

REUBEN GAUNT

Mount Pleasant
Farsley

20th March, 1841.

Reuben Gaunt, now remembered as the founder of Reuben Gaunt & Sons Limited, was born into a yeoman-clothier's family in 1824. He was brought up at New Cote (probably the original name for Mount Pleasant) and when seventeen years' old, began to keep a diary. He was already ambitiously describing himself as a cloth manufacturer, and there are glimpses in his diary of the drive and personality of the embryonic business tycoon.

When he was nineteen years' old he arranged to have shorthand lessons after attending the cloth market in Leeds, and after just three lessons proceeded to make the writing of his diary a piece of practical homework. Despite the abortive attempts of several enthusiasts to decipher his unique brand of shorthand, it is not until this year that success has been achieved through the determined efforts of Mrs. Lexi Ellis.

The original diary has been handed down through members of Reuben Gaunt's family and is now in the safe keeping of the Leeds City Library Archives, where it is available for any interested person to see.

We are grateful to the management and staff of Reuben Gaunt & Sons Limited for arranging for the duplication of the diary.

RUTH STRONG

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Denotes the original spelling marked on the first occasion of use only

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Where it is not possible to be sure of the meaning of the handwriting or shorthand the words are put in brackets.

Capitals I and J are difficult to differentiate.

The measure "when" probably is an abbreviation of warton, i.e. 6lbs. (See entry 29th September 1843)

The Shorthand entries commence on Monday, 11th December 1843.

The gaps left after ages and names are left as in the original.

The entry on 15th December 1841 relating to S R & M "Noswal" is probably a reference to his future wife and perhaps two of her sisters (Noswal being an anagram of Lawson).

30th March 1841

Benjamin Birdsall died aged 19 years. He had been badly a long time.

21st April 1841

About 7 o'clock this evening a man fell from the coach opposite our garden wall, and cut his head dreadfully, but after the surgeon had examined the wound, he said the skull was not fractured; and the wound not serious.

13th May 1841

This morning the dry-house belonging to Farsley Sunny Bank Mill caught fire, but the fire was got under soon after the fire engine arrived from Pudsey. Shortly after 5 other engines arrived viz. 2 from Bradford and 3 from Leeds. Damage estimated at about £200.

24th June 1841

Job Horn married to Hannah Wade. Also Joshua Fairbank to Mary Child. The second Annual Festival held by the Teetotallers in the Village School Room Farsley when upwards of 200 sat down to tea. After tea a public meeting was held in the Methodist Chapel, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Shrewsbury and other gentlemen. Dr. Beaumont in the Chair.

26th June 1841

A fatal accident occurred about 6 o'clock this evening about 5

yards above the Thornhill Hotel. The sufferer was James Hainsworth surnamed Taffy, who was in a drunken state and in consequence thereof, fell under the hind wheels of a waggon going from Bradford, the wheel passing over his neck, caused his death in about 2 minutes.

3rd July 1841 Sunday

This morning about 2 or 3 o'clock, the gun of Mr. Horsfall's keeper, accidentally went off and lodged the contents in the backs of three poachers; one of them was wounded severely, but hopes are entertained of the recovery of all. The keeper above mentioned is Isaac Gaunt.

14th July 1841

On Sunday last, Mr. William Naylor suddenly fell badly, and died this morning. He was generally known by the name of Butcher Naylor.

6th July 1841

Mother came back from Scarborough after an absence of a fortnight.

22nd July 1841

Joseph Craven, James Pecket, Thomas Parkin and Samuel Craven had a York trial with Mr. Ramsbottom, Steward for Thomas Thornhill. The cause was this: Mr. Ramsbottom refused to pay the valuation stated by the valuer and the plaintiffs refused to take any less. After a thorough investigation the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiffs, the whole sum at which the farm etc. of Wadlands Hall had been valued.

29th July 1841

Mr. John Varley's firer died very suddenly. He was in his usual health at 1 o'clock yesterday and died about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1 today.

31st July 1841

Joseph Booth of Stanningley was working in good health between 2 and 3 o'clock this afternoon, but was suddenly taken ill and died about 4 o'clock.

3rd August 1841

Finished leading hay. Put the Long Field - Little Pasture and Great Pasture into the Barn. Brought the New Lay and the North Pasture home.

Long Field 6 'lodes', Little Pasture 5, Great Pasture 11, North Pasture 7, New Lay $7\frac{1}{2}$. It began to rain about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 o'clock this evening.

4th August 1841

Father and Isaac set out for Liverpool about 20 minutes to 8 o'clock. The morning was fair, but cold and cloudy. The day very fine.

4th August 1841

At about 8 o'clock this evening 3 coach horses fell opposite the Coal Lane. The fall of the shaft horse caused that of the two others. No person hurt except Aunt Mary by leaping out too hastily.

6th August 1841

Father and Isaac returned from Liverpool about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 o'clock. Father thought he had lost his pocket purse, containing 6 pounds, but found it behind the table in the parlor. 3 bales $1/5$.

16th August 1841

Father bought a cow of Mr. Wood, Wadlands Hall. He gave about £12. 15s.

27th August 1841

Father bought two pigs of the same persons for about £1. 2s. each.

2nd September 1841

Finished reaping oats, in the bottom ing. There were about 100 haddockes.

3rd September 1841

After a period of uninterrupted fine weather, it began to rain this morning and has the appearance of a wet day.

25th September 1841

About 7 o'clock this evening Mr. John Fairbank died aged 70 years.

1st October 1841

Finished sewing wheat in the bottom of the Ing.

7th October 1841

This morning about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock Jane Corner daughter of John Corner our 'datal' man died aged 16 years after a protracted illness of 2 years.

13th October 1841

Father left home about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 o'clock in order to go to Liverpool to the wool sales, which commence tomorrow.

13th October 1841

After a courtship of about 9 weeks Benjamin Walker and Deborah Andrews got married and went to Harewood to dine, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Foster by whom they were married.

16th October 1841 Saturday

Father returned from Liverpool having bought 5 bales of Botany wool 2 at $1/5\frac{1}{2}$ cheap, 2 at $1/6\frac{1}{2}$ cheap, and 1 at $1/5$ very dear.

17th October 1841 Sunday

Mr. Rees from Bramley preached at Bagley Chapel the day was not very fine and about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 pm. two heavy cracks of thunder were heard towards Yeadon. The evening was very stormy and I took tea at Job Horn's and went to the Methodist Chapel in the evening.

20th October 1841 Wednesday

This evening the Farsley Wesleyan Missionary Meeting was held

in the Chapel, the Rev. Philip Garret in the Chair. Addresses were given by the Chairman, Mr. Foster and Mr. Cutting.

This evening was very unfavourable, the rain fell in torrents, the wind blew a gale, the lightening was vivid and the thunder was pretty loud, so that the attendance at the meeting was not numerous, and consequently the collection not large.

21st October 1841

The snow fell very heavily this morning about $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 o'clock which is the first fall of snow that we have had this season, nearly a month sooner than the first of last year, which fell on the 17 of November in the evening.

27th October 1841

Went to Rawden to witness the settlement of Mr. Liddle. At the commencement of the Service Mr. Stringer from Idle read a chapter.

In the course of the service Mr. Dowson asked the requisite questions of Mr. Liddle and then addressed the meeting stating what constituted a "True Church". Mr. Ackworth addressed the Minister from the words "Make good proof of thy ministry". And Rev. Walter Scott addressed the church over which Mr. Liddle was going to preside.

28th October 1841

Went to Bradford to witness the ordination of Mr. Dowson who is going as a missionary to Jamaica. At the commencement of the service a missionary from that place addressed the meeting and Mr. Whitewood

asked the questions of Mrs. Dowson. Mr. Ackworth addressed him, but I did not stay till the close.

15th November 1841

John Brook came to work at our house for 6/- per week.

29th November 1841

The Rev. Mr. Yeadon of Hunslet died of Typhus fever aged 43.

28th November 1841

Joseph Hollings buried, The Oddfellow & Shepherds attended at the funeral.

30th November 1841

Mr. Fenteman held an auction sale of books at Stanningley in a room near the Sun Inn. I went and bought 2 Poems on Prayer, 1 Orthographical work; MacFarlane Evidences, Christianity, Addison etc.

15th December 1841

I for the first time was by S.R. & M. "Noswal".

9th December 1841

Thomas Parkin killed the little pig kept in the cowhouse which cost 26/6 and now weighed 7st.14lbs.

9th December 1841

Had a web to size over in consequence of Jno. Horn's bad sizing.

Christmas Day, 25th December 1841

A tea party was held in the Village School Room, Farsley, in

aid of the Benevolent Society. The remains amounted to about the sum of £6. 8s. 6d.

The speakers after the Tea were J. Marshall, Wm. Varley, J. Grimshaw and P. Hainsworth.

Another was held at Rodley for the same interest, left £2. 8s. 6d. Speakers - Rev. J. Foster, S. Grimshaw, R. Holdsworth W. Lawson.

Farsley Wesleyan Party Speakers - J. Parkinson, J. Ingham, I. Milner, A. Ellis and I. Turner.

27th December 1841

Thomas Parkinson killed the second pig which cost 20/6 and which now weighed 11st. 9lbs.

9th January 1842

Went to Belgrave Chappel to hear the Rev. Dr. Harris who preached from Isaiah 57 chap. 15 verse and the 66 chap. and 1-2 verses.

1. From eternity, the residence of God has always corresponded with his nature and perfections.
2. If he condescend to hold intercourse with man, it can only be in accordance with this principle.
3. No religious worship can be acceptable to him only as it harmonises with his character.
4. All human effort and existence must depend for sufficiency on this principle.

13th January 1842

After a cold foggy day yesterday this morning was ushered in by a fall of snow, which continued all day the cold being also severe.

How ill doth he deserve a lovers name
Whose pale weak flame
Cannot retain
His heart in spite of absence or disdain
But doth at once, like paper set on fire
Burn and expire
True love can never change its seat;
Nor did he ever love who could reheat.

Spencer

25th January 1842

Father started for London this evening from Leeds at 7 o'clock p.m. and arrived in London at 9 next morning.

He bought 9 bales Bottany. 6 bales at $1/7\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 at $15\frac{1}{2}$ per lb.

Also 15 bags Spanish at $1/7$ per lb. He arrived in Leeds the Tuesday following February 1st at 6 o'clock a.m.

28th January 1842

The panic is so severe in the woollen manufacture at Farsley that very little work is doing at the low Mill and the Top Mill is now altogether closed until trade revives.

1st February 1842

This morning old Margerison's wife died after a few moment's warning. 80 yrs.

2nd February 1842

This morning about 3 o'clock John Gaunt of Undercliff died aged 76.

8th February 1842

This Afternoon Shrove Tuesday we had a tea party in the Vestry of Rehoboth Chappel. After tea Mr. Marshall took the chair when Mr. Foster, I. Ingham, I. Castle, P. Hainsworth and I. Child addressed the Meeting and Mr. Marshall read an essay on "self cultivation".

Friends R. Holdsworth and W. Lawson were also present but did not speak to their subjects.

23rd February 1842

Brother Isaac shot three Lapwings in Old Sowden's field and sold them to John Corner for 1½ each.

9th March 1842

This morning the ground was covered with snow to the depth of nearly three inches.

14th March 1842

Joseph Hainsworth died about 3 o'clock in the morning aged 23. He had been a member of the Farsley Young Men's Literary Society almost since its foundation.

16th March 1842

Commenced sowing oats in the ing.

16th April 1842

Robert Southwell of Stockton near York died.

19th April 1842

Uncle William Walker of Farsley died aged

19th April 1842

At a meeting of the Teachers of Farsley, Beckbottom and Rodley Sunday Schools this evening, a union was consummated among the three, so that the Committee of Rodley Bethel School will now be incorporated with the other two.

