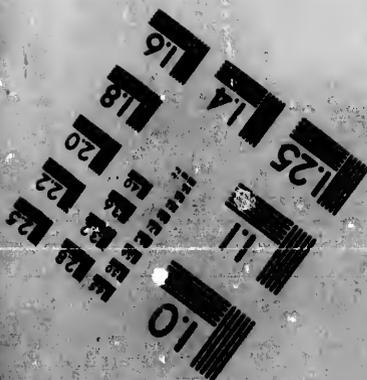
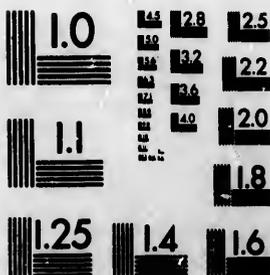


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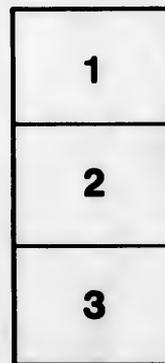
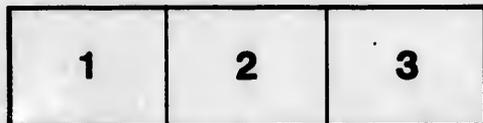
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OF
Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria,
WITH
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha,
BY THE
NOVA SCOTIA PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY,
WITH INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
ON SIMILAR CELEBRATIONS BY THE
Other Charitable Societies in Halifax,
AND BY THE PEOPLE OF NOVA SCOTIA GENERALLY.

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BY J. H. CROSSKILL.

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HALIFAX:

PUBLISHED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMITTEE,
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CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE OF
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

This auspicious event, was, perhaps, of less importance in itself as a matter of history, than as having been the means of calling forth an open manifestation of the deep rooted attachment to our gracious Queen which animates the hearts of her subjects, from the centre of her Empire to its most distant regions. The voice of "merry ENGLAND" rose in more joyous strains to the gladdened ears of the Royal Bride; the mountain breezes of SCOTLAND wafted to Her canopy the aspirations of millions of brave hearts praying for her happiness; the new-strung harp of Erin, thrilled in its wild melody as the warm hearted sons of the EMERALD ISLE sang to its enlivening numbers; and every remote corner of Her dominions echoed back the glad songs of congratulation. The inhabitants of BRITISH NORTH AMERICA responded with enthusiasm, and in no spot with more perfect unanimity than in the Colony of NOVA-SCOTIA: no people rejoiced with warmer hearts or sang in more joyous numbers than those, who, either by birth-right or adoption, claim the rough shores, the green forests, or the fertile fields of ACADIA for their home.

In this stirring celebration—which kept the metropolis of the Province alive with processions, balls, dinners, and public entertainments for months after the happy event which gave rise to them—*Irishmen* stood foremost. They set apart Easter Monday for the celebration. Amid the solemn and imposing ceremonies of the R. Catholic Church, they responded to the voice of their spiritual father, when he exclaimed—"Let us pray for the Queen;" they congratulated Her Majesty in a loyal address—they fed the poor and concluded the evening with convivial rejoicings

The members of the North British and Highland Societies, with a gallantry worthy of the occasion, and for which *Scotchmen* are becoming remarkable in the Province which inherits the name of their father land—resolved, after sending their gratulatory addresses to Her Majesty, to invite the ladies of Halifax to a splendid Ball, in honor of Her union.

“*Englishmen* and their descendants,” were also early in the field,—evincing that they had not forgotten “St. George and old England,” as, on the anniversary of their Titular Saint, beneath the venerable dome of St. Paul’s, they invoked blessings on the nuptials of the Queen and Her consort, and prayed that She might enjoy a long and happy reign. They, too, congratulated their own beloved Queen in a warm hearted address, and concluded the evening with all the festivity which merry faces and a sumptuous dinner could afford—amid the enlivening strains of music and the songs of mirth.

Last, but not least, it is the object of these pages to record a full description of the

Celebration of Her Majesty’s Marriage

BY THE

NOVA-SCOTIA PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY.

At a special meeting, convened at the Mason Hall on the evening of the 22d of April, for the purpose of adopting measures to express in a proper manner the congratulations of the Society to our most Gracious Queen, a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for a celebration on Friday the **FIRST DAY OF MAY**—being the birthday of our little *Mayflower*, which the Society have adopted as the emblem of Nova Scotia,—and, therefore, the day which Nova Scotians are accustomed from boyhood to claim as their own.

MAY MORNING.

