Henderson (late of Gaiety)	
8	2/-	Wm Bridge	May 14/86
22	2/-	Wm Bridge	May 28/86
29	2/-	Wm Bridge	June 4/86
June 5	2/-	Wm Bridge	June 12/86
June 14	2/-	Wm Bridge	June 25/86
July 3	2/-	Wm Bridge	July 9/86
10	2/-	Wm Bridge	

27 FRIDAY [128-129]



28 SATURDAY [130-131]



29 SUNDAY—10 AM Train [131-134]
Eclipse of Sun. ● 12^h 54^m P.M.

3 FRIDAY [246-119]

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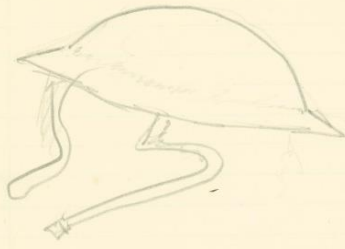
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4 SATURDAY [247-118]



5 SUNDAY—11 aft Trin [248-117]

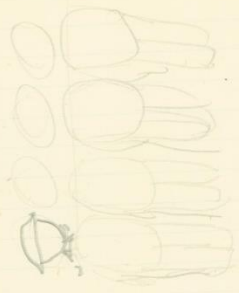
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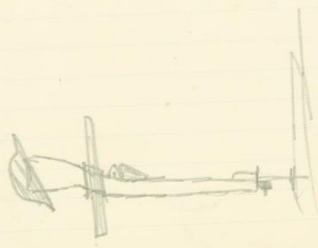
7 TUESDAY (856-115)



8 WEDNESDAY (851-114)



10 FRIDAY (852-114)



11 SATURDAY (854-111)

12 SUNDAY - 12th Trin (855-110)
Ember Week



June 5th 43.

Entry number one.
Left port 4-15
reached Mediterranean
sea 7-20 nothing happen.
We reached Tripoli
3-30 the men were
given shore leave we
stayed till next day
we came on with
out mishap. here ends

24 FRIDAY (267-291)

number one entry.

signed
A O'Brien

June 7th 43.
Docked at Tripoli
getting fresh supplies
we will be out at
sea for five days should
return June 12th. if not
we will never see
anybody again we have

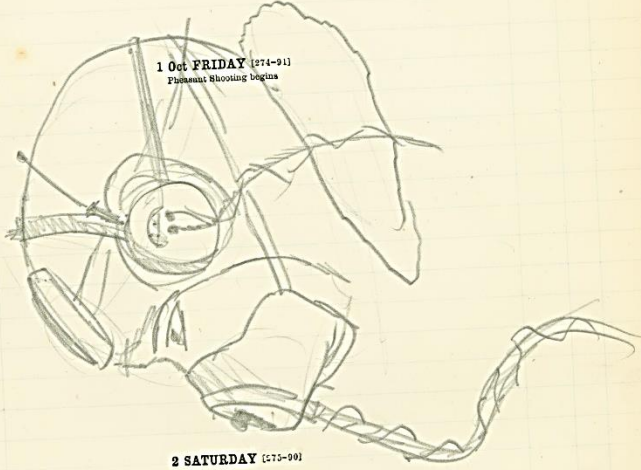
25 SATURDAY (268-271)

given the ship an overhaul
signed
A O'Brien

26 SUNDAY—14 all Time (269-291)

Days due on India Bonds. Jewish Year 5647
and Mohammedan Year 1294 commence

Big Head
A O B



1 Oct FRIDAY [274-21]
Pheasant Shooting begins

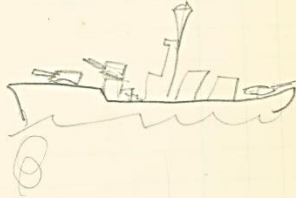
2 SATURDAY [275-20]

3 SUNDAY—15th Trin [276-19]

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30 FRIDAY [211-154]



31 SATURDAY [212-153]
● 5^h 20^m A.M.



1 Aug SUNDAY - 6 aft Trin [213-152]
Lammas Day

