

of reform in this quarter, to give Mr. Ross a cordial reception on the day of election,—not only to mark their approbation of him as their representative, but to give expression to the deep interest they feel in the success of the cause of reform. It was accordingly arranged by the Reform Committee of the Inhabitants, and by that of the Trades and Working Classes, that they should assemble in procession, to meet and escort Mr. Ross to town. For this purpose the most extensive and magnificent preparations were made; and we have now the satisfaction of adding, that the whole were carried into effect with a degree of splendour, of order, and of regularity, of which the annals of our good city furnish no previous example; and with that perfect success, which must have afforded unmingled pleasure to those who took part in the ceremony, as well as to the countless multitude who witnessed it; and to Mr. Ross himself, a testimony of respect and esteem, of which, we do not hesitate to say, he may justly be proud.

As early as six o'clock in the morning the note of preparation sounded in all directions; banners with inscriptions suitable to the occasion were displayed in several parts of the town, along Union Street, and on the road leading to the Bridge of Dee; and various parties of the working classes were seen hurrying in their gayest attire to the places where they had appointed to assemble. Before eight o'clock the Incorporated Trades and Working Classes had nearly all met, each trade accompanied by a separate band of music, and bearing the usual emblems of their craft, together with many spirited inscriptions denoting their loyalty and warm wishes for the success of the reform cause. About half-past eight the whole marched out, preceded by a trumpeter on horseback, followed by Mr. Cooke, also on a beautiful horse, (and whose graceful seat and evolutions excited great admiration,) and drew up in Union Street. It would be invidious to descant upon the superiority of one trade over another: but we cannot help remarking on the elegant appearance of the carpet weavers, who, in addition to most appropriate flags, were almost uniform in dress, and wore squares of carpeting as aprons, of the most beautiful designs and workmanship. Their brethren, the linen weavers, also mustered strongly, wearing uniformly white and beautifully mounted aprons. Then there were the tanners and curriers, a numerous body, dressed uniformly in tan-coloured trowsers, shirts, and aprons, and blue bonnets; their appearance was exceedingly striking. Then came the gardeners—most beautiful, because most natural of all—having in their party upwards of a dozen of beautifully decorated crowns, composed of flowers, and other emblems, and altogether most appropriate in their costume. In addition to