The appointed morning was ushered in by the rising sun shining with full brilliancy in an unclouded sky; whilst the atmosphere, purified by a heavy farewell April shower which had fallen on the preceding day, was gently agitated by a refreshing western breeze. The Royal Standard was hoisted on the top of the Province Building, Union Jacks

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of all sizes, and other colors of various kinds, decorated with white ribbon bows and streamers, were profusely displayed from the windows and roofs of the houses of the native inhabitants and their friends. Groups of lovely maidens and gallant youths were to be seen wending their way with happy faces and light footsteps, to and from the shady groves beyond the suburbs of the town, where hundreds were partaking of the delights of a sweet may-morn,—gathering the fragrant wild flowers, and inhaling the grateful and balmy air of early spring, imparting vigour to the limbs, and suffusing the cheek with the bloom of health and beauty.

The courts adjoined important cases, and the schools kept high holiday.

At half past ten o'clock, members of the society began to assemble in the Hall of the Province Building, each of them wearing on his left breast a neat *bonquet* of May-flowers tied with a blue bow, and surmounted by a favour of white love ribbon. The President of the Society, Thomas Forrester, Esq., read to the assembled members, the Address of congratulation to Her Majesty the Queen, which had been prepared by the committee, and which was greeted with three times three for Her Majesty. A separate address to Prince Albert, was also read, and agreed to with three cheers and one cheer more for His Royal Highness. The members of the Society were then placed in order for the procession according to the following

PROGRAMME.

The STEWARD—Mr. Wm. Stephenson.

Supported by

C. Keefer and N. Wright,

Special Wardens, Hon. J. L. Starr & W. M. Hoffman, Esq.

INDIANS.

Special Wardens—C. H. Belcher, Esq. and Mr. G. C. Whidden.

VOLUNTEER MILITIA ARTILLERY.

ROYAL WELSH FUSILEERS' BAND.

SOCIETY'S BANNER,

BORNE by TWO INDIANS,

Supported by

W. Story, Sen. and John Trider, Jun.

Special Wardens—Hon. M. B. Almon & Henry Pryor, Esq.

PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT,
 Treasurer and Secretary
Special Wardens—C. Cogswell, Esq. M. D. and C. E.
 Patterson,
 Members in Couples.
 NOVA SCOTIA BANNER,
 Borne by an INDIAN,
 Supported by
 B. Murdoch and Joseph Howe, Esqrs.
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 COLOURS 1st. HALIFAX REGT. MILITIA,
 Borne by
 W. H. Tidmarsh and Wm. Scott,
 Supported by
 J. Robertson and W. Merrick,
Special Wardens—J. Scott Tremain, Esq. and William
 Sutherland, Esq.
 Members in Couples.
 COLOURS 2nd. HALIFAX REGT. MILITIA,
 Borne by
 P. S. Archibald and T. U. Tidmarsh.
 Supported by
 A. A. Black and J. A. Bauer.
Special Wardens—Mr. B. Wier and Mr. John Scott.
 Members in Couples.
 COLOURS 3rd. HALIFAX REGT. MILITIA,
 Borne by
 J. A. Findlay and J. H. Crosskill,
 Supported by
 Thos. McGie and R. B. Fletcher,
Special Wardens—Mr. S. Caldwell and Mr. James Spike.
 Members in Couples.
 COLOURS 4th HALIFAX REGT. MILITIA,
 Borne by
 Edward Albro and Joseph Wier,
 Supported by
 F. Sturmev, Sen. and James Hobson,
Special Wardens—Joseph Bennett and John Northrup.
 Members in Couples.
 ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENTS,
Special Wardens—Wm. Wiswell and A. Lyle.
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The Special Wardens bore white wands, tipped with marriage favours and Mayflowers, which were worn in such profusion by every body, that the air was impregnated with the delightful odours arising from them.

The large blue banner of the Society looked more beautiful than ever. It was decorated on both sides with garlands composed of the rose, thistle, shamrock, and Mayflower, interwoven tastefully together—the ends of the garlands being tied with white ribbons, and stretching from the centre to the corners of the bright silk banner, in graceful semicircular festoons. A circular wreath of Mayflowers hung on the top of the Society's flag, and on each of the Militia colours—the disposition of which at regular distances in the line, broke the monotony which would otherwise have been observable, and had a beautiful effect in giving variety to the procession. The Nova-Scotia Banner was borne by an Indian, and the Militia colors by officers of the respective regiments to which they belonged, being members of the society. The falling in of the Indians and Squaws in their unique fancy dresses, covered with numerous devices, all wrought with colored beads, at the head of the procession, attracted the attention and commanded the admiration of the spectators, many of whom wished that the Queen herself were present to gaze on and admire a scene of which she can have no conception, and that she might form an adequate idea of the devoted attachment of even her Indian subjects in this hemisphere.

