

the neighbouring counties, who had attended as guests on the occasion.

The cloth being removed, Mr Blackie gave "The health of our excellent and patriotic Sovereign,—long may he reign over a free, happy, intelligent, and patriotic people." Drank with all the honours, the band playing "God save the King."

Our limits will not admit of farther detail in narrating the various toasts, speeches, and songs, that came from the chair, and many individuals in the company. Mr Blackie left the chair about twelve o'clock, and the party immediately broke up. The arrangements of the afternoon did infinite credit to the Stewards, and gave perfect satisfaction to all present. The dinner was served up by Mr Machray of the Royal Hotel, in the best style. The dessert comprehended every delicacy of the season, and the wines were excellent.

In the course of the evening, several hogsheads of porter were given to the populace, which were speedily consumed, amidst loud cheers to the health of the successful candidate.

CELEBRATION OF HIS MAJESTY'S BIRTH-DAY.

ON Saturday the 28th ult. by far the finest display of our city loyalty took place, in honour of his Majesty's Birthday, that ever was witnessed. The Lord Provost and Magistrates having recommended that a General Illumination should take place, the extent and splendour of the preparations knew no bounds. Early in the day, a display of a novel kind was made in the centre of Castle Street, by the erection of a Jet d'eau, which had a striking effect. Not far from this, an immense pile of wood for a bonfire, surrounded with heaps of materials for replenishing it, was placed by order of the Magistrates. About one o'clock, the troops who had lately come to occupy the barracks, marched to the top of Castle Street, and fired a *feu de joie* in excellent style. More than the usual number of banners were hoisted, and in particular we were happy to see the venerable statue of our champion Wallace decked forth in more than its pristine beauty, and surmounted by a

flag, bearing for a device the Lion of Scotland, and having inscribed on it the word "Liberty." The illumination commenced at half-past eight o'clock, but the lightness of the evening destroyed a great deal of the effect it would otherwise have produced. Every contrivance that ingenuity could devise, was now displayed to show how overwhelming was the tide of loyalty that flowed in the breast of every inhabitant of the city. Variegated lamps, transparencies, and above all, the endless variety of ornaments constructed from Gas, were shown in numberless shapes, and relieved by festoons of green boughs, and beautiful garlands of the richest flowers. A band of music struck up the most inspiring airs in the middle of Union Street, and many a social board resounded with peals of acclamation to the health of our beloved Sovereign. At nine o'clock the special Constables assembled at their different posts, but no indication of disturbance appearing, they separated to mingle in the joyful crowds who paraded the streets, admiring the cheerful scene. By some mistake in their construction, many of the Gas fittings unfortunately failed, but a sufficient number were efficient, to furnish ample testimony to the ingenuity and skill of the workmen. In elegance and richness of decoration the transparency of the Lord Provost far exceeded every other. The star upon the top of the chimney of the Gas-house was a capital idea, and attracted universal applause. Next to these the decorations and transparencies of the Royal Hotel drew forth emotions of admiration and delight; but opposite to this an object presented itself, which divided the palm even with Mr Machray's extensive and brilliant display. This was a revolving transparency in one of Mr Morris' windows, which surpassed in originality of design, and perfection of execution, any thing else. But here we must stop. To enumerate all the objects that deserve notice would fill a page. The crowds dispersed shortly after eleven o'clock, and at the hour which separates the week day from the Sabbath, scarce a figure was to be seen save that of the guardian of the night.

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