

triotis, I have only to repeat that I have no confidence in the breed.

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Blake.—Well, James, my boy, how do sum up the results of the session.

Trow.—On the whole, a clear net gain for us; a decided advance in Parliamentary strength, and I think a corresponding advance in public favor. But there's one thing we've got to do, and that right away.

Blake.—What's that?

Trow.—Announce a platform with some good, solid planks in it.

Blake.—You think so? I'll make a note of that.

Wallace.—Hello, Sheppard—so *you're* the fellow I've got to fight at the next election in West York, hey?

Sheppard.—Me? Why, what put such an idea as that into your head?

Wallace.—O, come now, none of that. I s'pose you don't know that there's a big requisition going round to ask you to stand as a candidate?

Sheppard.—So? Well, when it comes in I'll take a look at it.

Wallace.—Oh, you'll see it soon enough; but mind, I'll lick you if you dare to run.

Sheppard.—Well, in that case of course I wouldn't think of running. I hate being licked.

Wallace.—(aside)—Cool customer, this. But what scares me most is that the requisition is being boomed by the Tories. Looks as though they thought that my usefulness was gone in West York.

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