

Association followed with a fine likeness of the "Grand Old Man." 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 procession. The Alford Valley contingent, headed by Kemnay, formed the first division. 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 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 at 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 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."

Peterculter had an exhibition of agricultural implements, and a large banner, on which was written "The country will have its rights."

The demonstrators from the Skene district made an effective appearance. The banners bore such mottoes as "Reform" "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." Mr. Bruce, Fornet, one of the '32 men, was the leader in the movement for organising the contingent.

The Woodside and Auchmull contingents formed a solid phalanx. The contingents were largely composed of workers from the mills and quarries in the districts. Messrs. Manuelle & Son's employees 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." The employees at Grandholm Works had two lorries, on the first of which was placed an old loom with the following inscription on one side—"The House of Lords like this old loom is getting out of date; a better institution is wanted for the State." On the other side—"Gladstone, England's greatest chief, will bring the House of Lords to grief." The second lorry contained a dye pan with dyers at work. The Gordon Mills corps appeared in carpet aprons and wearing rosettes. They displayed on a lorry a collection of carpet squares of their own manufacture. The bakers of the burgh turned out as a body dressed in white caps and aprons, and shirt sleeves turned up, some of them engaged at their handicraft on a lorry. Three specimen loaves were exhibited—"The Gladstone Loaf," "The Franchise Loaf," and "What the Tories would give you."

The Auchmull division was well provided with flags, banners, and mottoes. The Newhills contingent forming a serried rank of