

ENTERTAINMENTS

IN

Celebration of the Royal Visit.

THE POOR WOMEN.

IN consequence of its being found that the committee of management after entertaining the children, had a balance remaining, it was unanimously resolved upon that a treat should be given to the poor women resident in the town. The oldest were selected first, then the widows, and lastly those who had the largest families. The members of the committee met on Wednesday to award the tickets. And on Thursday afternoon, August 28th, six hundred poor females sat down to tea in the New Market, and partook of a bountiful and grateful repast of tea, bread and butter, beef and ham. It was arranged that each person should provide her own plate, cup and saucer, spoon, and knife and fork. The members of the committee were in attendance, as well as several ladies and gentlemen who had subscribed towards the fund. After tea the company was addressed by the Rev. Dr Sharpe, the vicar, who in a most affectionate manner exhorted them to attend to the observance of the Sabbath, and to their religious and moral duties; and especially on the subject of morning and evening prayer in their respective families. After this the vicar gave out the words of the national anthem, which was sung in excellent style. The company then gave three cheers for the Queen, three for Prince Albert, and three for

the vicar. The repast was one of the most comfortable character, and gave general satisfaction not only to the recipients, but to the givers.

THIRD WEST YORK MILITIA.

On Thursday, August 28th, the 3d West York Militia Staff at Doncaster, were liberally entertained at the Turf Tavern with an excellent dinner, through the kindness of Captain Hepworth and Lieutenant Whitaker.

DINNER TO THE INMATES OF THE UNION WORKHOUSE.

The dinner given to the inmates on Tuesday, the 2d of September, was not an inapt finale to the gratifying visit of Queen Victoria to Doncaster. To the general committee appointed by the inhabitants at a public meeting is the credit due for having, in so handsome a manner, not forgotten the destitute in the universal rejoicing in the borough on so memorable an occasion. In accordance with the unanimous wish of the members, Mr. Smith, solicitor, and Mr. Price, wine merchant, waited upon the Board of Guardians, to ask their sanction, in allowing them to give the poor a dinner of old English fare of roast beef and plum pudding, with a supply of genuine home-brewed ale. The treat was more than was anticipated, especially after the children had been entertained on the previous week. It has been truly observed—

"Pleasure that comes unlooked-for is thrice welcome;
And, if it stir the heart, it ought to be there
That may hereafter in a thoughtful hour
Wake but a sigh, 'tis treasured up among
The things most precious; and the day it came
Is noted a white day in our lives."

On the summit of the women's ward, adjoining the chapel, was hoisted a splendid flag, which might be seen for many miles around as it floated in the breeze. The preparatory steps for the festival were at once taken; and seven stones and a half of the primest beef in the market on Saturday last, were purchased. It was arranged that the tables should be bountifully supplied, and that the recipients should suffer no restraint. The master of

the workhouse, Mr. Colton, cheerfully forwarded the wishes of the promoters; and Mrs. Colton ably and willingly assisted in carrying out the arrangements. In fact, no pains seem to have been spared that could, in the slightest degree, contribute to the pleasure and happiness of the inmates. In visiting the Union, on Tuesday, just as the Doncaster band of music was playing "The roast beef of old England," the scene was deeply interesting. The girls, neatly attired in their checked print dresses, with remarkably clear white pinafores, were introduced into the chapel. Then followed the aged men, well clad, and placed themselves at the centre table. On the right of the entrance, came the adult females, wearing white caps, and were succeeded by the boys, also neatly dressed. In the midst of this pleasant assemblage, where all seemed animation and joy, the music sending forth a lively air, one of the Doncaster guardians hurriedly entered the room with two infants in his arms, who, judging from their appearance, had just awoke from their morning's slumber, and placed them under the protecting care of one more advanced in years. This circumstance was evidently done with so much kindness, and with so great a pleasure, as to awaken feelings of the highest gratification. Indeed, the scene presented at this moment would have made an interesting picture, and Wilkie himself would have feasted upon it with admiration and delight, and preserved by his unerring hand a life-like sketch. In watching the movements of the inmates as they advanced into the room, we observed that the honour of sitting at the head of the table was awarded by universal consent to seniority; and we could not help smiling in seeing a goodly dame, with evident satisfaction, take possession, as the mother of a family, of the principal seat at the head of the females' table. More orderly deportment we never witnessed; and this, we think, speaks volumes in favour of the officials of the establishment. Three splendid rounds of beef, with countless tureens of mashed potatoes, were then brought into the room and placed on the table appropriated to the carvers. These duties were admirably performed by G. J. Jarratt, Esq. John Rogerson, Esq. William Sheardown, Esq. Councillor Milner, and Councillor John Hatfield, ably supported by an efficient staff of attendants, consisting of ladies who had very kindly offered their services for the occasion, viz. Mrs. Milward, Mrs. Rogerson, Mrs. R. Beckett, Mrs. J. Wright, Miss Jarratt, Miss Smith,

