

Benjamin.—What class may that be? if I may tak' the liberty o' speerin'.

Simon.—I winna be owr particular in my answer; but only tell you that they're persons wha ye wadna think wid breakfast sae far fae hame, for a freen' o' mine ance taul' me they were quite domestic men, and took very slicht suppers.

Richard.—But may not that be the reason of their partiality for the breakfasts which the inn at the Bridge furnishes.

Simon.—And fat's mair surprisin', tho' these persons as my friend taul' me could drink naething at their supper abeen the stren'th o' sma ale, they dinna scruple, if report be true, to bring up the rear o' the ham an' eggs they consume at breakfast wi' sic a quantity o' Bracla or Glenlivat as gies to their peregrinations fae the Brig an amusin' zig-zag appearance.

Benjamin.—But our Commissioners are remarkable for the strict consistency o' their conduct, and what I maist admire is their impartiality. They winna lat the watchman show the least respect o' persons, gentle as weel as simple, if they're foun' misconductin' themsel's maun trudge to the watch-hoos. Yea, so rigid are they in enforcin' the law against transgressors o' every kind, that I verily believe they widna spare a delinquent tho' he should happen to be anc o' their ain body.

Simon.—Domestic men, licht suppers, table beer, ha, ha, ha; I propose anither half-mutchkin.

Benjamin.—Na, na, Simon, lat's gang hame, for if we sit ony langer we'll hae a chance o' meetin' some o' the Commissioners, and it wid greatly dishonour us i' the opinon o' sic orderly men to be seen on the street at twa or three i' the mornin'. Ring the bell Abel, till we see fat's to pay.

Simon.—Weel if ye winna bide nae langer the noo, I'm resolved to hae a lang crack wi' ye Bengy, the neist time we meet, aboot the temperance o' our Police Commissioners.

Exeunt Omnes.

ELECTIONEERING.

(A Peep behind the Curtain.)

“——— Can such things be,
And overcome us like a summer cloud,
Without our 'special wonder!”—SHAKESPEARE.

With the exception of those who take no interest at all in the government of the country, and who, for this political apathy deserve banishment to one of the Eastern despotisms; there is not a man ignorant of the corrupt doings which take place at the election of our Parliament men. And indeed though these doings were completely veiled from us, how could it be imagined that a man whose conduct after he gets into Parliament, makes it evident that he has sought his seat for the sole purpose of appropriating to himself and