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TO THE IMPERIAL CHARTISTS.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—In a leader in last week's Star, the Editor, in speaking of my joining the Repeal Association, says that he is glad that I got a "rap on the knuckles" for my over zeal. It is not the first I have had; nor, I fear, will it be the last. I however entirely agree with the Editor, that it was merited; while I think a majority will pity those who gave it more than him who received it.

I am now going to write about our own affairs; and I have the consolation to know that when I write for men engaged in a honest struggle for liberty, instead of a rap on the knuckles, I receive correction in the mildest form in which sound reason and good feeling can administer it.

WE MUST NOW RE-ORGANIZE! We must start from that point where we were stopped! The preliminary step which I propose is the appointment of a General Secretary, pro tem; to whom nominations shall be sent preparatory to the election of an Executive; and as we must place confidence somewhere; and as Mr. Wheeler has already filled that office during the absence of the late Secretary; and as he was elected by his own order, and discharged the duties to their satisfaction; I propose that he shall be the man; and that when the votes are to be taken for the Executive that a delegate shall be appointed from each Chartist district in London, to aid and assist him in making his return.

When an Executive is elected, they should, in my opinion, call a Conference of Delegates, to whom all Plans of Organization shall be submitted; for the purpose of agreeing upon such plan as shall best suit our position, and guard the body from any local persecution. That is, to digest and adopt a good, sound, legal plan of organization, by which the Executive, the local officers, and the members, shall be formed. This done, I shall make a bold push to procure some central commodious building in London, as the property of the Association, the centre and rallying point; the building to be used as I pointed out in a former letter upon Organization; for, rely upon it, that the Chartist body never will prosper until it has "head quarters"; and I know of no place so fitting as the Metropolis of the country. However that will be a subject to be hereafter submitted to any Conference that may be assembled. The election of an Executive is the first step; and one which is indispensable to our existence as a party.

We find the "Complete Suffrage" men, as they call themselves, uniting with the leaders of the anti-Corn Law League, and endeavoring once more to delude the people with masked principles. It is high time that we should be up and doing!

Above and before all, it is necessary, that we be on our guard against the machinations of villains now traversing the country, in the hope of exciting another revolution! I have conversed with two or three, who were very nearly entrapped by those monsters. They proceed thus: they make their way into public houses in densely-populated localities; and after spouting a quantity of stuff, ask those present, "if this would not be a good opportunity for raising wages, while so many soldiers have been drafted to Ireland?" and insinuate that "a row in England would have a powerful effect upon Irish politics." Now hear what I have to say! and as my advice, if followed in 1839, and in August last, would have spared you much sorrow and as much money, you have a right to give it its due weight. I tell you, FRIENDS, THAT THE OBJECT OF THESE RUFFIANS IS TO DESTROY US! and although there may not be any other man in England to do so, I will resist this new attempt to annihilate Chartist! It is your duty to think of the past, and take warning by it. Nothing would so much gratify all parties as the diversion of the public mind from other subjects to a feeble Chartist outbreak! I assure you that Ireland would become tranquil as if by magic; and the soldiers would be all spared until we were destroyed! and a compromise of some sort or other would be entered into, when the only body really sincere and in earnest had been crushed.

I have heard it proposed to send Chartist delegates to Wales. I tell you to DO NOT SUCH THING! If you do, THEY WILL BE ENTRAPPED! and the promoters of the plan, to cover themselves, will as before, charge "all upon the Chartist"; and again tell you, that it was Feargus O'Connor who did, or who "spoiled all." I therefore speak out at once. We have, through the interposition of Providence, escaped a great calamity! not from any tenderness of our Tory persecutors or Whig maligners; for both equally thirsted for our blood; but because we relied upon the law and our own innocence; and used the law properly for our protection. Let us not then be hastily embroiled in another conflict with the "Strong Government" who, although "THE WHOLE KINGDOM WAS ARRANGED BETWEEN THEM AND US," would, I assure you, be well pleased to draw their pack off the Irish scent, and halloo them in full cry after me; and in which all the "Liberals" would gladly act their part of hussars, whippers-in, scouts, and dog-boys.

