

No. 309.—Petition of JOHN JOHNSON WALKER, of Bromley, near Christchurch.

PETITIONER states that during the labour strike in September, 1890, he was attacked and badly injured by a band of six union men, and that he is now unable to support himself and family. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, as this is a case for charitable aid, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

20th December, 1897.

No. 286.—Petition (No. 2) of W. McLEOD and JESSIE McLEOD, of Sydenham.

PETITIONERS state that their son, Hugh McLeod, fell off a small bridge near the railway-station at Linclon, and was drowned; that there was no notice warning people not to trespass on the bridge; that through the shock caused by the said accident the petitioner, Jessie McLeod, became seriously ill, thereby incurring considerable expense for medical attendance. They pray for relief.

I am directed to report that, as the petition is similar to one already reported upon on the 4th November last, the Committee has no further recommendation to make.

20th December, 1897.

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I HAVE the honour to report that the above Committee has held twenty-three meetings. Number of petitions referred to the Committee, 74; number of petitions dealt with by the Committee, 61; number of petitions remaining unconsidered, 13; number of reports presented to the House, 61; number of specific recommendations made therein, 12; number referred to Government for favourable consideration, 5; number referred to Government for consideration, 8; no recommendation, &c., 36.

I am also directed by the Committee to further report that they desire to express their hearty appreciation of the manner in which the Chairman (Mr. Meredith) has conducted the business of the Committee during the past session.

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