The boys of the town, with a spirit which promises greater feats in future, determined that, although no place had been provided for them in the procession, they would not be robbed of their share in the duties and honours of the day. Having first ranged themselves in good order, beneath the trees around the Province Building, they fell into the procession, immediately after the Nova Scotia Philanthropic Society, deeming that their proper station. The boys carried colours, and wore badges and wedding favors. Her Majesty's packet Skylark displayed a full suit of colors. And from the window of the President, T. Forrester, Esq. waved a splendid Union Jack.

PROCESSION TO ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The Church Bells commenced ringing, and the procession, headed by the Band of the 23rd R. W. F. proceeded

from the grass plot on the south of the Province Building, around which it had been ranged, through Hollis and George Streets, which were crowded with spectators, towards St. Paul's Church. The Indians filed off to the Parade, and the Society formed a double line to the church door, through which the members of the Thistle Lodge and the Carpenter's Society, who had joined in the procession, with the 8th Band, passed into Church, followed by the members of the Philanthropic Society. Their banner was placed conspicuously within the altar, and seemed to be consecrated to loyalty by the solemn services of the church, and by the hearts of the Novascotians within its walls,—who will never fail to observe the injunction thus silently conveyed, to *fear God and honor the Queen*, whilst they enjoy freedom and happiness beneath the benign sway of their beloved VICTORIA! The lower floor of the church was occupied by the respective societies. The gallery was filled with ladies, who, in the church and out of it, lent the aid of their countenance and approving smiles, to exalt the character of the celebration, and to honor the day.

DIVINE SERVICE.

An appropriateness to the occasion was observable throughout the whole of the services, which were commenced by singing the two last verses of the 24th Psalm.

The "Venite" was chaunted in full choir.

Psalms appropriate to the occasion,

Psalm 21 and 23.

1st Lesson—Isaiah xlix—18 to 24.

2nd Lesson—1 Peter ii—11 to 18.

Anthem from Communion Service.

"Glory be to God on High."

The anthem being concluded, the Rev. Mr. Cogswell offered up a short prayer, and delivered that admirable discourse which precedes these pages. There, the words, as they were spoken, may be read; but no printed form can rekindle the living fire of the language as it came warm from the lips of the eloquent Divine; no laboured description can portray the effect, upon such an audience, of that address, so well adapted as it was to their feelings and the day, to the place and to the occasion. It was not one of those sermons, in which an occasional burst of oratory, momentarily relieves the monotonous dulness;—but one

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brilliant constellation of eloquence! When the Rev. Gentleman enlarged on the virtue of patriotism, he touched a chord which thrilled in every bosom; and when he described the feelings and recounted the blessings which “bind the Novascotian to his birth place and his home”—every eye was riveted with attention—every breath was silent. The sentiments he expressed went to every heart because they were founded in *truth*; and in comparing our political advantages with those of other lands of boasted freedom, there could not have been one individual, who did not feel the triumphant force of the exclamation, quoted from the words of a visitor to the American States:—“Sir, I can only call *that a free country, in which there are no slaves!*” The exhortation to Christian forbearance, and brotherly love, made a happy conclusion to this discourse, which brought a tear of emotion to many an eye, and, judging of the feelings of all by the acknowledgement of a few, enlarged the boundaries of gratitude in every heart.

The service was concluded by the choir and congregation singing the first and two last verses of the Queen's Anthem.

PRESENTATION OF THE ADDRESSES.

The procession, having been re-formed on issuing from the church, and being joined by the Volunteer Artillery Company commanded by Lieut. J. Lee, returned through George Street to Hollis Street, at the south end of which they turned up, passing the Hon. Michael Tobin's, and proceeding northerly through Pleasant Street in front of the residence of the Honourable. J. Leander Starr, which was decorated with Colors, to Government House, where the Addresses of the Philanthropic Society were presented on behalf of Novascotians generally, the answer of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor received, with a Royal Salute fired by the Volunteer Artillery, followed by one round of cheers for Her Majesty and Prince Albert, and another for His Excellency Sir Colin Campbell.