A person called upon me on Tuesday (yesterday); and said "he had serious notions of going to Wales"; and asked "my opinion of his project?" I told him to "go to the Devil if he liked; but to go out of my house at all events!"

Old Mother Thompson, Dr. Bowring, Dr. Ritchie, and the "Complete Suffrage" men, had a festival last night, Joseph Sturge in the chair; and no speaker was more loudly cheered than Mother Thompson, while nothing out of her old baldness. Little Vincent, who swore to the men of Derby that "he was a contrite penitent, and would never err again?" Mr. Bezes, who moved the Birmingham "Complete Suffrage" resolutions, in the Birmingham Conference, and refused to withdraw them when Lovett offered to withdraw his, were there also. In short, as we all predicted at Birmingham, they have now openly and unblushingly joined for our destruction.

Dr. Bowring, the "poet Laarreate" of the "anti-monopolists," and "foreign Bag-man" to the Whigs, declared, that "we did not go far enough for his emancipating notions"; for "he would unhesitatingly enfranchise women?" Now, I would not; and I'll tell you my reasons why. Not that I doubt their judgment, or the proper use of it; or their honesty; but because it would lead to FAMILY DISSENTIONS, which it would not advance or serve the cause of democracy one single bit. I think a working man and his wife could agree comfortably as to the most beneficial use to be made of the one vote; and I feel assured that the opinions of the wife would have a powerful effect over her husband. But with a female Suffrage, every prostitute street walker, ladies of fashion, soldiers' wives, idlers, and the wives of livery servants, with the whole female staff at the command of masters, men of fashion, and gamblers, would be ever marched up to the poll in support of tyranny, prostitution, and oppression. These glib philosophers have made many attempts to out-bid us by extravagant professions; but I rejoice that the sound good sense of the working classes has enabled them to discover, that all are but so many attempts "to choke the dog with butter."

It is to be remembered that these extravaganzas come from the principal supporters of that faction who for ten long years assisted the Whigs in their crusades against the Chartist body; and who now merely make a profession of liberality in the hope of a job! They attempted to change our name, and failed! And they know full well that any change of principle would be a still more fatal step. It is, then, that we may be in a position to give battle to our enemies of all shades and classes; that I implore you to lose not a moment in reorganizing the Chartist body; and while thanking my London friends for the honour they conferred upon me, I take this, the most fitting opportunity, to state that, upon the advice of several of my best friends, I have come to the determination not to become a candidate for the Executive. My council and assistance shall be at the service of those whom the people think proper to entrust with their confidence. I do not see the necessity of saying more upon the subject of Organization for the present; but it should have the appearance and give rise to the cry of "dictation." Less I could not say under the

circumstances. All I do say is, that I am ready for any honorable and legal part that shall be assigned to me in my proper sphere;

And remain your faithful friend,
FEARGUS O'CONNOR.

GLORIOUS DEMONSTRATION IN LEEDS IN FAVOUR OF IRELAND AND THE REPEAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE UNION.

On Monday evening, in accordance with previous announcement, the Democrats of Leeds met at a public meeting in the Vicar's Croft, for the purpose of aiding the movement in Ireland to obtain a Repeal of the Legislative Union. Long before the appointed time for assembling, the vast area in front of the platform was crowded with great numbers, and serious and ardent demeanour at once bespoke their feelings on the occasion. A little after seven o'clock, the speakers, Messrs. West, Ross, T. B. Smith, and several others, addressed the platform, when, upon the motion of Mr. Brook, Mr. Joseph Jones was called to the chair. The Chairman having read the placard calling the meeting, at once proceeded to business, by introducing Mr. Ross, of Manchester, the first speaker. His address was listened to with the most intense interest by the thousands who surrounded him. As an Englishman, his words carried conviction to the hearts of his countrymen; and at the conclusion of his address he was greeted with the most rapturous and unbounded applause. Mr. West, of Hull, was next introduced to the meeting, and for more than two hours riveted the minds of his audience upon the past and present condition of Ireland. His address was listened to with the most intense interest by the thousands who surrounded him. As an Englishman, his words carried conviction to the hearts of his countrymen; and at the conclusion of his address he was greeted with the most rapturous and unbounded applause.

