

pretty fiercely, and one passage from the exquisitely pungent and sarcastic rejoinder will live as long as there continues to exist an interest in Parliamentary polemics:—

"The right hon. gentleman below me (Mr. Horsman) who said a little against the Government, and something against the Bill, made an attack upon so humble an individual as myself. He was one of the first of the new party who gave expression to his great grief. He had retired into what may be called the political *Cave of Adullam*," into which he invited every one in distress, and every one who is discontented, and called them around him. The right hon. gentleman has long been anxious to form a party in this House, and there is scarcely a member at this end of the House who is able to address the House with affect, or to take part in the debates, that he has not tried to bring over to his party and cabal. He has succeeded in hooking the right hon. gentleman, the member for Calne (Mr. Lowe.) I know it was an opinion entertained many years ago by a member of the Treasury bench, that two men could make a party; and a party formed of two men so amiable, and so discreet we may hope to see in Parliament perfectly harmonious, and distinguished by a mutual and unbroken trust. But there is one great difficulty which it is impossible to ignore; as in the Scotch terrier, that is so covered with hair *you could not tell which was the head and which was the tail.*"

Mr. Bright's humour is not sardonic as was Mr. Disraeli's, but it resembles it inasmuch as its manifestations have chiefly been in the direction of hitting off some person or party by a single phrase, in Mr. Bright's case containing a parallel or a comparison drawn from a source familiar to the least educated mind. Two at least of his happiest strokes of this sort have their inspiration from the Bible. Had Mr. Lowe wanted to say something damaging about Mr. Bright he would, in all probability, have looked through his Homer or his Horace for an illustration. When Mr. Bright desired,