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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 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, and 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 and 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 and 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 and Lingard in Sankey Street. We adjourned 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 and 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 and Manager observing this, calls him to account, when he is stopped a night's salary or rather more. Walsh waiting outside to be paid for deputising the 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.

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 and Mr P. Caldwell who want me to go and give a Stump Speech at the old Men's and Women's entertainment on the following night, but I do not feel inclined, my thoughts at the time being centred on my Father and 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 Men's dinner and old Women's tea, Father goes to dinner and again at tea time, 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 and Comic Sentimental and 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 instant, 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 called at the works for the purpose of borrowing £6 due to Pownall. P. Hackney lends the money and 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. Today 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 promise 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 and 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. Cassiday, 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 a glass of beer. In return I treat him with a 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 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 and made her believe I had been out by my appearance. I administered 15 drops. The 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 is 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 called as I have usually done on Mondays, at the Roe Buck for my beer. 3 Glasses 6d Tobacco 1¹/₂d. Father been very fretful today on account of Mothers and 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 a signature to the address to Mr 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. At 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 and 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 and 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 and 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, which runs over the slopstone on to the 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 Tunnel by The Prince of Wales. Accident on Exchange Flags. Gentleman fell through glass on roof. 6.10 pm Mother complaining of pain, cannot eat. 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 with 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 made up my mind to send for him another box ointment. I go for stamps 1/4½d. Envelopes ½d. 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. Called out of band room by Mr Bramhall for the purpose. This night Miss Georgie Davies begs to be excused singing another song, being rather upset with travelling back and to Manchester, and having last night been insulted in Warrington by someone. Lizzie & her sister Mary pay a visit to the Theatre Royal, to see Faust & Marguerite, and 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 and asks for stimulant, a small drop of scotch. 11.15 application of poultice. 11.45 a little easier. 11.55 retires to rest. Bridge repays 3/- and 9d for loan of it. Expenses this day 3/3½d. 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 received, as Mr D. has 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 for 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. Adjourns 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 of Scotch. Vomits just before going to bed. Father scalds his foot this morning rather painfully, in taking kettle off. Expenses this day 1/5d.

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 at 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. He gives me two Slip bills to take to Mrs Brierley's White Hart, he also has bills posted on the penny buses. I called at the Roe Buck and had 2 beers, and a half ounce of 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 the finish. The ball was quite a failure. Expenses of ball 6d. Got home about 3 o'clock. My sister Susannah visits mother today, the 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. I feel quite intoxicated and 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 at present.

JANUARY 27 WEDNESDAY

Up 5.50 am. To work. Mother had another good night, but Father had a 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 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 at 11.0 pm she takes a dose of 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 a rehearsal. I have received no notice of the matter. I ask Gibson if he can take a pupil. He says yes, terms 15/- per 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 and 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. Received from Bridge 2/- and 6d for loan.

JANUARY 30 SATURDAY

Up 4.30 am. Thought I heard father call me. I answered but he had not called. 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 and children visit us this evening. Lizzie's back a little better. Father and 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 the numbers of tickets are I purchased from him on the Saturday previous. I cannot tell him because I did not take particular notice. 11.50 goes into his house in St James Street to ask how his wife is, no better. Boy has shakers for basket-work present, and 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 Brimelow. 12.35 to rehearsal. Alterations going on in the pit, a great improvement. Mr Seward says he has about 40 cane seated chairs for sale. Mikado Company at 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 (Liverpool) 1d. Sister Susannah visits Mother again with biscuits, sugar and 6d Brandy. Seems much better. Fathers foot very painful. Doctor changes Mother's 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 1½d Blacking ½d

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: Father's 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 him for long time, also Mr Dorking in parlour. 7.35 to Public Hall, St Marys Catholic Tea Party and 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 later on he came on the stage near the band area and 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 of 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 and Woods, and then home to rest 3.0 am

Expenses this day 2d

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 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 headache. 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 as a fire always being kept in the place. 8.50 to work again. Purchase Tobacco 1½d and Liverpool 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, a good house the Band augmented Molineaux, Dell, Whitehead, O'Brien, Meredith, extra's Mr Tom Hobin and Sergeant Kavanagh. On this occasion his Worship the Mayor should have been present but did not come. One half of 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. Tonight, 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 1/6½d. 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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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 coconut oil and Bews Remedy, as she is suffering with piles. A. Anderton asked me today if I couldn't manage to get off on Thursday at 3 o'clock to come to the opening of the Catholic Bazaar. I promise to try. Retire 11.15p.m.

