

McDonald and others made short but patriotic speeches, which indicated that they were "loyal men and true." Indeed all felt how "good and pleasant it was for brethren to dwell together in unity." We hope that this meeting may prove a blessing to them who joined in it to celebrate, with joy and gladness, the wonderful deliverance vouchsafed to our fathers that day, from the plots of Popish conspirators.

On this occasion the hilarity of younger brethren was not restrain-

ed, for they spiritedly engaged to trip the light fantastic toe till the "wee hour beyond the twelve" announced that we must all separate. All parted well pleased, with the entertainment, and hopefully anticipating to meet again with increased numbers and renewed energies the next fifth.

We should not omit to mention that, during the day, flags and banners were conspicuously displayed from Orange Lodges and other buildings.

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THE SHADOWS OF COMING EVENTS.

AT present there is but one theme in the politics of the United Kingdom, namely, the elections and their consequences. For the moment, almost everything else is swallowed up in the excitement of party conflict, and in the all-absorbing interest of the great questions now at issue. The Radical and revolutionary party avow themselves determined on robbery, and are already planning how to divide the spoil. Of course, Mr. Gladstone, "the people's William," is to return to power as Prime Minister; and John Bright is to be Secretary for Ireland. Perhaps John Bright in office may be very different from John Bright out of place and in opposition; but, judging from his whole political life, we should regard his accession to office as Secretary for Ireland, as nothing short of a calamity for that country. Who were his chosen friends and associates during his

recent visits to Ireland? They were chiefly professional agitators and Fenian sympathisers; and it is probable these would be the men of his counsel when installed in office. Has he ever on one occasion, during his whole Parliamentary career, spoken or voted in favor of any measure calculated to promote the material interests of Ireland? It is notorious that he has either totally abstained from supporting such measures, or else strenuously opposed them. And this is the man who is to shape and fashion the imperial policy towards Ireland! and this is the consummation for which Roman Catholic Bishops and Priests and their servile tools at the press and elsewhere are now so earnestly labouring to bring about!

But it is not from the past only that we are enabled to judge of the Birmingham Quaker. He has favored the public with a sketch of