1st May 1842

Attended the Methodist Chapel in the evening and heard Mr. Cheatham preach from the words "He is able to save to the very uttermost" etc. After the Sermon a collection was made on behalf of the new burying ground, when the sum of 19. 13 10½ was collected which add 70. 0. 0 given by subscription 89. 13 10½ was the whole amount to stand against the sum of 250. 0. 0 the old debt of Chappel and 330. 0. 0 the burying ground making 580. 0. 0 in the whole and having the 89. 13. 10½ deducted leaves a debt 490. 6. 1½ on the whole of the property.

4th May 1842

Finished setting potatoes in the three day work.

5th May 1842

Commenced sowing turnips in the same field on the side next the
Ing.

11th May 1842

This evening a waggoner who was the worse for liquor was trotting his horses down the road, when one of the wheels ran against the causeway and shook him off the shafts. The wheels ran over him and broke his thigh.

12th May 1842

Charles Wardman laid the new channel for the sewer water to run across the fold.

30th May 1842

A person named Francis attempted to shoot her Majesty on Constitution Hill, but the pistol flashed in the pan when the ruffian was seized.

30th May 1842

Isaac's hen hatched the duck eggs which she had sitten a month, out of 12 eggs he had 11 ducks.

9th June 1842

William Rag Farsley Lane end died aged 20 years Consumption.

14th June 1842

Bought Brother Isaac's stock of hens, ducks, chickens and rabbits for £1. 2. 0 and sold 10 rabbits, 10 ducks, 5 young cocks, and 1 hen for 12s. 9d. a few days afterwards.

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24th July 1842

The anniversary sermons of Bethel School were preached this afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Hughs and in the evening by the Rev. Mr. Liddle. ,

Monday 25th July 1842

This day was very fine and p.m. I for the first time

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The last 7 bales of wool came from Liverpool per Railway.

Lister Mathers, son of Sarah Mathers of Rodley died aged 24.

Last Saturday we finished sowing the winter onions.

28th July 1842

Mr. John Gomersal, brother to Widow Varley of Stanningley fell from his gig in a state of intoxication and was much hurt. The place where the accident happened was about 20 yds. above Farsley Lane End.

31st July 1842

Went with David Smith to Aunt Elizabeth Smiths Alwoodley and returned on Monday the 1st August.

2nd August 1842

Went to Dr. Lambert who gave me a bottle of mixture and advised me to go to Ilkley and stay a fortnight.

4th August 1842

Went to Ilkley and stayed 3 weeks and until Saturday this being Thursday. During my absence hay-making was completed at Coat.

5th September 1842

A tea party of the Farsley Young Men's Society was held at the vestry when friends, P. Hainsworth, Holdsworth, Child and the Rev. Mr. Foster addressed the meeting. I also attempted to speak on "The Evils of War".

7th September 1842

Finished harvesting oats and wheat in the low ing, and Three day work. During the night however the oat stack fell over and being uncommon wet a great part of the corn was wasted and spoilt.

17th September 1842

Finished sowing wheat in the top Ing.

27th September 1842

Father bought a pig at Leeds for £3. 6. 6. Dr. Lambert came to me same day and desired me not to work or study hard, and to live on good substantial food. As a stimulant to eat he prescribed Camomile flowers and ginger.

5th October 1842

Father bought a cow at Wibsey Fair for £11. 6d.

Thursday 5th October 1842

During this week a pedestrian engaged to walk 372 miles or 62 miles per day. that is thrice from Rodney Inn Leeds to the New Inn Bradford, and back again to Rodney.

25th October 1842

After having several nights of severe frost; this morning the ground was almost white with snow; the first snow this season.

25th October 1842

Commenced sowing wheat in the bottom Ing, and for the first time ribbed it.

28th October 1842

Sold the Black and White Cow which was bought at Otley to Old Sowden for £10.

2nd November 1842

Finished sowing wheat in the 3 day work. Today we can again fetch water at our pump after it has been dry about a fortnight, the first time that it ever was dry.

2nd November 1842

Dolly Barns died after a long and troublesome illness.

Wednesday 9th November 1842

Father went to Liverpool and bought one bag of wool at 16d.
returned on Friday night.

15th November 1842

Father jumped down the chamber steps to keep himself from falling,
and stunned both ankles and legs so that he could not walk. Yesterday
I bought a black Tumbler Pigeon of George Wood for -/5d.

22nd November 1842

Went to Leeds but sold nothing and was much annoyed with walking
the ground being covered with snow.

30th November 1842

A missionary meeting was held in the Baptist Chapel Farsley when
Mr. Clarke and Dr. Prince from Africa attended and addressed the Audience.
Collection £4. 18s. 1d.

On the Sunday previous Mr. Liddle preached in aid of the Home
Mission when a collection was made to the amount of £3. 13s. 8d.

14th November 1842

John Hainsworth died aged 62.

Wednesday 14th December 1842

Easther the wife of John Womersley died aged 32 years.

Monday 19th December 1842

A very fine mild day for the season. Missionary tea party at Stanningley Methodist Chapel. I this evening (managed) the often attempted performance.

Saturday 24th December 1842

Notice appeared in the Papers of the Yorkshire Agricultural Bank having suspended payment.

Monday 26th December 1842

Public Tea Parties were held in Farsley and Bethel Sunday Schools, in aid of the Rehoboth Benevolent Society, when the amount of the subscriptions over the expenditure was Rodley £2. 0. 9 and Farsley the sum of £6. 16. 6 making a total of £8. 17. 3. The evening was fine and dark although most of the day had a gloomy and chilling aspect.

30th December 1842

Killed the pig which Father bought September 27th and which now weighs 22st. 6lbs. Killed by Thos. Parkin.

Thursday 21st December 1842

Entered the Wesley Reading Society in company with D. Smith and J. Horn.

Sunday 1st January 1843

The Rev. Mr. Buck ceased preaching at Horsforth Baptist Chappel

19th January 1843

A ferrit which had been lost some days in Sowden's stacks, came to our house about 7 o'clock this evening.

21st January 1843

Today's paper contained accounts of a great number of wrecks, and a great number of lives lost. The most disasterous of which was one off Dumford Haven in which 83 persons perished. The Hurricane occurred last Friday and Saturday, the time of the great depression of the whether glass.

21st January 1843

We have had our little bitch Flora about a week. Brother Isaac gave a shilling for her to George Wood. Sold the first number of eggs thisseason at 2 for 1½d,

Sunday 22nd January 1843

This morning about ½ past 2 o'clock Cornelius Turner and another young man came to our house stating that they had found the hat and whip of a waggoner whose waggon was standing alone by Rayners gate. Brother Isaac went with them to carry the waggon to Firths of Bradford Moor. The waggoner got home about 6 o'clock next a.m.

24th January 1843

Bought 3 books of J. Calvert belonging to Mr. Jordan for 5s. The Heavens 1/9 - Drews essay on The Soul 1/3 - and the Biographical Keepsake 2/-.

in consequence of his adulterous practices.

7th January 1843

Left the college at ?

Sunday 8th January 1843

Mr Patterson preached at Bagley Chappel, for the incidental expenses. Collection £9. 15. 8½.

10th January 1843.

Showers of snow. Evening a violent shower of snow accompanied by thunder and frequent and vivid flashes of lightning.

12th January 1843

Some person or persons stole 17 yds. of good cloth from off the tenters belonging to John Farrer, Bagley. It had only been out about ½ an hour, being then about ½ past 5 pm.

13th January 1843

Today has been a dark foggy day with the barometer of the 'whether' glass almost perpendicular. It has thawn all day but some snow still remains.

Tuesday 17th January 1843

Brother Isaac went the first time to Leeds cloth Market, but did not sell anything. I sold 14 ends of my own to Mr. Sykes.

18th January 1843

Found a sheep skin, head and entrails in Wilson's hedge bottom. The sheep had been stolen from Wm. Sowden's flock about a fortnight ago.

Friday, 20th January 1843

Mr. Drummond, Sir Robert Peel's Secretary shot by a youth called M. Naughton.

Thursday 26th January 1843

James Milner, son of James Milner of Farsley, died after a long illness aged Sarah Johnson married to one Shires of Stanningley. Yesterday Mother found our old canary bird dead in the cage.

1st February 1843

Uncle Peter's little boy called Joshua died after a few hours illness aged A very fine day, went to Bradford and bought 6-3 wool at 1/8 for a black the first I ever made.

3rd February 1843

David Parish called at the White Bear, and while there somebody robbed his cart of Beef belonging to John Marshall value 15/6 and also various articles of his own value £1-10. This was in the evening which was very cold and stormy.

Sunday 5th February 1843

Zilla Lawson daughter of Wm. and Hannah Lawson born about 5 o'clock morning.

11th February 1843

Old Red and White cow calved a bull calf a little before her time in consequence of falling yesterday. Wild snowy day, likely for a considerable fall of snow. Father at Leeds.

12th February 1843

Thomas Davy, alias Fighting Tom, was found dead in his bed by the Wesleyan sick visitors.

13th February 1843

Matthew Dowgill teased our little dog Flora untill she fell down the garret steps, and broke her foreleg. Isaac carried her to Wm. Naylor and got it set.

Got several twill orders to Farsley. Commenced running the top mill after standing several weeks.

16th February 1843

Mother & Isaac went to Bradford where she bought him a neat little watch for I presume about £3 10.

20th February 1843

Elizabeth Hainsworth Sunny Bank died about 10 o'clock pm. after a long illness aged

23rd February 1843

Aunt Elizabeth Hainsworth, wife of Uncle George, married to Mr.

Joseph Strickland of Stanningley. All my 'cousens' were most inveterately opposed to the union.

28th February 1843

A Tea Party was held at Aunt Lydias' in connexion with the Farsley Young Mens' Society. The Rev, Mr. Foster spoke on "The best means of attaining a habit of thinking." P. Hainsworth on The best means of promoting the interests of this society" R. Holdsworth on "The claims of this Society. D.Hainsworth on "Procrastination". J. Child on "Christ our Example". T. Webster on "The Love of God" and I. Johnson on Humility. Cost of the Tea and cakes was 16 shillings.

4th March 1843

Old William Roberts of Beck bottom died after a short illness age

5th March 1843

Mr. Foster preached the death of Elizabeth Hainsworth from the 15th of 1st Corinthians 10v. "By the grace of God I am what I am"

8th March 1843

John Vickers, Joiner came to prepare the boards for the bed-chamber. Isaacs' Jenney was removed a few days ago into the garret.

The poor are very numerous in Farsley, a number going every day to work at Wrose Mill, near Idle. Wm. Hainsworth gets 7s. 3d. worth of bread weekly.

11th March 1843

Charles Rhodes brought the new sofa ordered by mother some time ago. Cost £10. I was at Leeds and sold 8 ends.

12th March 1843

Mr. Pulsford commenced his labours as revivalist in Farsley.
First text - The unsearchable riches of Christ.

13th March 1843

Aunt Harriett Hainsworth delivered of a male child, to be called John William.

20th March 1843

Made a drain in the far end of the garden.

27th March 1843

Finished sowing oats in the Long close, new lay. Oats 10d. per stone. Weather very cold, but fine. Trade reviving a little in Farsley.

David Smith visited the Rev. Mr. Pulsford to enquire concerning Christ and his soul.

11th April 1843

Yesterday snow fell so thick as to cover the ground and this morning there was a very severe frost. Last night a meeting was held in the Stanningley School to petition against the government education bill.