FEBRUARY 8 MONDAY

Awakened 4 am

I hear Mother moaning as if in pain. Up at 5.50 to work. On getting 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 too ill to administer it. Purchase tobacco 1½d. 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 and 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 a 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 and 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 note 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 7/6d from the time he mentions up to 2 o'clock and 10/- beyond that. He thinks terms too 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 called 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 tonight, laughing and 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 brother George 5^d. Today R. Anderton informs me that they want the band at the Bazaar on Monday night, but he can't 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. 8.30 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 little 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 too much officiousness, and 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 reason 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. Willkinson 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 Father's foot rather troublesome. Dr Joseph visits 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 and we had 3 glasses of gin each, and off 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 and 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 duets 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 and 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, 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 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 today, 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 band-room 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 band-room 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 spoiled 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 today 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 ½d. 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. Waggon 1 beer 2d. Home. To I. Gleave's 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 Barretts, 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 tries to persuade her to take the remainder of jalap in warm beer. 12.35 Roe Buck. Tobacco 1½d. 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 1d, 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 neighbour's 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 fair 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. Sister-in-law 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 11.0pm.

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 man's 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 1½d. 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 Sister-in-law 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

Professor Thomas 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 linnet 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 1½d.

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 (Linnet) 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 won't take any more. Tonight is set apart at the Gaiety for the unemployed of the town, the band being augmented by the following gentlemen, Whitehead, Dell and 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 thither I wended my way. It being very cold. I take home a bass bow for the purpose of re-hairing 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 Street. 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 re-haired bass bow, the one I made myself, with hair I got from Pearsons. Mrs Bull's lodger dies suddenly. Retire 12.10pm

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 Brother and 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 10.30pm

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. Today, 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. 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 11.0pm

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. 7 pm 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 and 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 band room 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 11.20pm

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 Gladstone's Home Rule decision and Mr Parnell's acceptance. Father visits Mary & William Whitfield at Bruce Lodge, and informs us that Mary is very ill indeed. Mrs Bird's lodger, Mr. Richards, buried by the 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 Churchyard 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 pm 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 o'clock, 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 11.15pm

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 ½d. 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. 1.15pm to work. 6 pm to tea. I wash bow hair with methylated spirit. 7.0pm to Gaiety. I wash another bow in Bandroom. 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, and hopes she may not feel the same tomorrow. I. Morris Whittaker dies. Freezing

Retire 11.0pm

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 5/0½d being the amount and 4/11.1/2d 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 two 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. I fasten hair in bow, which answered exceedingly well in the orchestra tonight. Freezing

Retire 11.30pm

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 William 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 and Hemfrey that I cannot come to rehearsal at 2pm on Mondays, when I am informed that they think they will be able to manage without me. 2pm home. I repair Nellie's toy carriage. 6.55 to Gaiety. Performance over, I call at Cross Keys 4 beers 8d. Home 11.10pm

Retire 12.0 pm

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 11.0pm / Freezing

MARCH 8 MONDAY

Muldoons Picnic, Public Hall, Wests Company

Freezing. Up at 5.40 am to work.

Today 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. Brimelow's 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. Gibson's 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 11.45pm

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 1½d. 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 at 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 sister-in-law 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 11.45pm

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 sister-in-Law and 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 Bandroom. 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 Jesper's, 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

11.40pm

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 of Sheffield, committed suicide by hanging on Monday March 8th, the cause was 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 10.30pm

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 1½d. 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 repays 2/- with 6d for loan. I pay Henry Eyes 1/3d 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 11.30pm

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 1½d. Caldwell's, ¼ lb 1" Springs 1d, ½ dozen Spring 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.

Freezing

11.00pm home

Retire 12.15pm

MARCH 14 SUNDAY

Up 9.40

On looking at birds etc. I find I forgot to give the 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 1½d. 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 10.30pm

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 & Company, asking for 18 yds Iron wire for bird cage 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 a night-dress which she will send on the following day. 7 pm to Gaiety. P. Grounds joins the orchestra this evening. Performance over, 10.5 pm home 10.30pm. 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 being 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 11.30pm

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 pm.

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 a 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 Bibby's funeral Cortege leave the house. 6 pm home from work. I learn that Miss Elizabeth Whitfield pays the old people a visit. 7pm 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 and got in by himself. The lady walked on as far as the opening by the Rev A. Pilcher's, 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 Workmen's 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 wiring. 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 11.30pm.