Miss Nichols, and Miss Dransfield. Besides these, were Messrs. Richard Beckitt, Wm. E. Smith, Joseph Wright, Withers Moore, Lockwood, C. W. Hatfield, &c. George Johnson, Esq. the mayor, was present, and appeared to take very great interest in the proceedings, and frequently expressed to the inmates the great pleasure he had in witnessing them partake of the festivities of so joyous an event. The plates were replenished several times; and from the great demand upon the richly-flavoured dishes, it was pretty clear that the repast was appreciated. When all had been satisfied with the beef of merry England, and plates changed, several immense hot plum puddings, with an abundance of rich sauce, were introduced. The ladies were again active in supplying the calls of the inmates. It was truly delightful in beholding the young and the aged partaking with so much pleasure of the good things set before them. Their countenances showed the inward satisfaction and happiness which they experienced. Indeed, it was manifest that, on the part of the visitors, as well as that of the recipients, the highest gratification was predominant. The dining-room was very tastefully ornamented with flowers and evergreens and festoons hung against the walls. Flags, with appropriate mottoes, were intermixed, which gave to the whole a very delightful appearance. These decorations were completed under the direction of Mr. Sheardown, who had kindly lent the use of the flags for the occasion. "The Queen—God bless her" was placed over the reading desk, and was certainly in perfect keeping with the sentiments of the inmates, for now and then might be distinctly heard from the old people, "God bless the Queen," and frequent exclamations, "She has brought us a day of rejoicing!" In one of the side galleries was placed the Doncaster band of music, under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Dodgson, of Bentley, who, during the entertainment, played several popular and enlivening airs, which added considerably to give a zest to the whole. At the conclusion of the dinner, grace was said by one of the boys. The inmates then sang the national anthem, accompanied by the band, every one present rising instantaneously, and standing up until its conclusion. This was accomplished in a very pleasing manner. Then came a spontaneous burst of cheering for Queen Victoria and the royal family; and had her most gracious Majesty been present, she could not have heard louder and heartier cheers given

than those which made the very walls echo again and again. Mr. William Sheardown, one of the guardians, after silence had been restored, read the following lines, to commemorate the Queen's visit to Doncaster, and the treat in the Union House; by J. Thompson, sen. an inmate, and formerly a compositor :

Hail to Victoria ! Queen of our Isle !
Hail star of Brunswick ! on whom we all smile !
Hail to Prince Albert ! and offspring so fair !
Hail to the town and its popular Mayor !

May long life and happiness circle your throne,
And peace with all nations be many years known.
May the children royal, who smile at our feet,
Adorn both the palace, and all who now greet.

Our thanks we now blend for this excellent treat
Of well-flavoured puddings and finest of meat ;
And may all our good donors ne'er lack the same,
While the roast and the boiled can boast of a name.

See the tottering frames of the inmates around ;
Yet, smiling, to find such marked kindness abound .
See the young and the old in raptures and glee,
Enjoying the feast which seldom they see.

Then three cheers aloud to our donors we give
Years may they flourish, and in happiness live !
May the Queen and her Consort in harmony shine,
With the children royal like blossoms entwine !