Tuesday 11th April 1843

James Harrison, cart driver for Aunt Sarah Fieldhouse, died this morning aged

Samuel Wood came to his work yesterday after having been of a fortnight through sickness

Wednesday 12th April 1843

Uncle Peter Hainsworth, and Isaac Keighley ordained as Deacons at Bagley Chapel by Mr. Pulsford.

Thursday 13th April 1843

This morning about 2 o'clock, Josiah Keighley died after a long illness aged 23. The disease of which he died was consumption.

15th April 1843

Mary-ann Hollings died after a protracted illness aged 24. Yesterday I sowed the last peas in the middle piece of the garden.

Suspicion a month ago or rather cause at that time of the education Bill.

Easter Sunday 16th April 1843

Went to Josiah's funeral and went round with the wine Ben Waite went with the biscuits. Father went old Waites' the cloth miller who was buried at the Methodists ground.

Monday 17th April 1843

James Read son of Thomas Read died yesterday.

Rode our mare up to Jno. Womersleys and managed to ride very easy for almost the first time. Sowed the Ing down with hay seeds, scar grass and red and white clover.

1st Sunday in April

Baptized Matthew Scott, Mary Ann Smith, Rebecca Read and Mary Dufton.

2nd Sunday in April

Wm. Keighley, Amos Keighley, Charles Child, and Thomas Isles.
Rose Wade, Martha Keighley, Betty Keighley, Betty Hainsworth.

20th April 1843

This morning about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 o'clock Richard Brook carrier died.

2nd April 1843

Bought 2 yds. of black cloth of David Hainsworth at 10d. per yd.

Sunday 23rd April 1843

The candidates for Baptism this day are 19 in number viz. Thomas Dufton, Frederic Taylor, Benjm. Allerton, John Saunderson, Fanny Pearson, Jane Pearson, Mary Parkin, Hannah Neal, Hannah Horn, Mary Clegg, Christiana Parkin, Sarah Lister, Thos. Gott's Sister, Hannah Busfield, Mrs. Ferguson, Rose Hainsworth, Elizabeth Walton, Betty Dowgill and Fanny Allerton.

Tuesday 25th April 1843

Queen Victoria delivered of a Princess this morning.

26th April 1843

This evening Mr. Pulsford preached his annual address at Rehoboth from, the 1st ch. and 27v. Philippians and the last ch. and 11v. in Corinthians.

27th April 1843

Phebe Holdsworth daughter of Matthew Holdsworth died aged 18.

Mr. Pulsford's subjects beginning on Sunday 12th March 1843

Sund Morn	The unsearchable riches of Christ
Eve	The glorious gospel of the blessed God
Mon Morn	Self Examination
19 Second Week March	
Sund Morn	Children of Light
Eve	A sermon to the young
Mon Morn	Not doing well
Eve	The thoughtless
Tues Morn	Religion is Love
Eve	Strive to enter in at the straight gate
Wed Morn	The Joy of Religion
Eve	The Barren Fig tree
Thur Morn	The Happy results of Revivals of religion
Eve,	The anxious prayer. Gather not my soul with the sinner.
Fri Morn	Christian exertion
Eve	Sinners returning to God
Sat Morn	Ripe for Hell
Eve	Vehement agitation or Paul at Athens

26th Third Week March

Sund Morn Holding forth the word of life
Eve The excellency of a knowledge of Christ

Mon Morn The best method of obtaining our desires
Eve Is thine heart right

Tues Morn, The classification -
Eve Christ is all in all

Wed Morn Organisation -
Eve The great gulf fixed

Thur Morn and training -
Eve The power of Christ to save sinners

Fri Morn of the Christian -
Eve The new man

Sat Morn Church.
Eve A sermon to young men

2nd Fourth Week April

Sund Morn On Baptism
Eve On decision

Mon Eve To young Converts

Tues Morn On the tract No. 1
Eve Seeking the Lord

Wed Morn The unconverted
Eve Yield yourselves to God

Thur Morn Streams of life from the rock
Eve The joy of Angels over one sinner that repented

Fri Morn On Perfection. "Walk before me and be thou perfect"
Eve On Heaven

Sat Eve Hope in Heaven

9th Fifth Week April

Sund Morn Them that are ashamed of me, of them will I etc.

Eve Neglected Privileges

Mon Eve Who is on the Lord's side

Tues Morn Pardon of Sin

Eve The Connexion between total abstinence and revivals of
Religion

Wed Morn Monstrous delay

Eve The ordination of two deacons

Thur Morn The good and faithful servant

Eve The anxious enquirer lost

Fri Morn The fall of Jericho

Eve A call to sleepers

Sat Eve The Syro Phenician

Thursday 27th April 1843

Mr. Pulsford closed last night.

Aunt 'Lidia' taken very ill of an inflammation but today

29th April 1843

She is rather better. I went to Leeds on Bess today and sold
8 ends at 5/- to Mr. Sykes, Rode for the first time last Tuesday.

4th May 1843

Wm. Duffield taylor, Farsley, died after a long disease aged 49.
Much thunder all round today but no rain here.

5th May 1843

Commenced setting potatoes in the 3 day work. 5 ridges next the wheat of Kidneys - next 6 Old Pinkeys, and the rest Natives, from Otley.

6th May 1843

A painful accident occurred this evening about 7 o'clock Juo. Keighley's little boy Charles aged 5 years was killed by a horse belonging to a butter man from Horsforth, running away and the cart wheel ran over the child and also cut his sisters face. The cart threw over opposite Spenses so that no further injury was done. The cause of the horses running away was the sudden closing of Samuel Stead's shutter.

Sunday 7th May 1843

This morning Mr. Foster baptized 18 persons, viz. Robert Winterburn Wm. Walker, Henry Pontefract, Peter Turner, Tailor Booth, Reuben Hollings, James Hainsworth, James Pratt, Daniel Wade, John Horne, Edward Edmondson. Nanny Keighley, Mary Walker, Martha Dowgill, Betty Wade, Sarah Roberts, Betty Walton, and Charles Haley's wife.

8th May 1843

John Brown, Throstle Nest, died after 3 days illness.

10th May 1843

John Brown is not dead, but today is rather better.

11th May 1843

Mother and Isaac went to Bradford to buy some clothes.

13th May 1843

Sold two or three ends of Isaac's being the first that he has made. Father bought a cart about a fortnight at J. Dufton's (Tipp.)

16th May 1843

Went to Leeds and sold 3 Ends to Mr. Stead, the first time I ever sold to anyone but Mr. Sykes.

23rd May 1843

Benj. Keighley taken very ill, and his club doctor Field would not attend. Dr. Johnson was therefore procured, and he prescribed bathing his feet in warm water and blister on his back and sent medicine.

24th May 1843

Went with Isaac to buy wool the first time that he has bought for himself. We bought 9st. 12lbs. noils at Woods, 16st. wool at J. Akeds and ordered 1 sheet noils at Rands. Woods 1/7 per lb. Akeds 1/2½ and Rands 1/7½. A very wet day.

29th May 1843

John Carter bought three pigs for £5. 5s. and took the least himself for £1.10s. and we took the other two.

29th May 1843

Sam Wood went to Harrogate

4th June 1843

This morning the following persons were baptized by Mr. Foster. David Smith, James Threapleton, James Ustler, and John Nicholson, and Mary Lawson, Mary Hainsworth, Sister Rodley, Mary Read Hannah Proctor.

Whit Monday 5th June 1843

The scholars of Farsley, Beckbottom and Rodley schools met at the chapel, walked up Farsley through Stanningley and parted at the Bar. after singing "You'd better come to Jesus".

Whit Tuesday 6th June 1843

Went to the Zoological Gardens Leeds with David Smith, to the Temperance festival, partook of a good tea, and after hearing the trial of John Barleycorn, played at the various rural sports, indulged in, and was called out several times, five times by one person.

7th June 1843

Went to Shipley to the association met with ----- on the road and kept their company all the day. Took dinner and tea in the school room, as also did the rest, David Smith, and my cousin's Mother and Corner was there with George Andrews gig cart. In the morning Rev. Potinger from Bradford preached from the 4ch.'Neemiah' 6v. "For the people had a mind to work" and in the evening Rev, Dowson Bradford, from the 12ch.

Heb. 22-23vs. "But ye are come unto mount Zion, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of Angels. To the general assembly and church of the first Born"

Got ill wet coming home, but sat at JM till dry.

8th June 1843

This morning Wm. Wades wife died after a painful illness. Wind and later today some thunder and lightening.

14th June 1843

Went to London with Wm. Womersley and after buying 18 bales I returned on Thursday the 22nd inst. Of the wool the prices were 3 bales @ 1/1½d. 9 bales at 1/2½d. 3 bales @ 1/1d. and 3 bales at 7d. unMashed. We had fine weather the whole of the time.

Tuesday 27th June 1843

Mother and Isaac took the coach at Leeds for Scarbro. Fare outside 11s. inside 16s.

2nd July 1843

Mr. Foster baptized 10 persons this morning viz. Matthew Hainsworth, Job Threapleton, Betty Jackson, Grace Parkinson, Hannah Keighley, Mary Threapleton, Mary Walton, Tabathe Proctor, Mary Read, and Lister's wife of Rodley, who should have been baptized a month ago.

3rd July 1843

David Hainsworth died aged. He was at London with me and came home by water. He was sea sick 12 hours, got a severe cold was

taken with inflammation last Friday or Saturday and died about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 today.

15th July 1843

Took Bett and went to Ilkley in company with Reuben Hainsworth, got lodgings at Old John Listers, and left on Monday evening arriving home about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 o'clock.

Mother and Isaac came back from Scarbro' where they have been staying about a fortnight.

Thursday, 21st July 1843

Took Bett and went to Ilkley the second time, and stayed until Saturday the week following. D. Smith came home on Monday before, leaving R. Hainsworth, J. Turner and E. Earnshaw who came to Leeds with me.

2nd August 1843

This evening being the church meeting 5 persons were baptized at Bagley Jesse Sutcliffe, Matthew Wade, Martha Myers, Lydia Brook and Martha Keighley.

5th August 1843

Finished making Hay. The last Field got in was the New Lay which had been in cock several days. I was at Leeds and bought a carpet bag and a New Hat. CB 8s. Hat 8s.

7th August 1843

Went to London in company with Richard Womersley, Martin Maud and several others. Lodged at the old Chesshire Cheese, Philip Lane. Bought 29 bales of wool and returned on Saturday the 12th inst. The wool as follows 15 bales at $\frac{1}{3}$ 4 @ $\frac{1}{2}$, 5 @ $1\frac{1}{4}$, 2 @ $1\frac{0}{4}$ and 3 @ $1\frac{0}{0}$.

14th August, 1843

Removed the stack from the stack yard over the wall to Ben's house end, because it was getting too warm.

11th August 1843

Sold our mare Bett to Mr. Ingham Listing maker Pudsey for £11 part to be had in Listing and part work.

19th August 1843

Father bought a cow at Hallcoates for £5, which gives 3 or 4 quarts at a meal.

Sunday, 20th August 1843

Maria Hainsworth, uncle John's daughter very ill. Charles at London with uncle Danial.

Wesleyan Anniversary of S. School Messrs. Felius and Spensley preaching collections £10.

21st August 1843

Old Mary, wife of Saml. Hainsworth, old fold, died aged

22nd August 1843

Old Whittam commenced papering the front parlour.

21st August 1843

Gave J.C. orders for Bd and Chrs.

30th August 1843

Commenced cutting oats in the Long Field but gave over after mowing a hand, they not being quite ripe.

31st August 1843

Cut a land of wheat next the Long field in the Top Ing.

Father bought a horse of Wm. Ingham for £8.10s on Lee Fair day, about a fortnight ago.

4th September 1843

Farsley Feast. Finished harvesting oats in the Long Field. Somebody stole a hattock last night or Saturday night from the far side.