That it is the opinion of this meeting, that the inhabitants of that part of the United Kingdom called Ireland have been for many years subjected to the most unmerited hardships and merciless oppression, which they are entitled to justice to be offered so long as the laws are made by the few, and framed for the advantage of privileged classes; and in order to afford a fair and full amount of justice to the people of Ireland, and to restore to Ireland her rights, and to secure the peace and tranquillity of the British Empire, it is the opinion of this meeting, that the present affairs of Ireland do not warrant the British Government to put down the people of Ireland, by the introduction of Coercive measures, such as the Arms Bill; believing that all such attempts are dangerous to every interest connected with our country, and directly opposed to every principle of justice and humanity; and that we are of opinion that Ireland is more than justified in seeking the Repeal of the Legislative Union, we, as Englishmen, offer our very warm sympathies to the fearless energy and zeal, and respectfully call upon the British Ministry to adopt such measures, as will at once enable them to restore tranquillity to Ireland by at once repealing the present existing laws, and to secure the peace and tranquillity of the British Empire.

The Chairman put it to the meeting, when it was carried unanimously amidst enthusiastic cheering.

Mr. Wm. Brook then moved the following petition for presentation to the House of Commons.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the borough of Leeds, in the County of York, in public meeting assembled, June 26th, 1843.

Sheweth,—That your petitioners have long viewed with sympathy and deep regret, the various hardships and oppressions to which the inhabitants of that part of the Kingdom called Ireland, have been subjected for many years, which hardships and oppressions your petitioners believe to originate in class legislation, and also in the virtual non-representation of the Irish people in your Honourable House.

Your Petitioners have beheld with extreme alarm and regret, the measures recently resorted to by His Majesty's Ministers for the suppression of every respectable agitation of the Repeal question in Ireland, believing, as your Petitioners do, that nothing short of a Repeal of the Legislative Union, and the salutary influence and fostering care of a domestic Legislature, fully and freely chosen by the people of Ireland, can give satisfaction to the people of that long misgoverned portion of the British Empire.

Your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House will refuse to sanction to any bill or bill of Indemnity, which the Ministers of the Crown, by any Member of your Honourable House, having for its object the restriction or abridgement of Irish liberty; and your Petitioners further pray that your Honourable House will, without delay, give assent to the petition of your Petitioners for the immediate Repeal of the Legislative Union now subsisting in name, but not conferring equal advantages as regards civil or religious privileges between the two countries, and for a full and free election of an Irish Parliament.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

The Lord Mayor, however, said, the 32nd by-law to which the solicitor pointed, referred to vessels lying at anchor, and not to vessels in the condition in which the Gazelle had been placed.

The Attorney for the defendant then stated that the Lion had not the hawser for the purpose of preventing any injury to the Gazelle, which had most improperly referred to slacken the hawser.

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parable interest of the dross of which we have spoken, and who exercise at will political, civil, and military power, that we should be thrust backward—if possible beyond the point the two last centuries civilization have enabled us to distance.

And looking consequently by this light at such a measure as the further arming and drilling the blue-coated creatures that peeped into existence by thousands, must of necessity engender suspicion and distrust.

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GLASGOW.—From a combination of circumstances have been rather slow for some time. To those who have paid close attention to all the circumstances connected with the Movement from the commencement, it must have been clear that a calm would inevitably follow the storm of August last. The people were duped; advantage was taken of their ardour in the cause. Those whose only object was to live upon the Movement, through ingenuity and falsehood, succeeded for a time; and, as a natural consequence, the Movement, which had been so long and so ardently pursued, was turned into bitter dissatisfaction. In nineteen cases out of twenty these were our best men. However matters are now promising to assume a healthy tone once more. Many who for some time past have remained inactive, are now rallying round the standard of our country's freedom, and the poor man's only hope.

