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INVASION OF AN ANCIENT STRONGHOLD

James Bell, who was cut down in the fulness of his powers in 1907, was born at Seghill, and was nurtured by godly parents. He went down the pit when he was only nine and a half years old; but his pit work was of short duration, and his success in the clothing business into which he embarked was such that when he died he was one of the chiefs in the large firm of Hepworth and Company, Leeds. Converted at Bishop Auckland in 1882, he was thereafter an enthusiastic servant of his Lord, and his election in 1903 to the Vice-Presidency at the Newcastle Conference was well merited. That John Wilson, M.P., John Johnson, M.P., and other noteworthy men are to be found in Jubilee Church to-day is a pledge of strength.

ABUNDANT HARVESTS

In its early life Dudley society was feeble, but some fine souls went to live there, and the work of the Lord revived amazingly. Such were John Bell and his saintly wife, parents of the late James Bell, who was a Vice President of the Conference; B. Creigh, George Bell, Robert Grieves, M. Jackson, J. Wright, G., Purdie, J. Cherey, G. Hall, G. Wilson, J. Askew, J. Ross, and Henry Bell. The latter used to have as many as a dozen of the converts in his kitchen, teaching them to read and write.

(John Bell's "saintly wife" was Margaret Bell, née Ord).