Took Ned Hardaker to York for stealing. Fetched a warrant for Jno. Wood for trespassing in the Top Wood.

8th September 1843

Commenced sheaving oats in the top Ing which is now ripe.

13th September 1843

Finished cutting wheat in the Three day work and bottom Ing.

14th September 1843

Gave notice of "&c." at Bradford.

Saturday 16th September 1843

Gave notice at Leeds.

Sunday, 17th September 1843

This morning a horse fell opposite our house and broke its knees in a dreadful manner. In the gig cart was nine persons. The driver flew out and stunned himself by the fall, but was not much worse.

17th September 1843

P.M. Mr. Dutton from Jamaica preached at Bagley on behalf of

the missions. Collection £5. 0. 0. In the evening it lightened most terrifically, and thundered to the westward, but past without coming here.

18th September 1843

Latter Lee Fair, Corner went with Fan and sold her to a man from Huddersfield for about £8.

22nd September 1843

Father bought a brown horse at Otley for £10.15.0.

23rd September 1843

Isaac fetched his bee hive from the Ling and bought another on the road home for 16/6 which weighed 33lbs. His old one weighed 47lbs.

25th September 1843

Took the old hive, and got 24lbs. of honey, but only about 4 or 6ozs. wax.

25th September 1843

A meeting was held in the top school for the purpose of altering Rehoboth Chapel and making a new school. The amount subscribed at the meeting was

27th September 1843

Peter Marshall married to Rachael Threepleton at Leeds and Charles Child married to ----- Waterhouse of Stanningley at Bradford.

28th September 1843

Strong white frosts the first actual frost this season.

29th September 1843

Sold the old cart of £1.0.0

29th September 1843

Ben Keighley commenced spinning for a blue after the Pudsey
sort. Warp 21 Weft 20 Length (22) Weight 13 2
'sken' 'sken' ft. ins. 'when' lb.

7th October 1843

Very good market at Leeds. After I got home a coach horse
fell opposite our gate and the other two had it under their feet.
The horse was hurt but not killed,

News of the loss of the Memnon Steamer bringing the overland
mail.

Monday, 9th October 1843

I got married to Sarah Lawson, daughter of Wm. Lawson, Rodley,
D. Smith and I met herself and sister at the Rock went to Bradford with
Cockhill in Omnibus, were married by Mr. Foster at Westgate, came to
Leeds Exhibition at at 4 o'clock and got back to Rodley at about 10 o'clock.

10th October 1843

Went to Leeds with Wm. Lawson and sold 10 ends to Mr. Sykes.

11th October 1843

Mother made a tea for a large number of females consisting of
relations, workmen's ladies, etc. and my wife was fetched in the

9th November 1846

Mary Waite, daughter of Benjamin Waite, was buried. She had been very ill for a long time of an abscess.

7th November 1846

Brother Isaac went with Adolph Ivor to Germany.

10th November 1846

Very bad market at Leeds. Sold 2 ends to Ibbotson at 6/4. Fine day. Leeds Fair. Great many folks.

20th November 1846

Elizabeth Lawson died this morning after a months illness from fever. Annie came home from Wakefield a few days ago. Brother Isaac came home from Germany. He states that the Germans have an advantage over us in the slubbing and spinning but in nothing else, connected with cloth making. They send their wool to the mill dyed and get it back in yarn at about $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per skein let the length be what it may.

23rd November 1846

Elizabeth Lawson buried at Bagley. Went to her funeral with Sarah, her mother could hardly leave the grave and was sore distressed. Her sister Annie is also utterly disconsolate, poor Annie she indeed feels a sisters love and a sisters sorrow. Elizabeth was 19 years old last March.

Matthew Coates of Pudsey died this morning. He has been some time ill of fever, his loss will be severely felt in the neighbourhood as he made a great deal of cloth. He is reported to have made his will of £3,000 and has left

afternoon, but did arrive till later.

Tuesday 17th October 1843

Went to Leeds from Rodley. A heavy snow had fallen in the night so that it was very wet and sloppy walking. This is the first snow after two or three nights of severe frost, being 8 days earlier than last year. I sold 4 ends to Mr. Sykes who told me to make no more of that sort this year.

27th October, 1843

The Bishop of Ripon came to consecrate and open the new church at Farsley. Mother and Isaac went, but I stayed at my work.

27th October 1843

Yesterday Isaac took a stand situate in Queen Street above ours, belonging to one Armistead of Pudsey, rent 9/6.

Put the Dahlias into sawdust for the winter.

29th October 1843

Farsley new church opened. The Rev. Samuel Redhead preached in the morning. Archdeacon Musgrave in the afternoon, and the intended minister in the evening. The collections of today and Friday amount to £64.8.0 In the afternoon great alarm was caused by the breaking of a wooden flange on one of the pillars under the gallery. Many people rushed out of the church and several articles were lost, but nobody materially injured.

Trade is on the revive. Yesterday and last Tuesday were two good markets, especially for Beavers, Most people are now fully

a time revived.

Thos. Parkin killed 2nd pig which weighed 19-11 long weight.

24th November 1843

Last night Mary Oddy of Wood Nook, died from the effect of scalding which she got on Tuesday or Wednesday last week. Deceased was about 7 or 8 years old.

John Corner brought a piece for me to take to Leeds next Saturday.

Tuesday 28th November 1843

Went to Leeds and sold my light brown purnell (my first beaver) to Mr. Barnes, Pro Gott. It measured 43 yds. being 45 on the tenters. Price 5/5.

Sunday 26th November 1843

A pretty little black and white dog came to our house and would not leave. We named him Pompey.

28th November 1843

Went to see Mr. Shaw the Great Magician at the Music Hall. The Public Exhibition closed last Saturday.

29th November 1843

The Itinerant Missionary meeting held at Bagley. Speakers Bishops, Liddle, Pottinger, and Colcroft, and Messrs. D. Hainsworth and Burton. Chairman Mr. Foster Collection

Sunday, 10th December 1843

Mary Hannah (my daughter) was born at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dr. Wilson of Horsforth in attendance.

Tuesday 12th December 1843

Staid again at Leeds to receive a lesson on Phonography being the 3 time that I have staid for this purpose.

Sold nothing today.

Monday 11th December 1843

I went with David Smith to Bradford to give notice of marriage between him and cousin Elizabeth Hainsworth.

14th December 1843

John Saunderson's little girl got very ill burnt.

This morning John Wade's wife died having got her abed a short time before.

15th December 1843

John Saunderson's child dead.

19th December 1843

Sarah my wife got up for the first time and stayed up two hours without being sick. Sold 12 ends at Leeds to Mr. Sykes.

20th December 1843

Re-entered the Society at Uncle Daniels.

20th December 1843

About this time John Corner ploughed up the far side of the new lay or first pasture.

23rd December 1843

A very bad market at Leeds. Bought a cap off William Lawson for 1d.

24th December, 1843

The old cow calved a white calf which was a white. William Varley preached at Bagley a good sermon from 1st Phillipians the sixth verse.

25th December 1843

This being Christmas Day tea parties were held in Farsley and Rodley Schools in aid of the Benevolent Society. Proceeds £8 Rodley £2 and Farsley £6. Father sold the calf for 8s.

26th December, 1843

Bought a chair at Leeds for 11s. Sold nowt at the market which was a very bad one. Stayed at a Temperance Meeting at the Music Hall and heard Mary Barlow from Bramham and Mary Harding from Suffolk.

25th December, 1843

Christmas. Maria Kendall married to a butcher from Bradford.

26th December 1843

Anne Booth of Rodley married to Henry Galloway of Pudsey.

30th December, 1843

Bought 11yds. of bed ticking at 1/2 per yard. Sold 12 ends blue cloth to Mr. Sykes.

1st January 1844

This morning was rather cold and about half past 9 a little snow fell. My wife was rather better than last week.

9th January 1844

Got an order for 30 pieces of brown and olive double milled cloth at $4\frac{5}{4}$ per yard off Mr. Bykes.

10th January 1844

Went to Bradford and bought 3 sheets of wool at Prospect Mill at 1/7 per lb. to make an order of. Hired a hackney coach at Gledhills to go to Farsley and Ilkley for 32s.

11th January 1844

David Smith married to my cousin Elizabeth Hainsworth at Westgate Chapel and went to Ilkley when Mary Lawson and I came and left David and wife at Mr. Rhodes. In the morning got tea at Uncle Johns.

24th January 1844

David Waite died from being drowned about a week since. Father summonsed for a jury man to William Sowdens on the 25th. Cleaned the house out to come and live at the little house off the end.

Sunday, 27th January 1844

My wife Sarah went to Chapel for the first time since our marriage.

3rd February 1844

I did not go to Leeds today. Wool Sales commenced at London on the 1st. I hear they are going 1d. or 1½d. higher.

Our servant left after staying a fortnight.

Bought a chest of drawers off Old Whittam for 3 yds. of green cloth and fifty shillings.

1844

Receipts for dyeing various colours

For Green per stone

Fustic 2lbs.

Allum 2lbs.

Extract of Indigo 2lbs.

For Scarlet per stone

Lat Dye 1lb. 8ozs.

White Argills 1 8

Lac Spirits 3 0

Young Fustic 8

Scucheon Heel 2

For Sky Blue per stone

Allum 1 8

Oil of Vitriol 1 0

Extract of Indigo 2 0

For (Lilac)?

Cutbear 2 0

Brown Argill 2

5th February 1844

Removed our furniture from Rodley to Mount Pleasant.

5th February 1844

Job Horn's child a son (Josiah) was born.

9th February 1844

Sarah and Mary Hannah removed from Rodley up to Mount Pleasant in the evening when it was very wet.

9th February 1844

Mally Lawson, Sarah's father's mother, died after being rather delirious for some time.

13th February 1844

Went to Leeds and sold 4 tweed ends 2 @ 1/9 2 @ 2s. to Mr. Sykes. When I got home my wife was very ill and her sister Mary came and stayed all night. Tried to dye sky blue and scarlet and succeeded. Father dyed a green and black with vi chromate, but the green was too light and the black too dark. Green 4lbs. vi chromate 45 logwood. Black 6ozs. chromate 56 logwood and 2 copperas.

16th February 1844

Jonathan Marshall died aged 71 years.

17th February 1844

Ordered a tweed gear off Timothy Kitson "80p 8q." Bought a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cwt. or 28lbs. of soap off Mr. Willey at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per lb.

18th February 1844

Martha Hollings died of croup aged 2½yrs. Elizabeth Lawson came up to our house the first time.

19th February 1844

Jonathan Ross filed a debt of £10,600 of which a mill company wanted £600, William Hirst £500, Schofield & Stone £300.

25th February 1844

Hostelman Yewdall died aged . He had been ill of smallpox about a week. Today has been wild and sunny and tonight is frosty. Stayed at home all day today, but went to hear Mr. Colcroft who preached from 44 Isaiah the 5th verse. Samuel Lawson, Sarah's grandfather, died after a few days sickness aged 83.

1st March 1844

This morning was very fine, the snow nearly all gone, it had covered the ground about a week. Very busy at Farsley mill this week with work from Pudsey and Calverley. Our blue trade very slack. The best at market is Black Beevers for the American trade. Sykes is buying browns and olives out.

9th March 1844

Went to Leeds and sold 8 ends blues and 8 rifles, but had only 2 of them there. Bought a sheet of noils off Dixon at 2/2 per lb.

10th March 1844

Mr. Foster preached Old Richard Tates funeral sermon from the 3rd chapter in Titus the 5th verse. Old Richard died on the 24th February

aged 72.

