

## PLATFORM B.

At this platform the chairman was the Rev. C. C. Macdonald, who, besides the proposer, seconder, and supporters of the resolution, was accompanied by Sir A. H. Gordon, M.P.; Messrs. W. S. Marr, Uppermill, Tarves; James Robertson, Laurencekirk; James Kerr, do.; John Officer, do.; David Japp, do.; W. Meston, Peterculter; John Crombie, Jun., Daneston; Douglass Duncan, advocate; W. A. Mellis, Huntly; W. Murray of Mastrick; James Smith, Easter Tolmauds; A. H. Hall of Campfield; George Stewart, Aberdeen; J. W. Crombie, Balgownie; John Crombie, Balgownie; W. Greig, Bridge of Don; Alex. Coutts, Old Balgove; Mr. Anderson, Auchineve; Mr. Tulloford, Tarves; D. C. Macdonald, &c. As the processionists passed the platform on their way to take up their respective positions they were loudly cheered by the people on the hill, the more interesting displays being vociferously applauded.

Rev. C. C. Macdonald took the chair, amid applause. He asked what was the meaning of that great gathering. It was the sacred inspiration of liberty that made them one. (Applause.) Whatever in seeming, the Government was a democracy—the spirit, the will of the people. (Applause.) The spirit of the country was democratic; 1832 established for ever the supremacy of the people. In every great conflict he showed the peers had ignominiously been defeated; and Disraeli, he said, prepared the way for the collapse of Toryism. The Lords, while pulling their gilded chamber about their ears, did not care to oppose the development of democracy, and had admitted the principle of the extension of the franchise. (Applause.) To 1832 they largely owed their freedom, and such being the condition of the House of Lords, who doubted that the bill, the whole bill, and nothing but the bill, would be passed. (Applause.) For the sake of Gladstone alone he appealed to them not to suffer his work to perish. He was still in the van of Reform; not one of his captains can wield his battle-axe; he had borne the insolent gibes of aristocrats. The bill was safe, because they were determined to have it. A conflict between the peers and the people was now impossible; they dared not meet them now. (Cheers.) They had set their hearts on the Franchise Bill, and they should have it. (Applause.) The will of the people was supreme; but that fact must be recorded on the statute book. The House of Lords he characterised as an assembly that perpetuated the memory of slavery. And it was a shame that they would tolerate longer an institution which they could no longer respect or obey. (Applause.) In conclusion, he appealed to them that not the accident of birth, but only right should guide the destinies of the nation. (Applause.)

Mr. Park, Chief Magistrate of Fraserburgh moved the formal resolution which he said expressed with moderation the will of the people as expressed in their magnificent demonstration. He believed that ignorance of the people's opinions was the real explanation of the attitude of the House of Lords.

Mr. William Robertson, farm overseer, Ellon, seconded the motion declaring that his fellow-labourers would exercise their rights as intelligently and faithfully as Lord Salisbury. If they were denied their rights of the House of Lords they would run a furrow through it. (Applause.)

Mr. Alexander Bremner, Sandbank, Kemnay, supported the resolution in a characteristic speech directed against the House of Lords.

Mr. A. Duncan, mason, Jute Street, also supported the resolution.

The resolution was then formally put, and carried by acclamation, before the bugle could be heard; the chairman exclaiming, amid cheers—Strength to Gladstone to work it out.

Thanks were then voted to the marshal in chief, Dr. Moir; and to the chairman. Three cheers were given for the people; for Gladstone, and for Mr. Chamberlain, and the proceedings, which were quiet and orderly throughout, were brought to a close.

## PLATFORM C.

As the processionists marched past the third or C platform, the figures of Dr. Webster, Lord Provost Matthews, Dr. Bain, and other citizens were at once detected, and cheer after cheer was raised.

The gentlemen on the platform were—Baillie Hutton, Messrs. W. R. Reid, Theodore Crombie, Provost Skinner, John F. White, Alexander Davidson, Douglas Walker, Dr. Bain, Mr. H. Souper, Baillie Paterson, Messrs. J. Beaton, James Esslemont, Culsalmond; John Miller, Sandilands; Dr. Jackson,