When Mr. Sheardown had read the lines, the companions of the writer seemed highly delighted with their poet, and clapped their hands in admiration. He observed that they could not do better than what the author had suggested, give three cheers for the donors. This was no sooner said than done; and their voices might be heard beyond the precincts of the Union Workhouse. Still, not satisfied, and considering it a mark of high honour to have the presence of the chief magistrate amongst them, and speaking pleasantly to them, they gave three cheers and one cheer more to the Mayor, which was immediately succeeded by another still louder for the Mayoress. His Worship, who appeared deeply sensible of the hearty manner in which the recipients had welcomed him, expressed a few words in terms of delight on the interesting occasion that had brought them together. To him it was a pride and satisfaction to know, that there was no country in the world where the poor were better cared for than in

England; and although misfortune might overtake them, the legislature had wisely provided an asylum for their reception. On behalf of the Mayoress and himself, he acknowledged with pleasure their kindness and good wishes. It seemed from what followed, that the cheering was not exhausted; for the ladies, and to their praise be it spoken, had so efficiently supplied the wants of their less fortunate neighbours, were not forgotten; and a cheer, not less noisy than the rest, was given in right good earnest, with many thanks to them for their valuable aid. The men had then handed to them a jug of ale, and drank the health of the Queen and the royal family with cordial good will; and pledged again and again their allegiance and loyalty to the Sovereign of the realm. To the promoters of the teetotal society it may be of some interest to know that none drank too freely; but many of them left a portion of their beverage in their pots when they thought they had had as much as was needed. This is as it should be, and clearly shows that they would make very good members of the temperance society, though not pledged teetotallers. The officers and the band retired into another room and partook of the good old English cheer, provided through the liberality of the committee. We should have previously stated that the number of inmates present at the festive board was one hundred and fifty-one; and that in addition to the beef, seventy pounds of plum pudding were consumed. The band, who gratuitously gave their services, in the afternoon, played a portion from Handel's Messiah, which was joined in by the company, and the festivities were brought to a conclusion, which will never, we dare say, be effaced from the memory of the grateful recipients.

CAVALRY DINNERS.

On Thursday, the 28th of August, a dinner was given to the Barnsdale troop of the 1st W.Y.Y. Cavalry, by Cornet Wright, of Billam, in commemoration of her Majesty's visit. The treat was partaken of at Mr. Holdam's, the Mail Coach Inn, and was served up in a highly creditable manner. The troop is constituted of fifty-two members, forty-eight of whom were present. Sergeant Thompson occupied the chair, and Sergeant Kidson, the vice. After dinner, the "Queen and the

Royal Family," as well as other toasts, were given and enthusiastically received ; and the afternoon was spent in an agreeable and convivial manner. Before dismissing the troop, Cornet Wright stated that he was happy to inform them they had been complimented by Lord Cathcart, for their soldier-like appearance at arms.

On the same day, Lieut. Arthur Joseph Smith entertained the members of the Hatfield troop with a first-rate dinner, at the house of Mr. Smith, the Wellington Inn. The whole of the proceedings were of a highly interesting character, and the company drank the health of her Majesty with the greatest enthusiasm, and that of the gallant lieutenant.

HERE'S A HEALTH TO THE QUEEN

Let others now sing of the joys of the chace,
Or raise up to Bacchus the hymn :
I heed not the cup ; wherein smiles his young face,
Nor the bubbles that wink from its brim.
No ! far dearer my theme—'tis the pride of our land,
Of our love none can e'er dispossess her :
While fixed in our hearts, her name ever shall stand,
Here's a health to the Queen—God bless her !

II.

The time-honoured strains of our fathers of old,
To the fair and the peerless we sung ;
And minstrels they vied, with their harps to unfold,
The charms of the lovely and young.
Then, when beauty and youth, and sweet innocence call,
The nations upspring to caress her ;
Uniting in loyalty's shout, one and all,
Here's a health to the Queen—God bless her !

III.

Dear England ! thy daughters are blooming and fair,
And thy sons they are gallant and true
There runs not a drop of red blood in their veins
That's tinged with disloyalty's hue :
Then bright be the halo that circles her name,
Long—long may this nation possess her ;
And this be the toast—a full bumper shall claim,
Here's a health to the Queen—God bless her !

Doncaster.

HENRY MOORE

INCIDENTS.

The Mayor, on leaving his card, on Wednesday evening, at the Angel Hotel, the Hon. Col. C. B. Phipps introduced his Worship to Lord John Russell. The noble lord then expressed, we understand, his satisfaction with the arrangements which the corporation had made for her Majesty's reception. The gallant colonel, has since, we believe, also spoken, in the highest terms, of the good order maintained during the Queen's sojourn at Doncaster.