12th March 1844

Went to Leeds and sold 14 ends of cloth at 5/3 and one end of tweed at 2/1. Also 6 ends of an order of browns and olives. Got an order for about 40 ends of each again.

13th March, 1844

Went to Bradford and bought 7 sheets of noils, 4 of Eddisons No. 7s @ 1/8½, 1 of Garnetts Dado and 2 of Threwitts 1 @ 1/8½ 1 @ 1/8½. The cloth to be made this time at 4/6 per yd.=

19th March 1844

Thomas Smale began to be ill last Sunday and died in great pain today.

20th March 1844

Thomas Andrew and Eli Keighley went about collecting for Widow Smale today and got £5. 4. 0.

To=

Most perfect of thy sex, goodbye
Though lately met tis hard to part
Blessed youth whose lot it is to tie
The cords of love around thy heart.

Few are the maids whom I have known
In whom such beauties were combined
As those which are most richly strewn
Through every avenue of thy mind.

The noble features of thy brow
O'er which those flowing ringlets roll
Declare its generous falling glow
And reign supremely on thy soul

Thy sunny smile, thy wit, thy sense,
Thy modest mien thy artless glee
And most of all thy innocence
Which shines transcendent pleases me.

My best regard will always rest
Upon the youth whose happy life
Will be forever very blessed
By calling thee his loving wife

Then fare thee well love must thou prove
And heavenly bliss which none can tell
Save she who loves and is beloved
Again sweet maid I say farewell.

RGF

25th March 1844

Old [Skinnow] was buried today aged 82 years. His will was read and he had left the whole of his money and property to my Uncle Peter's eldest daughter Margaret on the death of his wife.

27th March 1844

Christopher Render died after a very short illness which was inflammation. Father got a potatoe pie in out of the garden and sold the potatoes at 6d. stone.

24th March, 1844

Mary Hannah our daughter was shortened this day being 15 weeks old.

29th March 1844

Got our little pig from Rodley

1st April 1844

Uncle Reubens daughter Mary Elizabeth was shortened. Jonathan Dowgill's funeral is to take place tomorrow, I am asked but have sent 2/= with Job Horn.

17th April 1844

Rebecca Keighley died of smallpox aged 4 years.

18th April 1844

Fetched a loom from Bradford Moor £4.15.0 also a new [rattle] 3s.

19th April 1844

Isaac and Corner went to Otley Show today, I stayed at home. Buried Rebecca Keighley this day at Bagley.

24th April 1844

Amos Keighley was married to Betty Wade of Cropper House. They were married at Westgate Chapel Bradford by Mr. Foster.

1st May 1844

Christopher Keighley married to Elizabeth Horn at the same place etc.

8th May 1844

In the morning fetched a loom from William Bentleys which cost £2.3.0 and an indigo chest which cost 7s. Removed out of the little house into the one which Beck's left last Thursday. Our new door was broken out last Saturday.

Got also my new Jenny from Joseph Maudes which is to be £9.15.0

Mary Hannah our daughter was innoculated for the smallpox.

14th May 1844

Removed from my old place in Queen Street Coloured Cloth Hall, Leeds, to the four stands which my father took in Change Alley. I sold in this my new place 2 ends to Mr. Sykes of blue at 5/4 and 2 ends of rifle to Mr. Brown at 6/=-.

14th May 1844

Bought my new stock at Barracloughs Leeds for 6/=- and my whip in Kirkgate for 9/=-.

Whit Monday 27th May 1844

I went to the Anniversary and we walked from the school to the chapel and from thence round Coal Hill to Club Lane bottom where the top school scholars left and went up to the school. I stayed at Rodley.

27th May 1844

William Carter Lane End married to Anne Farrer of Rodley.

28th May 1844

Sold 4 ends Brown to Mr. Sykes at 4/5. Went to the Zoological Gardens. A vast number present.

Hannah Lawson, Sarah's mother, scalded her foot by felling the coffee kettle off the rib at it.

1st June 1844

Mary Hannah, our daughter, got the first tooth.

2nd June 1844

Sarah and myself went to Woodhalls anniversary.

1st June 1844

Mary Hannah Varley or (Farrer) died after a long illness aged .

2nd June 1844

Benjamin Gott of Calverley was buried today, he died last Wednesday from wounds received on Monday at Bradford.

5th June 1844

Isaac's bees swarmed, these being the first he has had.

Sunday 16th June 1844

Mary and Annie Lawson came to our house with Grace Broadbent. This is the first time of Grace's coming.

20th June 1844

Isaac went to Harrogate in company with Ben Waite.

21st June 1844

Mother went to Ilkley. Father took Joe and her in a gig cart, but Joe came back with him and Mother stayed at Listers under the Cow.

22nd June 1844

Thomas Birdsalls wife left him this morning in consequence of a bat which he gave her for interfering with him for chastising his son Alfred.

29th June 1844

I went to Ilkley and stopped at Rhodes's but ate with my Mother at old Listers. Came home on Monday 1st July.

8th July 1844

David Keighley died aged . He has been very delicate ever since Josiah died.

10th July 1844

Commenced leading clover out of the ing which was mown last Friday the 5th inst. The same day my Mother came home from Ilkley.

Sunday 4th August 1844

Mary Keighley, daughter of Ephraim and Betty Keighley, Farsley Lane End, was buried at Bagley Chapel.

3rd August 1844

Isaac and George Stead and William Gaunt went with Isaac's bees to the Lane but one hive broke down as they went.

4th August 1844

Sarah went to Calverley Feast. I got dinner, tea and supper there also.

7th August 1844

I got invoiced for 4 bales of wool bought at London on the 31st July by Martin Maude. price 1/7½. The sales close tomorrow having sold 30,000 bales.

10th August 1844

Charles Smith, gardener for Mr. Peckover, lost his wife by death this evening. She got her baby a fine boy last Tuesday week.

17th August 1844

James Ross died after a very short illness of croup. He was the youngest son of Joseph Ross top of Farsley. Same day Hannah Wood died. She was the daughter of Sarah Wood who married William Busfield.

I got the last 2 bales of wool from London at 1/7½ bought by Martin Maude.

31st August 1844

Finished leading the harvest season. The last field which was led was the near side of the new lay

3rd September 1844

Finished cutting oats and wheat. Oats in the long field, three day work and new lay. Wheat and the three day work. Good crops.

1st September 1844

Betty Lee married Harry Harold Westerby

2nd September 1844

Sam Farrer went to get married to Annie Busfield but ran away when the minister was putting the ring on her finger.

Wednesday 11th September 1844

I went with Uncle Peter and Father Lawson to Malham Weir. We stayed till Monday, 16th. We went by Burnsall and Skythornes, but came back by Skipton.

Tuesday, 15th October 1844

Bad markets Mr. Sykes buying very little and wanting to lower at least 3d. per yd.

Wednesday 16th October 1844

My wife was taken very ill this morning and was compelled to go back to bed.

17th October 1844

Her mother came to see her today and told her to be in bed, indeed she was in a lying in state.

Friday, 18th October 1844

Opened the Wesleyan Chapel, Farsley. In the morning and evening Dr. Beaumont from Liverpool preached and in the afternoon Mr. Evereth from York. Collection £69 odd.

Sunday, 20th October 1844

Mr. Dunn morning and evening and Mr. McEwan in the afternoon. Collection £81 odd. George Walker died this morning.

24th October 1844

Mr. MacDonald preached this evening to a good audience, from Isiah 64th Chapter 7th verse "There is none that stirreth himself to take hold of the Lord." Collection £33 odd.

31st October 1844

We, killed our little pig we got from Rodley. weight .
Ben Keighley's got a daughter and called it .

10th November 1844

Our Joseph taken very ill from a cold taken on the 5th of this month. The Dr. says it is a fever.

12th November 1844

Wm. Varley left his work in consequence of a continued pain in his side.

6th November 1844

Samuel Barker married to Grace Anne Turner daughter of James Turner, Farsley. They were married at the Leeds Parish Church.

16th November 1844

A very bad market at Leeds but I was not there. Isaac was there but sold nowt. Trade very bad up the hill and the mill has had to stand two or three times this week for work. Wool rather lower but not much. No 7s noil 1/9 per lb. No. 8s 1/11 per lb. Wades no. 12s 1/11, Rands no. 6s 1/9½,

7s 1/11, 8s 2/=-, 9s 2/1½, Willets no. E 1/9, D 1/11.

20th November 1844

My wife went to her fathers.

Reopening of Rehobeth Chapel for Divine Service after having been considerably enlarged. Mr. Birchall preached in the afternoon from Revelation 5th chapter 11th and 12th verses. Collection £30.12.5½ and in the evening Mr. Giles Pertwee Leeds, preached from the 5th chapter Corinthians (a) 13th verse - "For whether we be beside ourselves" etc. collection £29. 3. 6. I collected in the afternoon, the first time in my life.

24th November 1844

Continuation of the re-opening services. Mr. Roe preached in the morning from the 49th Psalm 8th verse - "The redemption of the soul is precious". The women collected this morning £72.15.5½. Afternoon Mr. Dawson from Bradford preached from 1st chapter 1st Peter 12th verse - "which things the angels desired to look into". Collection £45.4.0. Mr. Dowson £5. total £50. 4. 0. And in the evening Mr. Roe preached from 26th Psalm 8th verse - "Lord I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honour dwelleth. Collection £54.10.9½.

26th November 1844

Mr. McDonald from Wakefield preached from 10th chapter of John 10th verse - "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly" £35.14. 0. On summing up particularly the collections were found to be £275.14. 0. subscriptions £508. 0. 0, total £783.14. 0

David Smith's wife Elizabeth was brought to bed of a son which they

named John Hainsworth Smith.

Joseph Stricklands wife (Aunt Betty) was brought to bed of a daughter which they named .

I went to Leeds and sold 2 ends of blue cloth to Mr. Barlow of but took them back because they wanted to call them $\frac{1}{2}$ yd. less than they were. Price 4/6 per yd. made of the wood 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ noils 2/4. My daughter Mary Hannah rather poorly today from cold.

1st December 1844

Trade still very flat but our sort of light blues pretty good to sell.

3rd December 1844

A rather better market at Leeds. Sold nothing.

4th December 1844

Went to Bradford and bought 19st. wood no. 13 noils at 1/11 and 1 Sheet Willet no. E noils at 1/9. Ordered 2 sheets more. Wool rather firmer.

6th December 1844

Got our new stove which cost 10/2 piping. Very cold today and a strong frost all the day which is the first strong frost this season.

8th December 1844

A cold frosty day. Went to Bagley Chapel in the morning and heard a student preach a good sermon from these words "I am not ashamed of the Gospel etc." At noon, a little before the afternoon service some alarm was occasioned by some shavings taking fire which had been left near the flue, but it was got out without any damage.

Charles Mellor died this morning about 3-o o'clock. Snow began to

fall this evening which is the first that has fallen this winter. Aunt Hannah came back from Yeadon last Tuesday after staying a long time. Mary Elizabeth Hainsworth, daughter of Uncle Reuben and Aunt Mary died last night aged 1 year and a few weeks. She was about 9 weeks older than our Mary Hannah.

20th December 1844

Opening of the new organ at Farsley new church which cost £130. They had got by subscription from £70 to £100.

22nd December 1844

Continuation of the organ opening. The amount of collections is about £50. I did not attend.

1st January 1845

Mother's birthday, she had a party of women to tea. Annie and Elizabeth Lawson came to our house to tea.

13th January 1845

Rehobeth new school was commenced in the new schoolroom under the Chapel. Under the tuition of Mr. Garforth from Borough Road School, London. This week there was about 140 scholars.

30th January 1845

This week there were in the new school 160 scholars. The evening school has also commenced this week with about 80 scholars.

