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November 1857.

A Ploughing Match Society started for the parishes of Tawstock, Fremington, Horwood, Newton Tracey and Alverdiscott held their first competition on November 19th 1857. The competition took place on Pristacott Farm in the parish of Tawstock. The dinner took place at the Hunters Inn, Newton Tracey, the chair being occupied by Mr Thomas D Hogg of Cross House, Newton Tracey.

May 1858.

A dwelling house at Charlacott in the parish of Tawstock in the occupation of Mr Joseph Symons was destroyed by fire. The major part of the household furniture was saved, but an old mattress which was brought to the head of the stairs was left to its fate, as it was found difficult to remove it. It subsequently transpired that the farmers wife prior to setting out for Barnstaple market that morning had deposited in the mattress, five sovereigns and five pound notes with which she intended paying the rent. On her return a search was immediately made, and among the smouldering remains the five sovereigns were found, but the notes had been burnt. As the numbers of the notes were not known the unfortunate householders lost the value represented by them.

April 1859.

Eliza Burnell- daughter of Mr Robert Burnell of Rowden Farm, Tawstock sustained fatal burns through her clothes catching on fire.

August 1859.

On September 19th the foundation stone of a New Bible Christian Chapel was laid at Hiscott in the Parish of Tawstock. A sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Martin, superintendent minister of the Barnstaple Circuit. A public tea was provided at Mr C Shaplands' farmhouse and at the public meeting held in the old chapel the chair was taken by Mr Andrew of Park Gate Farm, Tawstock. The speakers included the Rev's Martin and Richards of South Molton and Read of Shebbear.

The site and the stones for the building were given by the proprietor of Hiscott Estate, Mr Robert Cawsey of Allscott Barton.

November 1859.

The third annual ploughing match in connection with the mid-Barnstaple and Torrington Ploughing Association took place at East Horwood Barton, in the occupation of Mr Joshua Downing. The judges were - Messrs: Mortimer - Warkleigh, William Alford - Shirwell and J Waldron - Bishops Tawton.

At the dinner which took place at the Hotel Stoneyland, Tawstock - the chair was taken by Sir Bouchier Wrey - Bart.