

Apr 17. ~~to~~ Tuesday, fine, S. W. by str. a.m. -  
Trade dull, & St Michael's parish meeting in the  
evening, I discuss the payd ways, & means of getting  
out of our present difficulties, & resolutions only  
when past, so great was the discussion as to the  
root of the evil, 1<sup>st</sup> that the parish should be actively  
cavalled in order to obtain subscriptions, for the  
purpose of liquidating the <sup>parish</sup> debt, and that the result  
should be reported to a meeting to be convened by  
the Archdeacon at some future date. (Mr March)  
& 2<sup>nd</sup> That in order to prevent a recurrence of the  
financial difficulties, which have arisen in the parish  
of clch. it is desirable to divide the parish, <sup>part & parcel</sup>  
both carried, after some discussion as to the advisability  
of electing vestrymen at this meeting, it was decided  
to adjourn till Friday <sup>evening</sup> next. Late Report Rev.

Apr 18. Wednesday, fine, S. W. in P. W. after 11 a.m.  
I Blew a gale towards evening, & dull hole in  
clouds & masted, sometimes in the dim light almost  
deceiving the eye as to whether or not a fine rayed.  
to Mr Trade fair, to Mr Mollitt in the evening &  
spent a pleasant evening.

Apr 19. Thursday. fine. S. W. Trade by dull  
clearing up <sup>the</sup> crockery place. & getting orders ready  
to the "Mechanics" in the evening, meeting of  
the Literary Society, subject of discussion, "that  
the reformation under Henry the VIII. was more  
political than religious." Mr Shelton opened  
it in the affirmative, he was of that opinion because  
it was brought about, through the desire of a  
Monarch, to gratify a sensual appetite, & through  
Wolsey's determination to revenge himself on the  
Pope, for being <sup>himself</sup> twice thrown out of <sup>his election for</sup> the Papal  
Seat, by another being elected, he considering  
himself adequate to fill it. Several argued for  
& against it, I opposed it on the grounds  
that no "political" reformation was brought  
about it was a "religious" one, it's true it caused  
an active str amongst those engaged in politics  
at that period; but they were driven on by  
a strong under current of religious feeling in  
the multitude, whose minds were gradually  
becoming enlightened & they <sup>never</sup> see that <sup>policy</sup> aimed  
too much to carnal aggrandisement,  
Many also had read the bible, & had heard