



Source 2

Task

2a Why did Thomas Tatham write the letter?

2b List all the things that he claimed were wrong with the Huddersfield Workhouse?

2c Was Thomas Tatham qualified to make comments on the workhouse?

Look back at source 1

2d Is Thomas Tatham complaining about the same things that were mentioned in the Overseers' Report?

2e Had the conditions in the workhouse improved after the Overseers' Report in May 1847?

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This is another letter, which was sent in June 1847 by Thomas Tatham to the Chairman of the Board of Guardians in Huddersfield. Thomas Tatham was the Medical Officer for the north of Huddersfield who had already complained about the workhouse a number of times.

To the Chairman of the Board of Guardians of the Huddersfield Union

Huddersfield,
18th June 1847.

Sir,

I am sorry to have occasion again to remark on the state and management of the Fever Hospital; It is my wish at all times to avoid complaints, but really when I find the affairs of that establishment carried on in a slovenly and inefficient manner, from incapacity and negligence of the Nurses appointed to take care of the sick, - I am constrained to give such a statement of facts, as I hope will induce you to remedy the evil for the future. - Robert Worth is the only Nurse in that Hospital who can read and write - for a week or two he did his duty; he then became all of Fever, and was confined to bed a fortnight, since that period he seems to be disgusted with his occupation and



is become reckless. This man with the help of another man, named Mark Bradley, are the only individuals I have seen to attend upon the want of both Male and Female Patients, — I have never seen a woman assist in the Female Wards those who have to make the calls of Nature. — Besides I have observed three individuals lying in their own Filth, with their hands and faces besmeared with it too whole days without being washed. The Names are

Benjamin Carr Died on the 6th of June

James Till Do 15th June

Bridget Mac Loughlin Do 18th June

The regular administration of Medicine prescribed



^{to those}
 and ~~those~~ and attention, Patients who are too weak
 to feed or help themselves are very much neglected.
 I will here remark that, when a Patient arrives at
 a certain state of weakness and debility, as much
 depends upon good nursing as Medicine. It therefore
 becomes extremely painful to me as Medical Officer to
 find my efforts frustrated by the omission of other
^{adjuncts} I have had so much experience in the early
 and present period of my Professional career as Medical
 Officer to Parish Hospitals as to be fully convinced of the
 utter worthlessness of Pauper Nurses, unless superintended
 and controlled by a proper paid Nurse.
 Hoping that due attention will be paid to these remarks

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant
 Thomas Robt Tatlam.