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 received on account 10/-. Wool Pack 1/-. 2pm home. 3 pm wire bird cage. 6.55 to Gaiety. Not such good house. Lizzie purchases Nellie a pair of boots also two fronts for self, 1/1d. Oddfellows 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 and 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 10.30pm

MARCH 22 MONDAY

Public Hall Bootle Minstrels

Up 5.40 to work

8.am to breakfast. 8.30 to work. Change coat and waistcoat this morning for light ones. 9.15 I send H. Woodier to Mortons' for a silver scarf pin, 1/3d, 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 Bandroom 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. 7.26pm 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 entirely 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 Street Raining. I retire 11.30pm

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. 1 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 Kelly's 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 11.5pm. M. A. Bennett poulticed.

Mr Kean dies age 102 years.

Retire 11.50pm

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 master's 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 Hemfrey. 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 Mannion's child dies) (age 18 months)

Lincoln Handicap 1st Fulmen and Bread Knife 3rd

Mr Hawkey's Private Secretery 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 Richard Leigh that his Father (William Leigh, Gas Street) died at half past one o'clock this morning. Mrs Todd delivered of a daughter (Ellesmere Street). 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 Hemfrey 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 11.45pm

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 doing that which is right on behalf of the Works Club, he is thinking. 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 minutes 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 11.40pm

MARCH 27 SATURDAY

Private Secretary Public hall

Up 5.40 to work. Home 8, breakfast. Dinner 12. Shop Club 6d, Roe 6d, Walkers 3.1/2d. 5/- on account of salary Gaiety, other promised for Monday evening sure. Mr. Bramhall leaves Gaiety. Rent arrears 1/-. Shave 1d.

Retire 12.10pm

MARCH 28 SUNDAY

Up 9.20.

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

Retire 11.0pm.

MARCH 29 MONDAY

Public Hall. Lomax's 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 Ashton's 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 2.0am

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 received 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 today. Mr. Garnell visits the old people today. 6.55

to Gaiety. Mr. Domville is introduced to Mr. Down at the brewery. Today, performance over, Wool Pack. 2 pints beer 6d.

APRIL 1 THURSDAY

up 5.40 to work

8am to Breakfast. I call at Ashton's 1 pint Beer 2½d. 8.30 to work again feeling rather shaky. 12 noon Roebuck 1 pint beer 2 ½d. 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. Today 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 Julian's, in preparation for next week. The cost of this arrangement I am informed was £2500. During Woodhead's performance in band room I send for beer 1pm 2 ½d.

APRIL 2 FRIDAY

Up 5.40 to work

7.30 to breakfast. Bridge Inn 2½d. Mother much better this morning. 8.30 to work again. 11.30 Roe Buck 2½d. Dinner 12 noon. Places rockers on toy cradle for child. I pm to work again. 6pm home to tea. Received from W. Bridge 2/6d - 9d for loan. This evening Folloy and O'Neil take their benefit. Two Comical Characters on this occasion. Prizes in the form of Tobacco, Tea, Cigars, even a sheep's head and a Woman's 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 12.0pm

APRIL 3 SATURDAY

Up 6.0 rather late to work.

Mother rather unwell this morning. 7.40 to Breakfast. Walkers 2½d Works Club 6d. Rent arrears 1/-, Woolpack 1/½d, 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 and 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 father's henroost, or rather attempts, but is caught in the act by his brother. Retire 12.45pm

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 ½d 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, won't 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 Isherwood's 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 5/6d, 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 Isherwood's 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 Millstone, first wont serve pints, after promising in the afternoon, consequently we go to Wool Pack 2/½d. 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 ½d. 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 filled, 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 11.45pm

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 called 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 and 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 hen stealing against Roberts Son, to William and Brother Peter, they give it in such a comical manner, causing great laughter in court. 1pm to work again. Tobacco 1 ½d. 6pm to tea. 6.55 to Gaiety. House pretty well filled. Seems to bring the people in, this electrical organ Mephisto. Today the Semi-final Cup tie is again played by Warrington v Runcorn. Warrington winning easy. Father goes to Whitfield's 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 called 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). 1pm 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 Hemfrey's Benefit takes place this and nights following, tonight 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 11.50pm

April 9 Friday

Up 5.50 to work

8. am breakfast. 8.30 to work. 12 noon dinner. Tobacco 1½d. Father expenses to Gaiety 3d. 1d Liverpool Post. 1 pm to work. 6pm to tea. Received 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 12.15pm

April 10 Saturday

Up 5.55 rather late to work

7.55 shave 1d. 8.5 Breakfast. 8.40 to work. Lent W Bridge 2/6d. Works club 5d. Roe Buck. 1 pm Treasury Gaiety. Received 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 Julian's 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 12.45pm

11 Sunday

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

April 12 Monday

Up 5.40 to work.

