

about 1000 working men marched in fine order, with flags, banners, and emblems, which were admired on all hands. The procession was led off by a lorry and four horses, bearing its living load of 32 men, displaying in a conspicuous manner a banner bearing the device, "The Newhills Liberals." "Who's to Rule—The Lords or the People?" Close on these came the marshal-in-chief, and in his rear the great body of the people. Very pithy was the motto, "The Cotter's But and Ben Claims a Vote with the Upper Ten." "Honour our Chieftain of 3—and 10" is remarkable for the enigmatical manner in which it expresses three score and ten. One in particular attracted notice as very emphatic, "The Lords have said We Won't, but the Nation says Ye Will." The quarriers displayed a very characteristic one, topped by a mighty anchor, and bearing the device, "Firm as the Rock we Cut." Many others were very suggestive, such as, "To Let—the House of Lords," "We want a Sweeping Reform of the House of Lords."

Following on this came another lorry with a huge banner 12 feet square, displaying the proverbial Conservative working man in human form, but bearing the head of an ass, reminding one of the old saying that he has an excellent ear but a very bad voice. On the same canvas, and in proximity to the anomaly referred to, was a sombre tombstone with the melancholy epitaph, "Sacred to the Memory of the House of Lords." One of the most striking banners was that which followed on the third lorry—a large black canvas about 8 feet square, having in a semi-circle round the top the imposing words, "Death or Victory." Beneath this inscription was a ghastly skull, and close under it the awe-inspiring cross-bones;

Then, as if to show there could be no doubt about the result, in bold letters along the foot appeared the trite expression—"No surrender." Then came rather a comical show, though not according to the original intention, which was to get up a good effigy of Lord Salisbury and mount it on the back of a donkey belonging to Mr. Davidson, Mugiemoss. This animal, like the noble lord proved refractory and manifested decidedly Conservative tendencies, by declining to carry any ignominious resemblance of his lordship. "Kirkie's" sand cart, however, came to the rescue, and "the man of straw" was deposited in it, with the determination to burn the effigy after "Kirkie" had conveyed it to the Granite City. A number of representatives from the Dyce Granite Works also formed part of the procession, and exhibited pretty banners with pithy mottoes. The agricultural element was augmented by labourers and farm-servants from various smaller districts. Devices such as "The profit of the earth is for all," "The King himself is served by the field," and "The greatest reformer in every land is the plough," fittingly described the thought and feelings of the tillers of the soil.

The country contingents were not a whit behind their brethren of the city in the matter of display, and their enthusiasm tended not a little to make the procession the interesting spectacle it undoubtedly was.

A cordon of police brought up the rear.