

1868.

Death of James Lomax, founder of the "Stockport Advertiser"—February 12.

Town Council, by casting vote of Mayor, decided to purchase Crowther's dam and fields (now the Heaton Norris Recreation Ground) for recreative purposes—September 13.

Park Corn Mill destroyed by fire—October 22.

Presentation of Silverplate to Alderman H. Heginbotham (the Stockport Historian) by the inhabitants of the Borough during his Mayoralty—November 8.

1869.

Mount Tabor Chapel opened—May 14 (replaced old Chapel now Rechabites' Hall, opened 1798).

Baptist Chapel, Greek Street, opened—July 1, replacing a building (taken down) which was occupied by the Baptists from 1840.

1870.

The "Stockport Advertiser" first sent by the halfpenny newspaper post, just introduced—October 7.

Stockport School Board formed. First election—December 1.

1871.

Mansion House opened as a Central Conservative Club—June 29. It was built by Mr. William Wright, of Offerton Hall, for his town house.

Fall of Heaviley Mill, one man killed—November 8.

Barnes Home Industrial Schools, Heaton Mersey (erected by Robert Barnes, of Manchester), opened—August.

First steam fire engine purchased by the Corporation.

Foundation Stone of St. Matthew's Schools, Edgeley, laid by the Bishop of Chester—November 4.

Manchester and County Bank opened in Stockport—December, on taking over the Bank of Stockport established in 1836, at the corner of Bridge Street Brow. In 1868 the present premises in the Market Place were erected.

1872.

Silver Cup presented to Captain T. Hardcastle Sykes by the 20th Cheshire Rifle Volunteers—January 3.

Messrs. Houldsworth's New Cotton Mills at Reddish opened—January 30.

Jubilee of the "Stockport Advertiser"—March 29.

Public Meeting in favour of Free Library held—April 15.

Union Chapel, Little Moor, opened—June 7.

Foundation Stone of Union Chapel laid by Sir James Watts—June 27.

Opening of St. Luke's Church, Heaton Norris, by Bishop of Manchester—November 2.

Civic Chain presented to Stockport Corporation by families of past Mayors and Town Clerks—November 9. Formerly the Mayors wore a double chain of silver gilt, without badge or inscription, provided by the Lord of the Manor.

A new Town Hall first mooted.