Roe Buck 1.30 1 ½d. Roe Buck 7.35 4d. 8.15 Breakfast 8.50 to work. 12 Roe Buck 2 ½d. 12.30 to Gaiety for balance of salary. Having waited for some time Mr Seward came and called the band such as were, and stated that he has borrowed £5 for the purpose of paying us. He paid me in full but the others were not. I then asked him if he required my services anymore, 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 too 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 1.1/2d. During the evening I received a note from R. Whitfield asking me to let him know when it is my intention to join Messrs. Down and 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 and trap from the Gaiety

Retire

11.50pm

April 13 Tuesday

Up 5.45 to work

Not so well from effects of yesterday's liquor 7.40 Roe Buck 2½d. Breakfast 8.30. To work 8.45. Roe Buck 11.45 1½d. 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 evening's proceeds. Tonight he Band receive 2/6d each as their share for Monday, must not expect anything from this evenings takings. Myself and 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 and loses, consequently I paid for them leaving me 1/10d 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 11.10pm.

Retire 12.0pm

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. Wright's clerk) is in possession of the Building and that I had better take my Bow from the office. Everything looks 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 pay 2/- which I have given to pay his rent arrears, but instead of paying 2/- 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 1½d. 6.55 to Gaiety, house quiet.
Retire 11.40pm

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 received from W. Bridge 2/6 and 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

11.50pm

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 1½d. Mothers boots 3/8d. Oddfellows 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 12.15pm

April 18 Palm Sunday

Up 10.30.

White Hart 4d. I meet Howlan & Milliman, adjourn to Wool Pack 1/6d. Walkers Mersey Street evening home 6d. Today Mother dresses herself for the first time in nearly four years and states she feels herself better than at any time 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 11.0pm

April 19 Monday

Davies Circus (Colonel Boone & Davies Fair Ground)

Up 5.45 to work

Breakfast 8am. 12 noon dinner. I deposit in H. Eyles 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 3/2d, but he deducts 2/2d 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 and have two beers 4d and then home. Today I purchase from The Grand Clothing Hall Company 2 pairs of trousers 20/-.

Retire 11.15pm

April 21 Wednesday

Sam 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 11.45pm

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 received from W. Bridge 2/6d and 8d for loan. This evening I commenced practice at Mr Gaskells, for the first time since August 1885. He welcomed me right heartily (welcome back again were his words). I felt rather pleased to have another practice at Hayden's and Mozart's 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 ½d home.

Retire 12.30pm

April 23 Good Friday

Up 9.0.

Breakfast 9.40. Roe Buck 12.35 2/6d, home 2.30. Practice at Buttermarket Street, St. Marys. Haydn's No3 and Kyrie from No 16 Hayden. Home 5.40, rest 2 hours, 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 11.0pm

April 24 Saturday

Up 8.30

To work 9.35. Roe Buck 10am 6½d. Again to works 11.30, no orders. Roe Buck 11.35. I commenced playing dominoes and continue until after 3 o'clock, costs 1/6d, 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 7½d at dominoes. Works Club 6d

Retire 12.20pm

April 25 Easter Day

Up 9.0

To St Marys. Haydn's No3 Mass with the Kyrie from Haydn's 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 2.0d Walkers 3 ½d. Home 9.30pm

Retire 10.30pm

April 26 Easter Monday

Bank holiday

Up 8.30 to work

Finding no orders to be executed (with the exception of Alum, 5 hundredweights 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 2/6d 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 o'clock, neither breakfast nor dinner. I did not go out any more this day but stayed at home and had 1 pint beer 2d, tobacco 1½d. 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 2½d 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. Today 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 and Tea 6pm. 7.30 to Mr. Down's 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 and 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 11.20pm

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. by 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 called 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 11.45pm

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 months 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. Today I learn that Father was intoxicated on the football 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 instant for the Gaiety. I afterwards adjourn to the Roe Buck and on the way I. Henderson 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, 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 Mother's 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 hold 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 Breakfast. 8 am cut Birds claws. 8.40 to work. 12 dinner. 12.30 Visit to Sangers Circus. Turn out 12.45. Work 1 pm. 2.15 Headquarters 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 men's 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 2½d. Dinner 12.5. Work 1.0. Evening tired. Beer Walkers 3d.