24th January 1845

Benjamin Johnsons goods were sold by private contract, the old man having been buried only a day or two ago.

26th January 1845

This morning was ushered in by a violent gale of wind which was strong about 7 o'clock. About that time part of the windows of the Wesleyan Chapel Farsley, were blown out and the slates had to be tied down or they were likely to go also. Rehobeth Chapel did not suffer much, only a few squares of glass broken by the shutters. In the afternoon Mr. Fox preached at Rehobeth from the 16th chapter of 1st Corinthians the 14th verse "whatever I do let it be done in charity".

27th January 1845

The first real covering of snow this season.

1st February 1845

Went to Leeds but sold nothing.

Isaac sold 2 ends to Mr. Ibbotson of blue @ 5/9 and 2 to Mr. Pawson of rifle @ 5/=. Wool sales going higher at London.

Emma Andrews died aged 19 years.

John Gaunt and Betty Hollings went to Bradford to buy a ring to get married on Monday but lost each other before they got it bought and Betty came home crying.

3rd February 1845

Caroline Inchcliffe came to live at my fathers but only stayed a week.

This week, perhaps Thursday, my wife's sister Annie got scalded by her sister Elizabeth with some coffee.

8th February 1845

Mr. Foster preached old Ben Johnson's funeral sermon.

The day was very cold and at noon the snow began to fall and continued all day until we went to bed when it still seemed like snow.

16th February 1845

Thomas Walker died after a long illness. He was found dead in bed this morning.

17th February 1845

Opening of the Methodist Infant School. Mr. Hardcastle preached yesterday two sermons. Mr. or rather Dr. Newton preached tonight from Hebrews 10th chapter 35th verse "Cast not away therefore your confidence which hath great recompense of reward". The collections amounted in all to £40. 7. 9.

26th February 1845

Hannah Walker, daughter of Reuben Thomas Walker, was buried at Bagley. She had been ill a long time.

Uncle John Hainsworth is very ill and they sent today for Mr. Rawson from Leeds to make his will.

Mr. Foster preached at our house in the evening from the 3rd chapter 2nd verse of the gospel by John "we know that thou art a teacher come from God". A very poor attendance.

27th February 1845

Thomas Hollings, son of Thomas Hollings of Woodhall Hills, died after a short illness during which he had scarcely any pain. He was at his sisters marriage but felt rather poorly.

Liverpool Wool sales commence tomorrow.

3rd March 1845

Bradford Fair. Mary Hannah our daughter commenced walking by herself. Very cold weather just now with hard frosts and a little snow.

8th March 1845

John Mathers, my wife's grandfather, died aged 78. He had been watering the cows and fell at the bottom of the field coming home. He was got into the house by Mary and his son Charles and died immediately.

13th March 1845

I went with my wife to her grandfathers funeral it was a very cold frosty day. Left Hannah at Rodley to wean. David Parish very ill of inflammation, in a very dangerous state.

17th March 1845

Hannah Hollings, wife of Thomas Hollings, died aged . Her daughter Annie is very ill. Benjamin Waite married to my cousin Rose Hainsworth of Farsley. My brother Isaac went to the wedding which was at Leeds.

Old Wells the paper man died last Saturday.

2nd April 1845

Mr. Foster was presented by the church with a silver teapot, a pair of silver spectacles and other articles which cost together £12. 7. 6 The sum which was given was £12.11. 0 so that there remains 3/6 in money.

19th April 1845

Aunt Hannah went to Yeadon with Isaac and Corner as they went to Otley and my Mother told her she would have her no more.

23rd April 1845

A public meeting was held in the village School Room Farsley to elect a committee of management for the weekday school and the following persons were appointed. Committee Daniel Hainsworth, George Andrews, Martin Wblton, Benjamin Hainsworth, John Turner, George Hainsworth Junior, George Hainsworth Senior, Isaac Keighley, Thomas Andrews, Josiah Fairbank, Jonathan Marshall, Daniel Hainsworth, John Hainsworth.

Sunday, 27th April 1845

Rev. Dr. Sharp from America preached at Bagley Chapel when collections were made on behalf of the Sunday schools. The amount collected was £18.10. 0 In the afternoon he preached from the 29th verse of the 2nd Chapter of the 1st Epistle of John. "If ye know that he is righteous ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him". In the evening he preached from the 4th verse of the 119th Psalm "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word".

14th May 1845

I went to London to the Wool Sales. We started from Leeds at half past six o'clock and arrived in London at about a quarter to eight.

West Riding Baptist Associations held at Farsley. The collections for the Itinerant Missions were £31.

George Wood married to Mary Carter.

20th May 1845

I returned from London having bought 10 bales of wool, 1 @ $1/3\frac{1}{2}$, 1 @ $1/4\frac{1}{2}$, 1 @ $1/6\frac{1}{2}$, 4 @ $1/8\frac{1}{2}$, 1 Cape $1/8\frac{1}{2}$, and 2 Spanish all William Hirst @ $2/3$. Left London at 7 got to Leeds at 10 fare each way 17s.2d.

16th May 1845

Wm. Varley went to preach a few months at Slack Lane.

Abraham Keighley began this day 26th May to weave at 7s. per week.

9th June 1845

The village school Farsley was re-opened by Miss Harding from Borough Road School, London. The village school is now for families.

For a good lasting red for 16lb wool boil in alum and then take about 8lb barwood, after which boil a little in about $\frac{1}{2}$ a pack of Killwood Spirits of Salts.

16th June 1845

Isaac started with Uncle Peter to Malham but it came on a very wet day.

17th June 1845

Weight of parlour range and grate etc. 172 lbs.

18th June 1845

Uncle John Hainsworths little child died last night.

29th June 1845

Betty Keighley, wife of Ephraim Keighley, died after a long illness. She was brought to bed of a girl about 2 months ago. The child is still living and it called Elizabeth.

Bramley Sunday School Anniversary. Mr. Lomas preached in the evening from the 24th chapter in Acts the 16th verse. Collections amounted to £12.

3rd July 1845

Nanny Hainsworth, wife of George Hainsworth, known by the name of Joseph George, died

2nd July 1845

I went to London for the fifth time.

6th July 1845

Returned from London by water. Fare to Hull 7/= from Hull to Leeds 5/=. I bought at London 11 bales of wool, 5 @ 1/7½, 5 @ 1/5½, 1 @ 1/4½.

8th July 1845

I was not at Leeds today and Mr. Sykes was not in the market in consequence of the death of James Brown the Master whom they buried today.

15th July 1845

Mother and Ben Hainsworths wife went to Scarborough. Father went with them but returned the next day.

21st July 1845

Isaac went to London to the wool sales.

23rd July 1845

Examination of the scholars of the weekday school. Mr. Hood from Leeds examined them. Collection £2.15. 0.

27th July 1845

Collections for the weekday school. Mr. Haiste preached in the morning and afternoon, and Mr. Scott from Cleckheaton in the evening. Collections morning £9. 0. 11, afternoon £13. 7. 0, evening £14. 0. 2½. total £39. 7. 0
Mr. Liddle preached in the evening in consequence of Mr. Scott not coming. His text was "the hairs of your head are all numbered."

Mr. Jeffries of Wood Nook died after a long illness aged 47.

Annie Riley declared herself to be innocent a few days ago.

28th July 1845

Isaac came from London after being there a week. He has bought 10 bales 3 @ 1/8½, 3 @ 1/7, 1 @ 2/5½, 1 @ 2/0½, 1 @ 1/4, and 1 @ 10½d.

Mother came from Scarborough on the same day. Finished leading except about 2 loads.

2nd August 1845

Mary Hannah our daughter got up on the stack when it had only about a load to have on to finish it.

8th August 1845

Sam Wood's mother died aged 80.

10th August 1845

Stanningley Baptist Chapel cleared from debt. Mr. Roe preached in the morning and evening and Mr. Edwards in the afternoon. The collections amounted to £100. which cleared off all the debt and tomorrow evening will be the thanksgiving meeting when Mr. Giles from Leeds will preach.

13th August 1845

Old Richard Carter, Farsley Lane End, was buried. Cut a hole from top to bottom of the large stack which was getting too warm and when they got into it it was found to be burnt almost black in the middle.

28th August 1845

Jeremiah Grimshaw married to Betsy Hudson of Bradford Moor.

R.P. Stubbs married to Jane Littlewood of Leeds.

Aunt Hannah Gaunt had a sort of a stroke which took away the use of her legs.

21st September 1845

Mr. Daniel from Ramsgate preached at Bagley Chapel on behalf of the Baptist Missions when the collection with that on Thursday night and contri-

butions amounted to £21.14. 6.

25th September 1845

My Mother died after a few months warning. She had been better this morning than for a considerable time before. I saw her about half an hour before she died when she seemed her ordinary state of health. She was about to smoke her pipe and had just given cousin Fanny Hollings a lecture on pride, when the pain shot through her head. She exclaimed "Lord, help me" and giving Mrs. Foster her pipe she said "Oh my head" which were the last words she spoke. I ran for the Dr. but before he arrived life was extinct. She was in her 49th year.

27th September 1845

Buried my Mother at Bagley Chapel. Mr. Foster officiated.

29th September 1845

John Broadbent and Annie Riley married at Leeds Old Church.

5th October 1845

Mr. Foster improved the death of my dear Mother by preaching an excellent sermon from the 5th Chapter of 2nd Corinthians the 8th verse "Absent from the body present with the Lord". In the course of his sermon he stated that it was 15 years this day since my Mother was baptised. Today was dry after 2 or 3 days of almost uninterrupted rain and the river yesterday was almost brink full.

15th October 1845

Got a brushing machine off Sunny Bank Mill which brushed one of my ends the first it brushed.

18th October 1845

John William my son was born this morning about half past 12 o'clock Mr. Lambert of Farsley was in attendance. The London Wool Sales are going on and the wool is going off rather briskly at about the lowest sales rates. Very bad markets at Leeds. I have not sold anything since the sixth of last month, but Isaac sold for me 6 ends a short time ago at 4/11. Railway speculation is now at its height and the Leeds Mercury is filled this day with the most doleful apprehensions for the prosperity of the country. The allotment of the Midland and Thirsk Junction shares came out last Saturday and Monday and a good many shares have come into Farsley and Pudsey. Uncle Peter got 15, Daniel 50 (he is on the Provisional Committee) and John 15. There were very bad accounts from Ireland of the crops ^{OF POTATOES} being spoiled by the epidemic which is raging in almost all parts of the world. They are now 7d. per stone. Flour is 2/10 the best.

Finished leading corn. The last out was the far side of the new lay which was oats. We have three small stacks and the barn is full. I have now about 60 ends of cloth including those in work.

Richard Varleys son, Frederick was born last night.

12th November 1845

Eli Keighley married to Mistress Jeffrey of Woodnook after a very short courtship. Her former husband Mr. Jeffrey having died on the 27th July.

2nd December 1845

Rather better market at Leeds than during the last few weeks. Cloth is 1/6 per yard lower than in August last. Isaac got an order off Henry Sykes for 24 ends of light blue 12 at 6/= 12 at 6/6 per yd. I sold 8 ends to John Sykes 2 rifle 4/6 6 blue 5/9.

3rd December 1845

The ground was covered with snow this morning, being the first snow this season.

Joseph Waite and Mary Taylor were married last Monday.

I went to Bradford and bought 8 sheets of woods and 12 nails at 1/11 per lb. David Smith bought 2 sheets. Jeremiah Grimshaw 2 sheets, William Wade 2 sheets, William Wilson 20 sheets, James Barnes 20 sheets, John Womersley & Co. 20 sheets and Fairbanks 5. Fairbanks had meant to have had 30 but could only get 5.

