

1887.

Sir Joseph Whitworth, the eminent engineer, whose grandfather was born in Stockport, and who bequeathed £10,000 to the Technical School, £1,000 to the Stockport Infirmary, and £1,000 to the Stockport Industrial School for Girls, died—January 22.

St. Andrew's Mission Church, Newbridge Lane, opened—March 23.

Old Stockport Theatre burnt down—August 26.

Meteorological Observatory presented to Vernon Park by Mr. Thomas Kay.

1888.

All Saints' Church, Heaton Norris, consecrated—February 21.

Bandstand erected in Vernon Park.

Telephonic communication established for fire alarm purposes.

Girls' Industrial School, Dialstone Lane, erected, the foundation stones of which were laid on October 27, 1887. Prior to 1888 the School was carried on in a building in Churchgate, subsequently used as a clergy house for St. Mary's Parish.

Williams Deacon's Bank, Ltd. (established 1771 as Williams, Deacon & Co., London), opened branch in Stockport—November.

1889.

Stockport made a County Borough—April 1.

Edgeley Park, the handsome gift of the Messrs. Sykes, opened to the public—May 1. An extension to it was opened May 2, 1903.

Decision to erect the bridge connecting the Fair Ground in Portwood with Millgate and Market Place—August 7.

Corporation purchase a farm at Cheadle Heath for sewage works—August 29.

Stockport Technical School opened—November 8, 1889, by Sir John Lubbock, the foundation stone being laid on September 8, 1888, by the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Polydore de Keyser). A new wing was added in 1915, the foundation stone being laid by Mr. Thomas Kay, J.P., on July 23, 1913, and the opening ceremony was performed by Mr. Samuel Kay, J.P., on November 5, 1915.

1890.

Lads' Club, Wellington Street, opened—June, the memorial stone being laid on September 14, 1889.

St. Stephen's Mission Church, Ridgway Lane, opened—November 6.

"Cheshire Echo" first published as a daily newspaper.

1891.

Lancashire Bridge rebuilt and reopened—February 11. There has been a bridge over the Mersey at this spot since 1372. The bridge as it existed at the beginning of the 18th century was blown down in 1745 to arrest the progress of the rebels. It has been enlarged several times.

Mitre Coffee Tavern opened—November 7.

1892.

Police Court Mission founded.

St. Thomas's Recreation Ground (10 acres) opened—October 22.