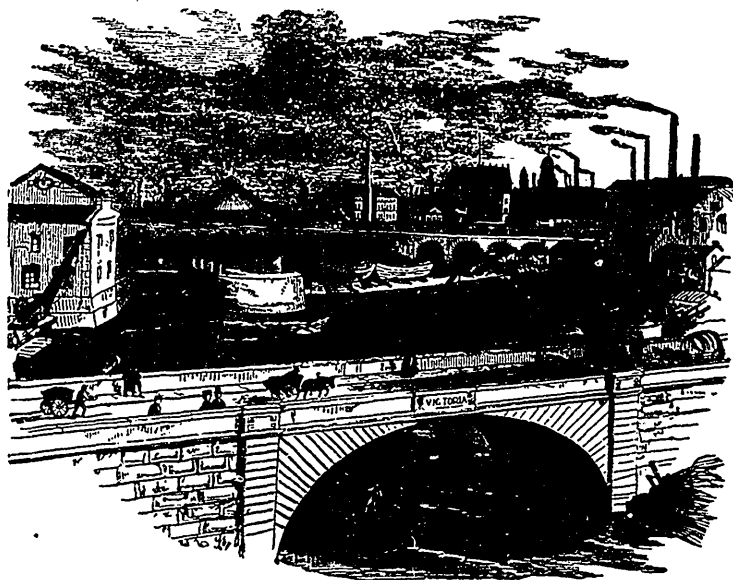


Leeds is the commercial capital of Yorkshire, and the fifth town in importance in the kingdom. The Town Hall, not far from the station, is considered to be the most imposing municipal building in Yorkshire. It forms a lofty rectangular pile of 250 feet by 200 feet. The centre is crowned by a dome. It cost £120,000.

Near Barnsley is a viaduct 1,000 feet long. A dull coal country now stretches right and left till we reach Sheffield, with its vast iron-works. The railway station is built in the valley of the



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Sheaf. The site was chosen simply because almost insurmountable engineering difficulties prevented the selection of a more central position. South of Sheffield the line passes along a pleasant valley, down which runs the river Sheaf, which separates the great county of York from Derbyshire. Five minutes' walk from Beauchieff Station is Beauchieff Abbey, the tower of the chapel of which still remains.

Near Codnor Park Station are the remains of Codnor Castle. Here, 600 hundred years ago, on an eminence in the undisturbed seclusion of the park, it stood, deeply moated, approached from the east by an avenue of trees, which looked far down the valley of the Erewash. On its western side was a spacious courtyard, well fortified; the massive round towers were battlemented, and