

IN MEMORIAM

*Of 23 Persons who lost their lives by an Explosion at Hyde Colliery,
January 18th, 1889.*

Dominus Vobiscum (The Lord be with you).

GOD bless the mothers of those colliers dead,
Who ventured life beneath the ground;
Grief-trembling who to pit bank sped,
After that sad explosive sound.

How sad that morn - heaven's sighed,
And raindrops fell 'mid shriek and tears;
How sad the homes of those who died,
Throbbled each heart with grief and fear.

Who feels not for a collier's life,
Dangers which he must undergo;
Who, when joyous moments rife,
Must meet so sad a fatal blow.

January eighteenth, eighteen hundred & eighty- nine,
Will be remembered long and well;
Thousands in country, town, and mine,
Of this catastrophe will tell.

Scene on the pit-bank, in the street,
Would rend a heart of hardened stone;
Even stranger's pulse did yearning beat,
With natural feelings, nature's own.

Remember Haslam who so brave,
Accomplished a grand, noble deed;
Risking his life, young Grattan to save,
God keep him free from future need.

May God support them in this trying hour,
Submissive they to His will;
Give them Thy succour, Thy support, and power,
Oh may each heart beat calm and still.

Bless Sidebotham's noble charity;
Doctors, and all who lent their aid;
All donors, who without disparity,
Who for this object nobly paid.

Thanks to our Captain and his men
For kindly help and energy,
And to our knights of ink and pen,
And men of sound theology.

May this misfortune be Hyde's last,
For generations yet to come;
Trust Him for future, well as past,
Till landed safe on yond' bright home.

FRED HOWLES,

Aged 17 years:

ARTHUR WILDGOOSE,

Aged 15 years:

THOMAS DAVIES,

Aged 46 years:

JAMES BROADHURST,

Aged 19 years:

FRANK ASHTON,

Aged 14 years:

HENRY SLATER,

Aged 43 years:

GEORGE HARRY WILDE,

Aged 19 years:

EMANUEL BAILEY,

Aged 47 years:

JOSEPH FISH,

Aged 23 years:

WILLIAM HASLAM,

Aged 20 years:

JAMES HALL,

Aged 65 years:

JAMES BRADLEY,

Aged 20 years:

WILLIAM CATTERALL PLATT,

Aged 70 years ¹:

THOMAS SHAW,

Aged 35 years:

JOHN BAILEY,

Aged 63 years ²:

HENRY ³ SLATER,

Aged 15 years:

SAMUEL WATSON,

Aged 24 years:

JOSEPH WILDE,

Aged 31 years:

JOSEPH GEE,

Aged 34 years:

WILLIAM SLATE,

Aged 37 years:

THOMAS GEE,

Aged 27 years:

PETER GEE,

Aged 27 years:

JOHN RIDGWAY,

Aged 20 years:

Footnotes to the Memoriam

1. At the registration of the death of William Catterall Platt, the name recorded was William Catterall and his age was given as 63 years, not 70 years.
2. At the registration of the death of John Bailey, his age was recorded as 52 years, not 63 years.
3. At the registration of the death of Henry Slater, aged 15 years, his name was recorded as Harry Slater.

Cheshire Death Indexes for 1889 show that the deaths of the 23 persons were recorded in the Sub-District of Hyde, the registers being held at the Register Office, Dukinfield Town Hall, King Street, Dukinfield, Cheshire.

Surname	Forename(s)	Age	Reference
ASHTON	Frank	14	HYD/51/15
BROADHURST	James	19	HYD/51/15
DAVIES	Thomas	46	HYD/51/15
HOWLES	Fred	17	HYD/51/15
WILDGOOSE	Arthur	15	HYD/51/15
BAILEY	Emanuel	47	HYD/51/16
FISH	Joseph	23	HYD/51/16
HASLAM	William	20	HYD/51/16
SLATER	Henry	43	HYD/51/16
WILDE	George Harry	19	HYD/51/16
BAILEY	John	52	HYD/51/17
BRADLEY	James	20	HYD/51/17
CATTERALL	William	63	HYD/51/17
HALL	James	65	HYD/51/17
SHAW	Thomas	35	HYD/51/17
GEE	Joseph	34	HYD/51/18
GEE	Peter	27	HYD/51/18
SLATER	Harry	15	HYD/51/18
WATSON	Samuel	24	HYD/51/18
WILDE	Joseph	31	HYD/51/18
GEE	Thomas	27	HYD/51/19
RIDGWAY	John	20	HYD/51/19
SLATE	William	37	HYD/51/19