A MEETING was held on Friday evening, in the Young Man's Academy, College-street, to consider the best means of organizing the people of Glasgow and suburbs. On the motion of Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. James Lamb was unanimously called to the chair. Mr. Brown stated the object of the meeting, and urged upon those present the necessity for using their influence in again placing the cause of Chartist in that position when Glasgow was, and justly, called the City of the Movement. The meeting was called and presided over by Messrs. Sherrington, M'Wan, Smith, Hopley, Pettigrew, &c. Mr. Colquhoun said he was happy to see some of their old friends in the meeting; and as there appeared to be some little difference of opinion as to the best means of carrying on the Movement, in the hope of meeting the views of all he would move that a committee be appointed to draw up a plan, and to report at the next meeting. This was supported by Mr. Dennis M'Lean, Mr. M'Gill, &c., and unanimously agreed to. The Committee then appointed, and instructed to bring forward their report on next Friday evening.

NOTTINGHAM.—The Chartists met on Sunday morning last, in the Democratic chapel, Rice-place, Mr. Donnan in the chair, when the following resolutions were passed:—"That each locality choose collectors for the purpose of visiting members to receive contributions." "That we have viewed with the utmost indignation the base and seditious conduct of the Times newspaper, in its issue of the 27th inst., in the person of F. O'Connor, Esq. with reference to the part he took in the late elections at Nottingham; at which time every action of his being well known to us, we declare that we have never forgiven him, and never will; and we further declare that Mr. Waterhouse, who has been so much abused by the press, but who has done us no wrong, in return for the severe castigation he got from Mr. O'Connor on the day of nomination, which was published in the Times, we are highly gratified to learn that Mr. O'Connor is about to publish the Old Weathercock by entering an action against him for libel."

THE MEMBERS of the Female Chartist Association of Nottingham met in the Democratic Chapel, Rice-place, on Friday evening, June 27, when the Chairman, Mr. F. O'Connor, Esq. with reference to the part he took in the late elections at Nottingham; at which time every action of his being well known to us, we declare that we have never forgiven him, and never will; and we further declare that Mr. Waterhouse, who has been so much abused by the press, but who has done us no wrong, in return for the severe castigation he got from Mr. O'Connor on the day of nomination, which was published in the Times, we are highly gratified to learn that Mr. O'Connor is about to publish the Old Weathercock by entering an action against him for libel."

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ROCHDALE.—On Sunday last, a camp meeting was held on Bagdale Common. The meeting was very respectable in numbers and very attentive. The speakers were Messrs. Mills, Chadwick, Wood, and Donovan; the latter of whom spoke chiefly upon the subject of Ireland, and in a most eloquent and powerful manner. The meeting was adjourned until next Monday evening.

ROCHELLE.—A camp meeting will be held to-morrow (Sunday), on Lobden, near Whitworth, to commence at two o'clock. Several speakers will be in attendance from Rochdale and other places.

BRADFORD.—The members of the Council are requested to meet in the afternoon, at six o'clock, at the north-west buildings, on Sunday evening next, at six o'clock, to take into consideration the propriety of holding camp meetings during the summer, in various parts of the district; also to draw up a local lecturer's plan, for the ensuing three months. A full attendance is requested; and all persons holding collecting books are requested to bring them in, to be examined by the Council. A committee will be appointed by the Council, to raise subscriptions to defray the rent of the room.

A LECTURE will be delivered by Mr. John Aron, in the Large Room, Butterworth's buildings, on Sunday evening, at half-past seven o'clock. A public meeting will be held on Monday evening, in front of the Odd Fellows' Hall, at half-past seven o'clock. The committee respectfully solicit the attendance of the trades of Bradford, at a code of rules will be read to the meeting, and arrangements made to enter into subscriptions immediately, for the purchase of LAND, in order to locate as many as possible of the "superfluous labourers," made so by machinery.

LITTLE HORTON.—The Chartists of Little Horton will meet on Sunday morning at ten o'clock, in the school room, Park-place. A full attendance is requested.

DAISY HILL.—The Chartists of Daisy Hill, will meet on Sunday morning at ten o'clock, in the school room, at nine o'clock, on important business. The Chartists, meeting in the council room, are requested to attend on Sunday morning at ten o'clock, on business of importance.