6th December 1845

Been at Leeds but have sold nothing, there has been as good a market as they have had for some time, but not better than Tuesday.

A report has been prevalent during the week that Sir Robert Peel intends to propose the total repeal of corn laws and this is corroborated by the papers today. The report is taken from the London Times. It is however contradicted in the second edition of the Mercury on the authority of the Standard.

Much anxiety yet prevails with regard to the Oregon question and the latest accounts from America have no better appearance. It is thought that the repeal of the corn laws would go far to prevent a war.

13th December 1845

News this day of the resignation of Sir Robert Peel. The reason of his resigning is said to be that he could not agree with his colleagues on the question of the corn laws. Sir Robert Peel is said to be fully in favour thereof but the Duke of Wellington will not agree. Lord John Russell has been sent for by the Queen and empowered to form a ministry; whether he will do so or nor remains to be seen.

I have been at Leeds today but have sold nothing. There has been a very bad market and the trade is not expected to improve until the Government gets settled.

David Marshall's mistal was discovered to be on fire this morning about 10 o'clock by Joseph Whittaker. The mistal was burnt but the cows were got out. It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Elizabeth Smith, Aunt Sara Hollings and John Ibbotson were baptised last Church Meeting.

17th December 1845

County Meeting at Wakefield for the repeal of the Corn laws. I went with Uncle Peter and others from Farsley to Leeds and from thence by Railway. The train was to have started at 9 o'clock but we did not get off until 11 o'clock and the train there was about 35 carriages and 3000 persons. The meeting at Wakefield was immense. The day fine until 2 or 3 o'clock when it began to rain. When we arrived at Leeds about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 the ground was covered with snow which continued to fall all night and on the morning of the 18th it lay thick on the ground, the heaviest this season. Father sold the cow for £15 he is now without milk and has to buy off Mistress or rather Mr. Eli Keighley of Woodnook.

25th December 1845

Very fine day, more like the 1st of April than December.

Went to Rodley Tea party in the evening where we had a very good tea and a good Meeting after. The surplus of the Rehobeth and Rodley parties were: Rehobeth £6. '6. 0 Rodley £1.11. 0 total £7.17. 0. In the morning I assisted Father to get the corn stack into the barn which was very dry.

1st January 1846

Very fine day but colder than Christmas Day. A tea party was held in the Wesleyan School Room in aid of the Female British School when upwards of 200 tickets were sold which in addition to those who paid at the table amounted to £ . We had a very good tea which was found by the Waites.

6th January 1846

Mary Taylor, wife of Frederick Taylor, died after a very long illness aged 31.

18th January 1846

Mr. Foster improved the death of Mary Taylor this afternoon from the following words which are in the 88th Psalm, the last verse "Lover and friend hast thou put far from me and my acquaintance into darkness". Mr. Lord preached in the evening from the 1st Corinthians 1st chapter the 23rd verse "But we preach Christ crucified"

20th January 1846

Sally Mathers died aged .

22nd January 1846

Mary Ann Lawson, daughter of John and Mary Lawson, died of measles.
She was of the same age as our Mary Hannah.

23rd January 1846

Leeds West Riding Bank stopped payment of cheques today but are taking up their notes. I have in £300 and Father has £400. We can get nothing.

24th January 1846

Went to Leeds and sold 4 ends drab to Mr. Sykes @ 5/= and 2 ends belonging to Isaac Gaunt of Cote which were the first he has made all his own. They are rifles at 5/3. Also sold 2 browns to Mr. Charles @ 5/9 the first time I have traded with them and they wanted me to let them have more.

19th February 1846

Father s~~ow~~ wheat at Cote and he s~~ow~~ about 3 strokes.

18th February 1846

A Public Dinner was held at the Fleece Inn in Farsley this evening when about 80 sat down. After the dinner a meeting was held to commemorate the return of Lord Morpeth for the West Riding of Yorkshire. And also to take into consideration the building of the Town Hall.

20th February 1846

Christopher Jeffreys Junior, son of the late Mr. Jeffreys, died after a short life of sickness aged about 9 months.

Sunday, 1st March 1846

Very fine day. Indeed the last month (February) has been such a month as is not remembered by anybody, fine mild and open weather and the fields are in a more forward state now than they were on May day the year before last, that is 1844.

4th April 1846

Went to Leeds but sold nothing. Got the first burlings at Sykes, the shorts amounted to about 6d. per end without extra burling. It began to snow coming home and continued till bedtime when the ground was completely covered.

10th May 1846

Aunt Hannah Gaunt died at Yeadon at her daughter Betty's house. She had been better during the week than for some weeks past.

23rd May 1846

Fieldhouse, my cousin Elsie Fieldhouse's child got drowned aged 1 year 7 months.

Finished setting potatoes yesterday and the three day work.

26th May 1846

News of the birth of the Princess Elizabeth in Leeds today.

Went to Leeds and sold 4 ends black to Mr. Jordan at 6/8. A very bad market and cloth getting worse to sell. Wool is selling lower at London.

28th May 1846

James Craven brought the gravestone and placed it over Mother's grave.

The Corn Bill read the second time in the House of Lords and passed by a majority of 27.

29th May 1846

A very fine warm day. Father bought a red and white cow off Jim Bradley Yeadon for £13. Called at Calverley and paid James Craven £6.15. 0 for gravestone.

Whit Monday 1st June 1846

John Smith my cousin came over last Saturday and went with me to the Sunday School Anniversary today. We walked from the Chapel up Farsley through Stanningley past the Baptist Chapel, Bramley and down to Rodley where John and I took tea. The day was exceeding warm.

2nd June 1846

John Smith went home. I went to Leeds but sold nothing. There was a very bad market.

3rd June 1846

Dog Pompey came this week.

Associated services at Bradford. I went in the morning with Annie and Elizabeth Lawson and heard Mr. Brett preach in Westgate Chapel from the 21st chapter Revelations the 26th verse "There shall be no night there". Sarah came at noon and in the evening we went to Salem Chapel and heard Mr. Brill preach a very good sermon from the 2nd Ephesians 19th verse "The Household of God". Day very fine and hot.

4th June 1846

John Corner went to Atherton Fair and sold the horse which father and he joined of for £17. 5. 0. and then bought another for £8.10. 0 which is rather lame and very poor.

10th June 1846

Martha Whitaker, wife of Joseph Whitaker of Farsley died after a protracted sickness. Aunt Lydia and Sally Hollings came and divided Mother's clothes.

12th June 1846

Hannah Gaunt, daughter of Cousin John and Betty Gaunt, Woodnock, born about breakfast time.

22nd June 1846

Went to Liverpool with Uncle Daniel and co. Isaac also went. I bought 8 bales of wool 4 at $1/1\frac{1}{2}$, 1 @ $1/-$, 1 @ $1/3$ and 2 @ $1/5\frac{1}{2}$. Isaac bought 4.

28th June 1846

Bramley Baptist Chapel opened. The services commenced on Friday the 19th and concluded today. The whole amount of the collections was £405. 0.10. Dr. Cox preached the last sermon from 1st John 1st chapter 7th verse "For the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin".

Father Lawson and wife went to Clayton to the funeral of her mother's sister who was 91 years old.

29th June 1846

Commenced mowing the ing and finished leading on Friday the 3rd July.

3rd July 1846

Isaac Hainsworth, son of old Isaac Hainsworth, my Grandfathers brother died aged about 22.

31st July 1846

Hannah Naylor wife of Jeremiah Naylor died after a protracted illness aged 33.

24th July 1846

Jeremiah Grimshaw's wife got her bed of a daughter. Also Joshua Fairbanks and Martin Walton both got daughters.

5th August 1846

Free Trade Dinner held at Farsley to celebrate the passing of the Corn Bill. The dinner was prepared by Charles Fewster and eaten in a tent fixed in John Busfields field and about 360 took dinner. The tickets were sold at 9d, each to the working people and the remainder furnished by subscription.

13th August 1846

David Smith's, my friend, wife was delivered of a daughter which they call

14th August 1846

A very wet day and very cold for the season. The wind blew the old haystack over this evening.

22nd August 1846

Went with my wife and children to see Mr. Smith. Lost Sarah when we started back and had to carry both the children home.

24th August 1846

John William my son began to be ill about 11 o'clock this forenoon.

25th August 1846

Father finished cutting oats in the long field. John William is worse today.

26th August 1846

John William much worse. I fetched Dr. Lambert this evening he is afraid the child's head getting worse. Has given orders for it to be bathed with cold water and salt.

29th August 1846

Went to Leeds and sold 2 ends to Mr. Beamont from Manchester. When I got home I found my son much worse. The Dr. seems to be of the opinion that the disease has got to be water on the brain. I very much fear he will not get better. The Dr. came again this evening and I went down for some fresh medicine and lotion to bathe his head with. I hope it will do some good which would greatly relieve his distressed mother and myself. We cannot tell what to

do, he takes no notice of anything. How I fear he is going to leave us.

30th August 1846

John William opened his eyes at half past 12 o'clock last night and has continued to improve till noon. After dinner he relapsed a little but was very much better this morning the 31st August.

Farsley Feast. Farsley was very busy this Feast. Isaac went to Scarborough on Saturday.

1st September 1846

John William much better today. Went to Leeds and left him playing with Mary Hannahs playthings. When I came home he was not quite as well. Much flushed. Bad cough but head cooler.

2nd September 1846

John William worse today and his cough is very bad causing him to vomit often. His head is also rather worse and he is much flushed at times. Dr. Lambert orders linseed tea which must be boiled along with raisins and Spanish juice. And William bathed with mustard and salt mixed with it.

25th October 1846

Rawdon Independant Chapel opened. The services commenced last Tuesday. There are to be 12 services before they conclude. I went this evening and heard Dr. Vaughan from Manchester. The place has cost £2050 and previous to this morning £1700 had been collected and promised leaving £350. Elizabeth Lawson, my wife's sister very ill of typhus fever. She began last Thursday after carrying Annie to Leeds who was going to Wakefield to live.

a wife in a state of pregnancy.

28th November 1846

Isaac went to London by the $\frac{1}{4}$ past 12 o'clock train after having measured 18 ends at Sykes at 5/3. These were sold last market day, we have neither of us sold any cloth today. A very bad market. This morning was the strongest frost there has been this season. The snow fell this evening about 4 inches deep, which is the first there has been.

George Hainsworth, son of James Hainsworth, firer at Sunny Bank Mill, shot his hand by accident on Friday.

18th December 1846

Thaw commenced today after three weeks of almost uninterrupted frost, at least the ice had never been all gone.

2nd January 1847

Daniel Hainsworth, my uncle, had an apoplectic fit this evening after Priscilla had gone to bed. He got to bed of himself, but was very poorly next morning. Mr. Light and Miss Varley got married this week.

22nd January 1847

Public Meeting in the top School Farsley, to choose Trustees to whom the premises might be legally conveyed. I was one of the persons chosen along with Daniel Hainsworth, Peter Hainsworth, Reuben Hainsworth, Benjamin Hainsworth, George Hainsworth, John Smith, George Andrews, Martin Walton, Joshua Fairbank, Jonathan Marshall, John Cockshott.

23rd January 1847

Uncle Peter paid the sum of £10.12. 6 to the Leeds Baptist Committee for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland this day. This sum was collected by myself and my friend David Smith in Farsley and neighbourhood. Besides which Joseph Farrer has collected the sum of nearly £45 which with £8 from the Friends make about £63.10. 0 collected in this village. We also got a few pounds for the Relief of the Poor in the village but we shall perhaps do a little more. Our present amount is about £6. Very dark cold weather and provisions very high and little work for the poor. Flour 3/2 per 14lb. Oatmeal 4/= per 20lbs. Malt 5/= per stone and potatoes 1d. per lb.

