

were in excellent form, was a band of music, followed by the feshers, who showed the heads of two prize animals (Black Prince and Charlotte) belonging to the late Mr M'Combie of Tillyfour. Following this was a lorry containing a handsome bull named Gladstone, and close by was an old worn-out one named Lord Salisbury. Following these were the curriers, preserved provision workers, engineers, and slaters, with banners, mottoes, and emblems too numerous to describe. The sawmillers were in force and showed a large number of political devices in which they demanded liberty, and expressed their determination to put down oppression. The workmen of Messrs Garvie & Son had a happy device, representing a quiet woodland spot, with the trunk of a dead tree standing amid fresh and vigorous plants, and carrying the injunction, having reference to the House of Lords, "Cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground?" Messrs Milne's employes indicated clearly that "privileged obstruction must be cut down," and that Scotland will do her duty for Gladstone and reform. They indeed, claimed partnership with the "Grand Old Man," for they were

Brothers in trade with the Grand Old Man,
Who wields the axe so free;
Then hurrah for the Bill, for the people's Will,
And the march of liberty.

The public works in the city were represented by the Broadford Works, the Union Works, Bannermill Works, Ben. Reid & Co.'s workers, and following them were the quarriers at Rubislaw (who took their stand on the rock of freedom), each and all with rich banners and a profuse display of mottoes. There were about 150 represented from the Broadford Works. They declared that "The Lords might have might, but not the right," and that notwithstanding opposition they would "Have the bill for a' that." The employes of the Union Works embodied their trade principle in the following political device, "Union Works well; quit you like men, be strong; the Lords dismissed reform, Reformers dismiss the Lords. One of Ben. Reid & Co.'s mottoes was "Long live Gladstone, and assisted emigration to the House of Lords." Charles Napier's workers made a capital hit in their display. A dead horse was placed in a cart labelled the House of Lords, and a knacker-man was represented as having newly slaughtered the animal. He held in his hand an axe, from which was dripping blood. Over the cart was written *Mortui vos salutant*—Those about to die salute you. Following this cart was a number of cadger horses marked dukes, marquises, earls, viscounts, barons, &c. The hecklers were also in the procession, and marked their resolve to heckle the House of Lords. The carpet-workers formed a pretty sight with their beautiful aprons, and their large woven banner was a most striking object. After the trades and works came the members of the Liberal Association, with a handsome device in front bearing the Bon-Accord coat of arms, and adorned with numerous bannerettes. The Junior Liberal Association followed with a fine likeness of the "Grand Old Man," whom they were determined to follow. The Old Aberdeen Liberals and Bridge of Don contingent were not far behind either in their display or in their enthusiasm.

The country contingents brought up the rear of the great procession. The Alford Valley contingent, headed by Kemnay, formed the first division. They were divided as follows:—Kemnay about 400; Fetternear, 100; Monymusk, Cluny, and Midmar, from 400 to 500. The Kemnay marshals were all members of the Volunteer force. The principal banner was 9 feet by 5 feet 9 inches, and represented a new House of Lords. In the centre of the banner, beside an easy chair, stood Mr Gladstone (a first-rate likeness), pointing with his finger to the words on the right hand corner, "Truth, Justice, Liberty, Wisdom;" in his left hand he held a scroll on which was inscribed "The Franchise Bill." Below this was the inscription, "Upper Representative Chamber;" to the left of Mr Gladstone three figures, two of which represented hereditary peers walking out of a door whilst the third figure hastened their exit with a large besom. Over this were written the words, "Now we will get on with business." On the right hand side was another figure looking in at the door of the new house, leaning on an umbrella, and holding in his hand a bag, on which was inscribed, "Public Opinion." A number of other flags and emblems were carried, amongst which was "House of Lords to Let," also a large banner with the motto of '32, "The Bill, the whole Bill, and nothing but the Bill," and another with, "They that would be Free themselves must strike the Blow."

The Peterculter contingent, though not one of the largest, was perhaps the most noticeable of the country companies. The happy idea was carried out of presenting a view of the unenfranchised at their daily toil; and while in two lorries there were quarriers at work blocking out building stones and shaping causeway blocks, in others there were farm labourers engaged at a variety of farm operations, such as "twin' raips," while behind came three ploughs, with gaily bedecked teams, there being also carried several appropriate and painted mottoes, with flags, &c.

The demonstrators from the Skenedistrict numbering about 200, made an effective appearance. The banners bore such mottoes as "Reform," "The Bill, the whole Bill, and nothing but the Bill," "No Surrender," "Down with Salisbury and the Lords," "Hurrah for Gladstone and the Franchise." Those carried by the unenfranchised had the appropriate legends "Life without liberty is death," "While we live let us live as freemen," while a banner with two poles had an earl's coronet in the centre, and underneath the words "Salisbury's Ichabod." Mr Bruce, Fornet, one of the '32 men, was the leader in the movement for organising the contingent.

The Woodside and Auchmull contingents, numbering in all about 1200, formed a solid phalanx. The contingents were largely composed of workers from the large mills and quarries in the districts. About 250 came from Messrs Manuelle & Son's. They carried two large banners with the following mottoes:—"Firm as the rock which to our skill doth yield, Freedom and Justice are our shield"; and "May our aid be as effective as our granite is enduring." Grandholm Works turned out about 100. They had two lorries, on the first of which was placed an old loom with the following inscription on one side—