

for the Mirfield Division, and heartily wishing him success. — Mr. Walmsley next addressed the meeting. He remarked that his opponent, Mr. Wheatley, had said something about his trying to drive trade out of the country. He assured them he had done nothing of the sort. They had received German goods to print; but they had received instructions that if any more goods were sent to this country to print and returned to Germany, they must pay full duty. That meant that they must either go to Germany to print the goods, or lose the trade. They should have lost the trade altogether if they had not done that. Therefore he did not see how they could have driven the trade out of the country. He had been in that district now for twenty-one years. It had been said that they had imported men into the district. Where would the trade of Mirfield have been if they had not imported men into the district? He thought it was a credit to them that they had come to Mirfield and built up trade there, and found work for the working classes. (Applause.) Alluding to the Local Government Act, he said that a joint committee of County Councillors and Justices was to have the control of the police. There was a very strong Tory flavour about that provision. If Borough Councils could manage the police, how was it that County Councils could not do so? (Hear, hear.) Then there was the system of Aldermen. He did not see why they wanted Aldermen on the County Council at all. He had read a good deal of the speeches made in various parts of the country, and it was generally admitted that Aldermen were not at all necessary. He was pleased that Lancashire had shown a noble example. Lancashire had selected the whole of the Aldermen from the elected Councillors—(applause)—and if he were returned to the County Council, he should certainly go on the same lines. (Hear, hear.) He then spoke in favour of the reassessment of parks and mansions, and, in conclusion, said that if the ratepayers sent him to the County Council, he should try and make himself conversant with the duties, and would try to serve them honestly and faithfully. (Applause.) His opponent said he was an independent. ("Bosh.") The fact of his saying he was independent did not make him any less a Tory—(hear, hear, and applause)—and he was one of the old school. Were they going to be guided by the old school, or were they going to support the party of progress? (Hear, hear.) He left himself with confidence in their hands. (Applause.) —A resolution in favour of Mr. Walmsley's candidature was afterwards adopted, on the motion of Mr. J. E. Walker, seconded by Mr. William Wilson.

**MIRFIELD DIVISION.**—A meeting in support of Mr. John Walmsley, the Liberal candidate for the Mirfield Division, was held last night in the Town Hall, Mirfield. Mr. W. S. Wilkinson occupied the chair, and among the gentlemen on the platform were Mr. James Walker, Mr. Robert Swire, Mr. Wm. Wilson, Mr. J. E. Walker, Mr. T. Feather, the Rev. J. Kitchener, Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, and Mr. F. Stapleton, hon. secretary. There was a very large attendance. In opening the proceedings, the Chairman said he was glad to see the day when the ratepayers had the privilege of voting for gentlemen to represent the localities in which they resided, and in which they had their property. It was very important, indeed, that they should have a right gentleman to represent their interests as ratepayers on the County Council, and he congratulated them that they had been enabled to get a gentleman like Mr. Walmsley to come forward and offer himself as a candidate for that division. A gentleman had said that a candidate ought to have a character pure, that he ought to possess qualifications that made him fit for an office of this kind, and that he ought to be a gentleman of economy. He (the Chairman) believed they would agree with him that their candidate possessed the whole three qualifications. (Hear, hear, and applause.) They all knew how long he had been on the Local Board as a representative of the people. He should be well posted up both in sanitary matters and road surveying, and he had also had experience as a member of the Board of *Guardians*. He (the Chairman) thought Mr. Walmsley was the best man in the parish that they could send to represent their interests. (Hear, hear, and applause.)—Mr. Stapleton read a letter from Mr. H. F. Beaumont, M.P., to the candidate, in which the hon. gentleman said he was glad to hear that Mr. Walmsley was a candidate