

Life in Cloughfold late C19

“Cloughfold” in the mid-late C19 referred predominantly to the area now known as Higher Cloughfold, and certainly included this area.

This selection of extracts describes a fatal accident at Sion, the extent of gambling in the area, an account of one of the temperance movements, the landlord of the Red Lion being prosecuted for inaccurate measures and an assault on the same landlord.

Blackburn Standard 15 Sept 1852

DEATH FROM A FALL

On Monday last, an inquest was held before John Hargreaves, Esq, coroner, at the Red Lion Inn, Clough Fold, on view of the body of Edward Turner, joiner, aged 28 years, who met with his death by falling from the wall of a Baptist chapel, called Zion Chapel, at Clough Fold. One of the witnesses, Edmund Ashworth, was passing the chapel, on Thursay morning, when he saw the deceased on one of the walls of the building, which was in the process of enlargement. He took a few steps and then fell from the wall outside. Ashworth then went towards the deceased, and found him lying on some loose stones. He appeared to be quite dead. The body was taken to an adjoining schoolroom, where it was examined by Dr Taylor, who had been immediately sent for. He found that the jaw bone was broken and that the teeth were knocked out. The thigh also appeared to be broken. The deceased was removed to his sister's house, where he died in about eight hours after the fall. He was about to remove a beam on the wall with a bar of iron when the accident took place. The deceased has left a widow and three children. Verdict - “Accidental death”

Bury times 2 July 1859

GAMBLING IN ROSSENDALE

To the editor of the Bury Times.

Sir - I wish through your columns, to call the attention of the authorities to the fact that gambling is practised to a disgraceful extent at Clough Fold, near Newchurch. I never pass the place without seeing a number of juveniles pitching,

tossing, betting or pigeon-flying. There is also at the same place a tribe of men who play inordinately at cards all day on the Sabbath. If the police appointed to protect the above named village do not look to this, all I can say is, that they are neglecting their duty.

Yours &c.,

EXPOSURE

Holt Holme, June 22nd 1859.

Burnley Advertiser 17 Nov 1877

I.O.G.T.

The North East Lancashire District Council of Juvenile Temples held their quarterly meeting at Mount Pleasant School on Saturday. There was a very good gathering, the District Superintendent, Brother David Fish, of Padiham, presiding. There was also present, in addition to Burnley representatives other from Crook (near Wigan), Blackburn, Nelson, Colne, Sabden, Padiham, Rawtenstall, and Clough Fold. The Superintendent gave a statistical report showing that the membership during the quarter had nearly doubled. This encouraging report was accepted, as was also the report of the visiting superintendent, Bro Sanders, Burnley. Each Temple superintendent, or representative was called upon to give reports, and as one followed the other, in every case save one, it was noticed that an increase had taken place. The four-fold pledge of the Juvenile Templars, viz: - total abstinence from the use of intoxicating drinks, abstinence from tobacco and all other narcotics, and avoidance of profane language and gambling. These two latter pledges are more readily taken now than formerly, and it was thought that if Bands of Hope would adopt them, they would certainly be no worse for it. The secretary of the Bazaar, Bro Miller (Burnley), urged to close attention to the work of providing for the stalls, which should be well filled on the 14th of next month, as also should the Juveniles' Christmas Tree, a work which has been sadly neglected, and one which many believe a generous public would encourage and help the young folks on with. The meeting on the whole was a success, and was brought to a close about five pm, when all adjourned to tea. After tea a public meeting was held, when addresses were delivered by the chairman, Brother Sanders, the District Superintendent, and the District Chief Templar, Bro Thomas Shepley, the latter urging particular attention to the promotion of the Bazaar as a means of providing proper aid towards sending missions into the wide and wretched fields where intemperance abounds. Recitations, songs, and readings by young people followed in quick succession, and an enjoyable meeting was closed at

nine o'clock.

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES PROSECUTION AT ROSSENDALE.

At Rawtenstall on Thursday the following tradesmen were fined for offences against the Weights and Measures Act:- William Hudson, landlord of the Volunteers' Inn, Newchurch 2s 6d and costs in three cases, for unjust unstamped and illegal measures; James Lord, landlord of the Red Lion Inn, Higher Cloughfold, 2s 6d and costs in two cases for an unjust and unstamped pint measure, James Berry, landlord of the Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, 2s 6d and costs for an unstamped measure, Samuel Henry Holt, beerseller, Bank Street, Rawtenstall, 10s and costs for an unjust pint measure, John Lord, butcher, Newhallhey Bridge, Rawtenstall, 10s and costs for unjust scales; Wm. Holden, grocer and Robert Mountain, chemist, both of Bank Street, Rawtenstall 1s and costs for unstamped scales.

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BRUTAL ASSAULT ON A ROSSENDALE PUBLICAN

On Wednesday, at Rawtenstall, James Allen, stoker, of Cloughfold, was fined £5, including costs, for having assaulted James Lord, landlord of the Red Lion Inn, Higher Cloughfold. It was alleged that the prisoner entered the Red Lion on Tuesday night, and asked the landlord to 'strap' him a shilling's worth of drink. The landlord refused, whereupon the prisoner became very abusive, and was forcibly ejected from the house. A window was broken and the landlord went after the prisoner and told him that he would have to pay for the damage done, whereupon the accused knocked Lord down and kicked him about the head in such a savage manner as to cause unconsciousness.