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BOWLING BACK.—The Chartists are requested to meet on Sunday morning at ten o'clock, to elect a delegate to the General Council. A full attendance is requested.

BRADFORD.—A district council meeting will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at ten o'clock, in the Chartists room, Cheside, on important business. Leeds.—Mr. Ross will lecture to-morrow afternoon and evening, in the Chartist room, Cheside, to commence at half-past two, and half-past six o'clock. ARMLEY.—Mr. Ross will lecture at this place on Monday night at eight o'clock. BRADLEY.—Mr. Ross will lecture here this evening at eight o'clock. The friends are requested to meet on Sunday evening in the above room, at seven o'clock, on Sunday evening. Mr. G. WHITE'S Support Committee will meet in the Aston-street Room, on Sunday evening, at six o'clock, to receive subscriptions.

Chartist Intelligence.

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Forthcoming Chartist Meetings.

Routes of Lecturers.—Again we notice that all routes sent here, to ensure publication, must be signed by the sub-secretary of the locality, or district, where the arrangements are made for. We will not in future publish any that are not so signed. It is not right that any locality should be visited by a lecturer, unless he has corresponded with them, and made mutual arrangements. Considerable inconvenience has been caused by the Chartists of some localities, who have written for lectures, which we have partially caused by printing unauthorised routes. We shall do so no more.

THE FATAL BATTLE OF AUGHRIM

TRANSLATED FROM THE IRISH. Mour, loe Hibernia! ever mourn Thy freedom lost, thy laurels torn...

THE APPEAL

Written at the request of a father to be spoken by his little daughter at a public meeting. Great God, whose wisdom, power, and love, frames and sustains the worlds above...

Floral and General Intelligence

THE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA to the Irish Relief Fund amount to £2,330. THE FOUNDATION STONE of a new Catholic church was laid at Coventry on Monday week.

THE KENTISH PAPERS state that extensive alterations and improvements are taking place at Walmer Castle, to prepare it for the reception of Her Majesty and the Royal Family. FROM THE ACCESSION OF King George III. to the present date, 4,029 persons have sat in the house of Commons...

ALARMING OCCURRENCE.—On Monday last, about three o'clock in the afternoon, a great alarm was created at the works of Mr. Edwards, situated in Pickford-street, Alum-street, Great Abchurch-lane. A fire broke out in a tin-plate mill, which is the principal part of it...

EXTRAORDINARY SUICIDE.—Mr. Higgs had an inquest called at the King's Head, Enfield, on the body of a man named William Wright, who had been in the commission of the peace for the county of Middlesex. It appeared from the evidence of several of the deceased's domestics, that for some days before he died he had been in a morose and morbid mood...

PLAN FOR THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION. The object is to provide such means, and make such arrangements, as will best conduce to the general benefit of the poor in the various localities of the Kingdom...

MARKET INTELLIGENCE. LONDON-SMITHFIELD CATTLE MARKET, MONDAY, JUNE 26.—Notwithstanding we have to report the arrival of a full cargo of sheep, the market was up to our market to-day, there was from the fact of the attendance of both London and country dealers...

THE DEFENCE FUND BALANCE SHEET.—We did not receive Mr. O'Connor's Balance-sheet, as treasurer to the Defence Fund, in time for publication this week: we shall give it in our next number.

STARS FOR IRELAND.—The Irish Universal Suffrage Association received thirty-six stars last week, and fifty-three the week before, for which, and on the part of their contributors, they return their best thanks. A list of persons to whom stars may be sent, and which will produce good effects, shall be furnished to the Committee at Fitzroy-street, Sheffield, from whence they can be sent direct.

GEORGE CUDDEPP, SWANSEA.—We thank him for his kindness. If anything more should occur, we trust he will forward us a notice of it.

HENRY SCOTCHDOPOLE.—We have not room for this.

HENRY WOODWARD, HINDLEY.—The song won't do to publish.