15th February 1847

A meeting was held in the Methodist School to take into consideration the state of the poor, when it was resolved to open a subscription and the sum of £26.14. 0 was subscribed. The poor of Farsley is in a very bad state. No work and dear food. Potatoes £1 per load, flour 3/2 per stone meal 4/= per peck.

21st February 1847

Joseph Slater, son of Elijah and Mary Hannah Slater, was born. They were married about the 5th of October last.

27th February 1847

Better market today than for severel months past. I sold nothing, Isaac sold 2 ends to Sykes at 5/=.

4th March 1847

Messrs. Glover Brothers absconded and the police were sent to search for them. They were found to have forged bills to a considerable amount, some say upwards of £10,000.

13th March 1847

Wm. Lawson, my wifes father, took the farm at Rodley belonging to Dr. Grenoble. He has engaged to pay for land £108 per year. The farm contains about 30 acres of land besides houses which let for £29 per year.

25th March 1847

Finished setting potatoes in the three day work. Oats were finished last week.

Sam Wood taken very ill. He was at his work but had to be got to father's bed, got rather better at noon and was carried home in the cart.

28th March 1847

Sunday School Anniversary for the three schools. Mr. Dowson preached in the afternoon from the 29th Chapter of Deuteronomy 29th verse "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God" etc. And in the evening Dr. Godwin preached from the 18th chapter of Genesis 14th verse "Is nothing too hard for the Lord". The collections amounted to £13. 7. 7. The day was very wet, heavy rain and sleet falling all the day, in the evening it took up and is like for frost.

2nd April 1847

Joseph Hainsworth, son of John Hainsworth, known by the name of Landlord

John died. Very cold wild day, much hail and snow, the ground was covered both this morning and also yesterday morning.

5th April 1847

Thomas Read died aged . He has been rather poorly for some time, but was walking out yesterday. He had a fit last night and died about noon today.

William Barmby also lies dead at the time.

9th April 1847

John William my son set off walking. He walked across the floor several times.

19th April 1847

John Wilson of Stanningley was buried.

22nd April 1847

Frederick Taylor married to Mary Lawson, my wife's eldest sister. They were married at the Registrar's Office, Park Row, Leeds. Flour this week at 3/2 and 3/= per stone of 14lb. Potatoes at 2/2 per 21lbs. Scarcely any work, particularly in Farsley where the mills are not running more than half time.

7th May 1847

Old Mary Marshall, wife of Jonathan Marshall, died after being ill a long time.

Went to help my wife's father to prepare land for potatoes. The field

prepared is called the stony field.

11th May 1847

Went to Leeds and sold 2 ends to Mr. Jordan at 5/6. This was one of the worst markets I ever saw, there being literally nothing doing. The corn market rose upwards of 10/= per quarter. I gave 3/6 per stone for flour on Saturday, I suppose this week it will be at 4/=.

24th May 1847

Eliza Corner, daughter of John Corner, died of consumption aged 20 yrs.

27th May 1847

Elizabeth Taylor born. Went yesterday to Leeds to the Baptist Association with my wife and her sister Annie.

1st June 1847

Mary Ann Littlewood, daughter of John Turner, and wife of William Littlewood, died aged . Went to Leeds and sold 8 ends to Henry Sykes. Corn fell in Leeds market 10/= per quarter. It fell also last week, and at London yesterday 15/=. Flour is now 3/= per stone. Potatoes much lower than they have been, and greens in abundance. Glorious weather. The crops are looking extremely well.

5th June 1847

Sam Dowgill, known by the name of "Bo" died after a few days illness. The cause of his death is said to be privation. Farsley is still in a very bad state and very little prospect of improvement. Flour is 3/2 per stone but

it is intended to rise it to 3/6 this day as it rose 5/= or 8/= yesterday at Wakefield.

8th June 1847

Went to Leeds, but sold nothing as there was a very bad market. Old Tom says worse than ever. Corn rose this day 10/= per quarter.

28th August 1847

William Wood married to Ann Fairbank at Westgate Chapel, Bradford, after which they went to Scarborough.

Martha Hollings, wife of John Hollings, died after a very short illness.

2nd September 1847

Went to Leeds and from there to Scarborough this morning with a cheap trip. I went in the 2nd class for which I paid 4/3.

6th September 1847

Returned from Scarborough. While there I met with a few very agreeable friends from Leeds with whom I spent most of my time.

7th September 1847

John Turner, known by the name of Great Turner, fell out of his cart and was very near being killed.

8th September 1847

Thomas Dibb died at Leeds Infirmary. He got lamed last week by a fall of earth whilst working at the Delph Ore Railway. The harvest is now almost all

got in which is very abundant and very well got. Flour is now 2/= per stone of 14lbs. and potatoes are selling at 9d. Father is selling his at 8d.

20th September 1847

Father sowed wheat in the long field from which he reaped a good crop of oats some weeks ago. William Barker of Bramley got married last Thursday with Miss Craven from Horsforth. Isaac went to Scarborough on Saturday.

28th September 1847

Benjamin Wade died aged . He had been a door keeper at Bagley Chapel a great number of years. Very fine weather. Father got done sowing wheat last week. Sarah's father bought a black horse at Idle for £16.

9th October 1847

Rev. Jonathan Eli, Independant Minister of Leeds, died after about a month's illness. He was 54 years old

15th October 1847

Jonathan Corner took his bed of fever.

25th October 1847

Jonathan Corner died this evening aged 47 years.

29th October 1847

Went with Bess Corner to Calverley to administer.

13th November 1847

Buried Martin Walton's wife who died on Thursday. Went to Leeds but sold nothing nor had a price bid. Rather better market. Prices very low, but wool very cheap. Dyed 2 cloths of wool yesterday which cost £16.

14th November 1847

John Hainsworth, son of Wm. Hainsworth died of scarlet fever aged 3½yrs. Isaac came from London about a week ago. He bought 15 bales. 5 @ 11½d. 2 @ 10½d. 4 @ 1/0½d. 3 @ 1/1 1 @ 1/1½d. Whole fleece except the 2 @ 10½d.

17th November 1847

First snow and first ice this season. Very little of either but very cold.

18th November 1847

Very strong frost and much ice.

1st December 1847

George Hainsworth, brother of my grandfather, died rather suddenly aged 76.

Influenza very prevalent. We all have it and my wife is very ill. Some people think it to be the forerunner of the Asiatic Cholera which has now advanced as far as Moscow in Russia.

4th December 1847

Went to Leeds but sold nothing, although there has been a rather better market than during the last few weeks.

Influenza is now almost universal both in Leeds, London and the Continent as well as Scotland.

9th December 1847

George Andrews of Farsley died after a long illness aged

24th December 1847

Nancy Cockshott, wife of John Cockshott, of Farsley, died after many years illness.

25th December 1847

Very dark day. Went to Bethel School to tea and the evening with John Smith.

26th December 1847

Wm. Varley preached three times at Bagley Chapel.

28th December 1847

Bess Corner had a County Court trial at Bradford with James Ingham about the horse which he had bought off Corner while living. The verdict was given against Bess. I appeared as a witness for her which is the first time I was ever in any Court.

29th December 1847

Elizabeth my daughter was born about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock this morning. Dr. Lambert in attendance from 6 o'clock, which was the 2nd time of his coming. This evening a snow storm set in after a very cold day.

30th December 1847

A very fine sharp day with snow about 6 inches deep. This has been a dreadful year for the mercantile world. Failures to an enormous extent have taken place, and most of those who have not failed have lost a great deal of money. I have this year lost £35, 0, 0.

1st January 1848

Susanah Wood, daughter of George Wood, died aged 1½.

8th January 1848

Better market at Leeds than we have had for a long time. The impression seems to prevail that we shall now improve.

1st February 1848

John Hainsworth Smith, son of David Smith, died of scarlet fever aged 3yrs. and 10 weeks. Hannah Gaunt, daughter of my cousin John Gaunt of Woodnook died 16th January.

31st March 1848

Mary Hannah Slater, wife of Elijah Slater, died after a long illness aged. Sarah my wife, was taken ill last Sunday, but is now rather better. First fine spring day this season.

2nd April 1848

Very fine morning, but it began to thunder about 10 o'clock and did not cease till 8 or 9 at night. Very heavy rain fell and many houses were flooded.

23rd, 24th & 25th June 1848

A dreadful insurrection broke out in Paris in which many 1000s were killed.

4th July 1848

Brother Isaac got married to Priscilla Hainsworth his cousin.

Tuesday 18th July 1848

Rev. Richard Winter Hamilton DD, LL.D., died of Erysipelas aged .

Thursday 3rd August 1848

Edward Baines Esq. Leeds, editor of the Leeds Mercury died aged 73.

9th August 1848

Wm. Walker married to Elizabeth Clarkson my cousin.

25th October 1848

Aunt Harriet Hainsworth, wife of my mother's brother John, died aged 47 years.

19th June 1849

Went to Beamsley in company with sister Annie and stayed there all night. On the next day we went to Malham where we met with David Smith, Brother Isaac, Lydia Hainsworth and Grayson Hainsworth. This evening we had a sail upon the lake which was very pleasant.

21st June 1849

Went up to Pen-y-ghent which was managed very well although the wind was very strong.

22nd June 1849

Returned to Beamsley and stayed all night but did not go up the Beacon as we were there very early on Wednesday morning.

23rd June 1849

Came home this evening after a most pleasant journey and delightful weather. Annie and Mary Cockshott and sister came a short distance but sister Annie fell out of the cart and then returned. She is not much hurt I think.

Walker, son of William Walker and Elizabeth was born about 11 o'clock am.

1st October 1849

Cholera appeared in Stanningley. The first death was a woman opposite the Druggist shop who had been to Hunslet and washed her sister who had died of the same.

2nd October 1849

Another case of cholera has occurred but I have not heard whether the woman is dead. She had helped to wash a woman who died yesterday.

Brother Joseph very poorly. Father fetched Dr. Lambert who says it is fever. He has not been well since Farsley Feast Tuesday at which time he had a bad fall from the cart and narrowly escaped with his life, as also did

Joseph Hainsworth and two of Reuben Hollings children.

3rd October 1849

A very cold day. This morning was frosty but it began to rain at 10 o'clock after which some snow fell, which is the first snow this season. Trade at the market is now very bad again. Wool is selling perhaps rather lower at London, but not much. Brother William Lawson has commenced learning phonography and seems to frame well.

22nd November 1849

Mary Elizabeth Hainsworth, daughter of Uncle Reuben Hainsworth was born.

Mr. Brook, schoolmaster of the National School at Farsley, got married to a lady at Huddersfield.

25th November 1849

Emily Gaunt, my daughter, was born this day at about twelve o'clock at noon.

4th December 1849

Lost 1 end white hair list from the Leeds Cloth Hall gates. Brother Isaac saw the carrier take it, but did not notice the name.

10th December 1849

Found lost end at King's Trading place. Taken by mistake.

12th January 1850

Wm. Nichols and self commenced spinning with 5 Frames in the middle room of Heather Mill at Willesden which we have taken at £80 per year, including 6 frames in the top room.

13th February 1850

John Womersley of Hillfoot, Pudsey died after about 6 weeks illness.

26th March 1850

Mrs. Foster, wife of Jonas Foster, died after about 2 weeks sickness which ended in an effusion of blood in the brain.

9th March 1850

George Hainsworth Gaunt, son of Brother Isaac was born.

28th July 1850

Benjamin Riley, my uncle, died after a tedious illness aged 66yrs.

12th October 1851

Louisa Gaunt my daughter was born at 9 o'clock am.

27th April 1854

Charles Gaunt, my son, was born at 10 minutes past 10 am.