

say that the efforts of the Liberal party in this struggle were crowned with success, and the country has been saved from the terrible incubus which the Government sought to impose upon it.

On 8th October, a great Liberal Demonstration under the auspices of the Association was held in the Music Hall, at which addresses were delivered by Mr. Asquith, M.P.; Mr. Vesey Knox, M.P., and others. Mr. Asquith put forward a strong demand for the total abolition of the House of Lords. He repudiated all fantastic schemes for ideal Second Chambers, and urged that the House of Commons should become the sole depository of power. If the House of Commons became over-weighted with work, then the solution of that difficulty lay in the extension of Home Rule. Mr. Vesey Knox spoke to the misgovernment of Ireland by Mr. Balfour.

On 9th October, the Executive met and resolved to present an address to Mr. Gladstone on the occasion of his visit to Midlothian, and a deputation was arranged, which presented the address to Mr. Gladstone at a great meeting held in the Corn Exchange, Edinburgh, on 21st October, 1890.

At the end of last year the Executive deemed it expedient, in view of the arrears of work owing to the death of Mr. Giles, to postpone the Annual Meeting.

The Association has not been idle during the present year. The Council of the Association took an especial interest in the question of the allocation of the Equivalent Grant to Scotland, and its application to educational purposes. The action of the Association was supported by the Members for the city, who addressed a public meeting in the Albert Hall, under the