ANTI-SLAVERY.—We have seen the account referred to; and highly disapproved it is to the fatal blackguard of a churchwarden who disturbed the congregation in the midst of service by leaning out of church and violently slamming the door after him, because the colour of the person's gown did not please him. Sweet notions this fellow must have of Christian charity.

MR. DEMANDS of York, requested to send his address to Mr. Hartney, No. 51, Sheep-lane, Leeds-road, Sheffield!

JOHN ORRINT, SOMERS TOWN.—His song will not do to print. He may rely on our doing everything possible to effect the re-organization of the Chartist body, and that too on a surer basis than any we have hitherto built upon.

GEORGE WHITE, NOTTINGHAM.—His verses do more credit to his heart than his muse. They will not lean printing. His "motives" is a most commendable one. To induce the Chartist to assist Co-operative efforts, and that they will cheerfully accord her all the success in their power.

MANCHESTER LOCAL VICTIM FUND.—We are requested to notice that Mr. John Nuttall has received £3. 6d. from a few just-in-catchers, per John Key.

MR. J. R. GAMMAGE is requested by the Manchester Council to write to Mr. Wm. Dixon as early as possible, and state where he can be corresponded with. Mr. Dixon's address is No. 2, Cross-street, East, Didsbury, Manchester.

FATHERS OF OUR COUNTRY.—Their letter is received. We are desirous to give no just cause of complaint to any, nor are we at all aware of having done so in the matters alluded to. Our friends must remember that we have all England and Scotland to deal with, and find room for communications from. Generally, too, their communications come so late that, when long, they must be curtailed. This week, we have not received their report till Thursday afternoon. We ought to have had it on Tuesday. Had it been at all long we must have cut it down, from sheer lack of time and space to attend to it.

THOSE AGENTS who have not sent in the balance of their accounts will not receive any Papers after this date, unless they send by return of post.

FOR THE DEFENCE FUND. £ s d From the Hutcheson-street combmakers, Aberdeen 0 3 7 - Shilken 0 2 2 - a few friends, Halifax, per J. Wilson ... 0 8 8

TO THE PEOPLE. MY DEAR FRIENDS,—As far as my personal liberty is concerned in their result, the trials are now over. They are not done with altogether: the fourth count is yet undecided; and I wait until it shall have been decided before I say much that I have to say upon the matters which induced it. I have forgotten the promise I made you in the New Bailey; I have much to say, and shall say it yet; but

"I hide my time." I shall give you the information to which I think you are entitled. I shall tell you all about the facts,—facts which many of you don't know—connected with the strike, the Manchester Conference, and the flinging of the Chartist, neck and heels, into the League "trap." I shall tell you all about it; but I must have my own time. Nothing shall drag it from me prematurely. I will injure no man; nor allow myself to be so placed as that any man can say that I have injured him. Let this, then, be my answer to all who have sought from me to know what was meant, in my second letter from the New Bailey Prison at Manchester, when I told you I had "much to say." The people lose nothing by waiting for it; their experience and observation is sufficient for the future. Guidance in the choice of leaders. They already know much; in due time, they shall know more.

So much for the satisfaction of enquirers on this subject, whom at present I cannot further satisfy. Now for my own arrangements.

You are anxious to see me among you; and I promised to come when the decision of the "liges" should be known, I do not wonder at your reminding me. My health has for the last two or three weeks prevented the possibility of my making definite arrangements; the awful weather has been much against me; and I could scarcely calculate from day to day. However I must now begin to think of it. The Loughborough people want me to come to their camp meeting on the 9th inst. That is too early for me: I cannot manage it. But I shall try to be with them on the following Sunday, the 16th. Let me not be misunderstood. I hate evasion in any one; and therefore do not practise it. If I could have gone to Loughborough on the 9th, I should not have gone to the camp meeting; for several sufficient reasons.