Shortly after the Queen's arrival at Doncaster, Lord J. Russell conveyed to Mr. Denison, the Chairman of the Great Northern Railway, the expression of her Majesty's satisfaction at the manner in which the arrangements for the royal trip had been made and carried out, and for the mode in which the journey to Doncaster had been performed.

The grapes and figs at the Queen's table when at Doncaster, were presented by P. Davies Cooke, Esq.; the former having been grown in the vinery, and the latter in the open garden, at Owston.

Lady Mary Wood, on Thursday morning sent a most beautiful basket of fruit and a splendid bouquet from the gardens of Hickleton, for the use of her Majesty during the royal progress northward. They were placed on the saloon table by the railway officials previous to the departure.

The receipts at the Ladies' Platform in the Station, amounted to £40. 12s. which Mr. Palmer has handed over to the general committee for charitable purposes.

A meeting of the general committee, appointed by the inhabitants at a public meeting, for the purpose of making arrangements for the Queen's visit, was held at the Guild-Hall, on Friday, the 5th of September. It appeared from the statement of accounts, that the committee have been enabled, through the liberality of the town, to entertain all the children, to gladden the hearts of the poor women with an excellent cup of tea and sandwiches, and to cause rejoicing to the inmates of the Union Work-house, with roast beef and plum pudding; and after

paying other incidental expenses, have been enabled to deposit, in the names of the committee, at the bank of Sir W. B. Cooke, Bart. and Co. the handsome sum of £50. including the proceeds of the platform at the Railway Station. This surplus is to be left for future consideration, and three members of the committee have power to call a meeting to consider of its further disposal. We congratulate the committee on so successful a result of their labours; and after giving such a manifestation of their industry and generosity, we are quite sure that the contributors will not hesitate to award them a vote of thanks with acclamation.

Before concluding our account, we must not omit to mention that the following gentlemen have rendered efficient assistance in carrying out the different arrangements, viz. the Mayor and the members of the Town Council, Robert Hall, Esq. (Recorder),; Charles Jackson, Esq. (Treasurer),; T. B. Mason, Esq. (Town Clerk); Thomas Walker, Esq.; the members of the committee appointed by the inhabitants; Mr. Butterfield (Steward); Mr. Jordan (Committee Clerk); and Mr. Etches, the superintendent of the police. In addition to the cordial aid given by the clergy, the railway authorities of the Great Northern, with their indefatigable chairman, E. Denison, Esq. M.P. as well as the intelligent and zealous manager, Mr. Seymour Clarke, were unremitting in their endeavours to give *eclat* to her Majesty's visit, and Messrs. Johnson, Butler, Palmer, and Mullins, were equally as active in carrying out their arrangements.

Doncaster is itself once again. Our gracious Queen, along with her beloved consort and royal family, have taken their departure from her trusty and faithful subjects of this town and neighbourhood, who will ever entertain a grateful and lively sense of the honour conferred upon them. It is recorded to us, in history, that Charles the First was the last monarch, previous to the present visit, who honoured Doncaster with his presence. What a striking difference is pre-

sented in the two sovereigns! Charles, although a scholar and of accomplished manners, has not inaptly been described—"As everything but a king." Queen Victoria, by her refinement and goodness, is everything we could desire in a Queen. If we examine further the history of the two, not an unworthy incident is exhibited to us, and one that should not fail to implant still deeper our loyalty and attachment to the throne of these realms. Charles came to Doncaster with discontent and civil war pervading the length and breadth of the land. His object was to reach Scotland as speedily as possible, with a view to assist his forces in that quarter. Circumstances came to his knowledge while here which resolved him to abandon his progress, and in a very short space of time we find him a prisoner in one of the strongholds of the Isle of Wight—a preparatory step to the concluding scene of his life—his death upon the scaffold. Queen Victoria visits Doncaster this week while peace, happily not only prevails at home but abroad, and endeared only to her people by her inestimable virtues. She likewise rests here on her road to Scotland, but she carries with her none of the emblems of war—seeking only repose and comfort after the excitement attendant upon the performance of the important duties of her sovereignty. With the blessing of Providence she returns to the Isle of Wight, but no Carisbroke awaits her, since hers is, and to the end, we trust, will prove a reign of contentment. What a lesson does this little episode furnish us with, and who be there amongst us would not upon reflection pray—LONG LIVE AND GOD BLESS OUR QUEEN.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !