



GUARDIANS ELECTION 1904.

BOROUGH OF NELSON.

FELLOW CITIZENS,

At the request of the **Nelson Labour Representation Committee**, and a large number of **Ratepayers** in the **Town**, we offer ourselves as **Candidates** at the forthcoming **Guardians Election**.

The **Poor Law** was established to relieve and succour the distressed, and as the bulk of the recipients of **Poor Law Relief** are of the **Labouring Classes**, we are of the opinion that it is to the best interest of the **Poor** to be directly represented by people who can **realise** their **sufferings** and **privations** to the full extent.

We would also remind you that a large number of applicants for relief are **women** and **children**, and from past experience, we have no hesitation in saying, that it is almost imperative that **women** should be on the **Board** in order to administer acts and receive confidences that could not be extended to men in the same capacity.

It will be our aim to see that the **Lives** of the **aged** and **infirm** are made as bright as it is possible to make them, The **Children** shall have our special attention in order that their Lives and characters may be fully developed and that they may grow up to be useful Citizens and go out into the world without the taint of **Pauperism**.

We would welcome a system of extending **Out Door Relief** to deserving cases in preference to **forcing** them into the **Workhouse**.

We are in favour of the **Public** being admitted to the meetings of the **Board of Guardians**.

Recent Strikes in Burnley and District show that our Guardians are ever ready to advise Applicants for relief to act the part of "Blacklegs" and thus help to defeat those working-men and women who resist injustice or seek to better their conditions of employment, but if elected, we shall oppose any method that has a tendency to use the weakness of poor people by forcing them into the undesirable position of "Black-legs".

Other means will be adopted to place before you reasons why you should support the return of **Labour Candidates**, and, if you will use your **Votes** to this end you will have done your **Share** towards making the lives of the unfortunate **Poor** brighter and happier than they have been up to the present.

We remain,

Your Obedient Servants,

**SELINA JANE COOPER,
HARRIETTE MARY BEANLAND.**

MARCH 9TH, 1904.