Let me dare not speak out of doors: I have not strength for it; and 2nd, There has been much about these "Camp" meetings in many parts of the country that I have not liked. They usually draw together an immense mass of people—beyond what can possibly have any speaker—as all events such speakers as I am, have for the most part promised only from different places; the parties don't know each other; they know not with whom they are acting in concert, and are consequently at the mercy of any rascally police spy or common informer who may go there, report a mouthful or two of frothy nonsense, and make honest men responsible for his villany. Wherever I come, I must know with whom I act. I have much more in my keeping than my simple individual safety. Scores of speeches which might be passed at another time unnoticed would be laid hold of instantly, if so uttered in my hearing as to make me apparently concurrent in and party to them; because that might afford the sounder the opportunity of stopping for a while my scrawling in the Star. This would make it my duty publicly and instantly to disclaim and condemn any thing that I have said, which I say that advantage could be taken of by the people and their cause. And though this might neutralize the power of the enemy, it might damage us by creating ill-feeling. For these reasons I never act publicly with strangers; and for these reasons I should not have attended the "Camp Meeting" on Mount Sorrel even if I could have been in that district so early as the 9th; which I cannot. I shall endeavor, as I have said, to be at Loughborough on the 16th when I shall preach twice—if a suitable place can be found—and I shall stay over Monday and address the Loughborough friends on the organization of our ranks and our future operations. I shall take Belper, Derby, and Nottingham, &c. en route, and will communicate by post with all the parties necessary, so that I can name exactly my route, and subjects of discourse as each place, in next week's Star. On my returning thence, I shall take one Sunday with my own people—and one in Sheffield, and then devote the week to South-East, Shalton, Newcastle, and Carlisle; and then for Scotland, to which I devote a week; in the hope of not only assisting myself and my cool-headed, warm-hearted, Scotch friends, but of bracing up my nerves with the face air of "evangelizing hills," and making myself all the better able for "another brush."

Arduously devoted to the cause of truth and justice, and valuing life only as it affords me the means of being useful,

I am, your faithful friend and servant, Wm. Hill.

Northern Star, Leeds, Thursday, 29th, 1845.

Local and General Intelligence.

NEWCASTLE.—Glorious effects of Union.—Meeting of the delegates from the mining districts, was held in the Black Swan Inn, Clayton-street, Newcastle, on Saturday last, commencing at ten o'clock; Mr. Benjamin Watson having been elected to preside, and the proceedings opened by stating the purpose of the meeting, and calling upon each delegate present to produce his credentials prior to entering into any other business. Notwithstanding the restrictions agreed to at last meeting, that no more than one delegate should be sent by each locality, there were upwards of 260 delegates present. The result of the restrictive plan resolved by the men, was discussed; and was proven to be highly beneficial to the coalminers generally, and agreed to be continued at 3s. per day. The following resolutions were likewise agreed to: That a general public meeting of the miners of the North of England, be held at Shildon-hill, Blackfield, on Saturday, July 8th, proximo; chair to be taken at twelve o'clock precisely; and that a delegate meeting be held immediately after the public meeting; and that Benjamin Watson be engaged as lecturer. "That William Hammond be likewise engaged as a lecturer." "That William Daniels be likewise requested to officiate as lecturer for the forthcoming meeting." "That a lengthy detail of the manner in which the oppressed miners of England, Scotland, and Wales, were tyrannized over by their cruel taskmasters, and robbed of the fruits of their industry, be read." "That the usual arguments be read in relation to the subject, when it was ultimately agreed that the major part of the crimes committed by the lackeys of the Coal Kings, was allowed to pass with impunity, and that the necessity of wholesome legal advice; and the necessity of the men to hire professional assistance in individual cases, as the Masters could do, rendered it highly necessary that a gentleman on whom the working men could place confidence, should be engaged to conduct the cause of the miners; and rendered independent of the frowns of the slave-drivers so long as he continued trustworthy; and as it would only require a trifle from each miner in Durham and Northumberland, to render an honest lawyer independent of the masters, it was resolved: "That Mr. Roberts, late of Bath, be selected to act as attorney for the miners of the Tyne, Wear, and Tyneside; and that his residence be immediately entered into to make the necessary arrangements with that gentleman."