Retire 10.10

May 8 Saturday

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

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 1/1½d. I must admit I imbibed too 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 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 brother-in-law A. Williams was not at all very cordial. A little dinner over, intention to go to brother Wills but on reaching Georges Hall, could not pass, being crowded, so we made our way to brother 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. 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. Expenses White Hart 1/4d. 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 o'clock 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^d 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. 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 Praeger, 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 Brothers Courtney are on.

Performance very much appreciated by the audience. Kate Harvey and Miss Laybourne having to respond to encores 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 brother Jacks in Latchford (St James's Street). I am a little surprised at seeing her there at 6 pm on leaving work. 7 pm to Gaiety. Clements brings whisky in Band-room, 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 expenses 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 too small. 1 pm to work. 7 pm Gaiety, Kate Harveys Benefit. 10.30 Cross Keys. Mr Schoolmaster from Stockton Heath in Bar expenses 5^d 11.10 home
Retire 11.45

May 22 Saturday

Up 6.15 late to work.

8.0 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 4½d. Sundries 1/3d. 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/- received from Mr Cassidy for Monday nights' salary.
Retire 12.15

May 23 Sunday

Up 9.0.

Roebuck 11.0 am. expenses 1/5d. 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 9.15pm. 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 2½d. 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 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 expenses. 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 ½d.

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 Company, 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. Received from W Bridge 2/- with 6d for Loan. Gaiety 7pm, benefit of Tom Robson. Amusing Scene, Boys racing in net. Performance over, Waggon 2 Beers 4d.

Retire

11.50

May 29 Saturday

Up 5.40 to work.

Breakfast 8 am. Shave 1d. Works Club 4d. Roe Buck 2 ½d. 1pm Treasury Gaiety. We today practice 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 week's 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 Hart 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 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 Robt. Boardman died (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, with the 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^d. White Hart 8d, 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 instant. 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 Ballet 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 2½^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. T Barber died. Mother pays visit to sister Margo. Gaiety 7pm, 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. Liverpool Daily Post 1^d. 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. 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 repaired 1/6d. 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. Received 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 ½d. 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 4d. Tobacco 1 ½d. Mr Tullock leaves Gaiety for Salford Theatre Royal (Leader).

Retire 12.15

June 13 Whitsun Day

Up 9.30.

12.45 White Hart 2/7d. Willie for ticket 3d. Nothing of any special interest occurs today. To Mrs. C. 15/- Retire 11.0

June 14 Whit Monday

Rainy. Up 8 am.

Ginger beer ½d. Roe Buck 11.50 2/0d. Gaiety 12.40. Rehearsal 1 pm, Walsh leading. Rehearsal over 2.20 pm. Tobacco 1 /2d. Home 5 pm rather inebriated. Tea over 6.55, off to Gaiety. Business over, Wool Pack 4d

Retire 11.45

June 15 Whit Tuesday

Fine. Up 8.30.

Breakfast (slightly). 1.0 pm Roe Buck 1/-. Chicken 1/9d, 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

June 17 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 Brothers 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 town's 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.

Today I receive a letter from Mr Tullock appraising me he cannot come to Warrington on Sunday 27 instant
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. Today 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

U5.45 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 appraising 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 2.1/2d. Breakfast 8.0. To work 8.30. Dinner 12 noon. To work 1 pm. 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 day's 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. 7.0 pm service. (Benediction). 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. 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. Retire 11.30

July 1 Thursday

Weather Fine. Up 5.30 to work.

Breakfast 8am. Nomination Day for 4 Candidates for the Parliamentary Election, Sir G. Greenall & Mr John Crosfield. 7.45 am Roe Buck 2 ½d, 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 hour, then to Roe Buck where I spent something like 5 or 6 hours 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. Called 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 ½d, unenjoyable. Breakfast 8 am. 11.45 Roe Buck 7 ½d. 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. I find 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 solos 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 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 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— 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 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 Street (a provision Shop), and the Irish people (so Father & Mother say) would not buy from them because they thought their business was the outcome of what was called Blood money. 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 at the time supposed to be the party that shot one of Lord Derby's 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 Grandfather 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

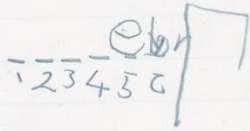
SATURDAY Dec 15/88

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, worked at factory, Mechanic? Residence, yard behind St. James's Street. 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 [Catholic] 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 Wife's 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 Wagon 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/2d Wagon 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 Waggon 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 shave 1d	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

£7 13 9½

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	
12	15-0	"	<hr/>			25	1-5-6	
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

7 13 0

8 16 7

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	