ANTI-CORN LAW HUMBUG AGAIN.—The Rev. Mr. Peters, of Sunderland, lectured in South Shields, on Thursday evening, the 23rd inst. After the usual address, he read the usual arguments of the League against in defence of their philanthropy (T. M. Kydd feeling indignant that the Rev. Gentleman should suppose his auditory so unacquainted with the state of things in this country, that he should venture to read the usual arguments of his cuckoo-song would tend to ameliorate the distress so very prevalent amongst the industrious classes of the country, wrote a challenge to the Rev. Gentleman, which he handed to Thomas Bell, Esq., the chairman, stating that he would discuss the subject with the Rev. Mr. Peters, or any other gentleman, and undertake to prove that a mere repeal of the Corn and Provision Laws would be a benefit to the working classes, and that the League should decline reading the challenge to the meeting, or handing it to Mr. P.; but that Mr. P. should not remain ignorant of Mr. Kydd's intention. Mr. P. in reply, stated that he had no objection to test the arguments which he had introduced, in defence of his clap-net measures. Mr. P. declined, whereupon Mr. K. announced that he would give a lecture on the Corn Laws on the evening of the 29th inst. in the Assembly Room, on which occasion he would review the arguments of the Rev. Mr. P., and hold them up in their proper light; and, as he was open for discussion, he would be happy to see as many of the Free Traders as would attend the meeting. The Rev. Mr. P. was announced; and it would appear that none of the League had sufficient confidence in the truth of his opinions to induce them to attend, and he publicly investigated. Truth alone can stand investigation!

ANOTHER COAL-PIT EXPLOSION.—The inhabitants of London, Sharncliffe, were, on Monday last, informed of the most indelible state of alarm and mental suffering by the report that an accident from fire-damp had occurred, at one of the neighbourhood pits, which report turned out to be untrue. Nine unfortunates were prematurely hurried into the earth, and the particulars of the accident were not yet been communicated to us; but we learn that two colliers lost their lives through venturing into the pit to render assistance to their brethren who had been taken down by the explosion of gas. The carbonic acid left over the explosion, and the mixed hydrogen and the oxygen of the common air, deprived the brave and feeble men of life. Contrary to the conduct of these two poor colliers, who had volunteered to sacrifice their lives in the service of friendship, with the unfeeling conduct of the Masters and their "Butties," who could gold out of the blood of the collier, while they unfeelingly reserved their own lives, and the lives of their hard toil, to procure the barest comforts of existence! The Forties have only just seen the end of one strike, most alarming in its nature, and most distressing in its consequences; and they are now in the wages of those who work embowed in the bowels of the earth, exposed to such casualties as the one which has just hurried nine men into the arms of existence. Not content with the reductions in their wages, they are exposed to the same fate as the miners who were the first to offer a reduction last time, has given notice of another of fourpence a day!

If this should be effected, the wages will be reduced to the level of the wages of the men for toiling at the hardest and most unprofitable species of labour, just eighteen pence a day! Would there be just cause for wonder, were the owners of the pits in Wales, and in the North of England, really that they are safe, while such a system of "grinding the faces of the poor" is permitted to exist?

[In the Times of Thursday we find the following particulars of the most awful occurrence recorded in our columns, which we draw the attention of our well over the statements; and then, after reflecting on the testimony borne by the writer to the good character of the sufferers, curse the monsters who would reduce the wages of their surviving brethren to such a state of wretchedness as is here detailed, to EIGHTEEN PENCE A DAY!]

AWFUL COLLIERY EXPLOSION, LANE-END, STAPFORDSHIRE POTTERIES.—A most melancholy and fatal accident occurred last night at Fenton, two miles to the west of Newcastle, by which nine lives were sacrificed, and the event, as might naturally be expected, has occasioned the most painful excitement, and thrown the surrounding district into a state of the deepest gloom. At half-past five o'clock on Monday morning, an explosion took place, and two boys had finished their work, and had safely ascended the shaft of the Greenfields Ash Pit, at the Broadfield Colliery, where the awful announcement was given that an explosion had taken place. Mr. Barton, the ground bailiff of the colliery, was instantly apprised of the occurrence, and in a few minutes vast numbers assembled to ascertain the fate of the unfortunates, and to render all the assistance in their power. 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