On presenting the Addresses, the President addressed His Excellency as follows:—

The Nova Scotia Philanthropic Society have convened themselves this day for the purpose of presenting, through your Excellency, congratulatory addresses to our Queen, and to Prince Albert, on their marriage, which addresses, with the permission of your Excellency I shall read. And

I am instructed as the President of the society, to request, that your Excellency be pleased to cause these Addresses to be transmitted, and in the name of Novascotians generally, laid at the foot of the Throne, to which, and to Her Majesty, Her Government and family, they are unalterably attached.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
The humble Address of the Nova-Scotia Philanthropic Society.
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Nova-Scotia Philanthropic Society, beg leave to approach your Majesty on the joyful occasion of your marriage with his Royal Highness Prince Albert, of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, with our sincere and ardent congratulations.

Though born in a small and remote Province of your Empire, the natives of Nova-Scotia marked your Majesty's accession to the Throne with unfeigned delight, for in addition to the peculiar claims your sex and age gave you upon their affections, the memory of your honored and Royal Father had been long cherished by them, as that of one of the early ornaments and benefactors of the land which gave them birth. If these circumstances led them to view with deep interest your Majesty's elevation to the Throne, the firmness with which you have held the sceptre, and the wise and benevolent policy which has distinguished your Majesty's short reign, have given fervency to their prayers that it may be as long, as they are convinced it will be advantageous and glorious to the Mighty Empire, of which this province forms an integral part.

That your Majesty has in the bloom of your youth, allied yourself with a Prince worthy of your affections, is a subject of rejoicing to us—and your Majesty may be assured that those who now avail themselves of the occasion to offer the homage of grateful hearts, have no higher hopes than to see the *Mayflower* of their native country indissolubly interwoven with the national emblems of their Fatherland, and to prove, should the honour of your Crown or the peace of your dominions ever be menaced, the sincerity of the feelings they now express.

(Signed)

THOMAS FORRESTER, *Prest.*
W. A. McAGY, *V. P.*

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT, OF SAXE
COBURG AND GOTHA.

The humble Address of the Nova-Scotia Philanthropic Society.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS :

The Nova-Scotia Philanthropic Society, while congratulating her Majesty *Queen Victoria*, on her alliance with your Royal Highness, beg to express to your Royal Highness the feelings with which they find so amiable and accomplished a member of an illustrious Family, connected by the closest ties, and in the most exalted manner with the mighty Empire of which they form a part.

They are confident that your Royal Highness will exhibit the virtue which they admire in the English character; that you will feel the deepest interest in the true dignity of the Crown to which you are united, and in the welfare of the People over whose hearts your Royal Consort wields a wise and gentle Sceptre.

Nova-Scotians are acquainted with the proud names which Germany has contributed to the pages of history, in all its departments, and with the many connecting links which exist between that great country and the British Empire!—They hail your Royal Highness's accession to the character of a Briton of the highest rank, next their beloved Sovereign; and sincerely and fervently wish to your Royal Highness a life of usefulness, happiness and prosperity.

[SIGNED AS BEFORE.]

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The humble Address of the Members of the Brother Carpenter's Society, resident in Halifax.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

WE, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the members of the Nova Scotia Carpenter's Society, established in 1798, beg leave most respectfully to assure your Majesty of our continued devoted attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government.

In tendering our heartfelt congratulations to your Majesty on the auspicious event that has so recently transpired in the mother country by the Union of Your Majesty with His Royal Highness Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, we feel satisfied that no circumstance could have occurred in the History of our beloved country, more dear to the hearts of an affectionate and loyal people than the

celebration of an Event so intimately connected with the happiness of England's Queen and the best interests of the British People, and though we are resident in a distant corner of Your Majesty's Dominions, the happy intelligence of Your Alliance with Your Royal Consort, was hailed with every demonstration of enthusiasm and delight by all classes of your Nova-Scotia subjects, whose pride and boast it has been (and your Majesty may rest assured ever will be to the latest posterity) to glory in the Constitution under which they live, to maintain inviolate the laws of their country, and on all occasions to uphold the honour and dignity of the British Nation. When we recur to the period during which this Garrison was commanded by your late lamented Father (whose memory is endeared to every Nova-Scotian by the many acts of Christian benevolence which characterized his sojourn among us) and reflect for a moment on the noble bearing and talent mind of that Royal Mother to whom was entrusted the care of England's Proudest Gem, "A Virgin Queen," we feel assured that under the present reign all classes of your Majesty's subjects, without reference to the rank or wealth, will freely participate in the blessings of a liberal and enlightened constitution. In conclusion we most heartily respond to the universal sentiment of joy and congratulation so loyally expressed by all Your Majesty's subjects throughout the province, and most fervently pray that that Almighty Being by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice, may shower down every temporal blessing upon your Majesty's head and that of your Royal Consort, and that your Reign may be one of continued happiness and prosperity to yourself and the British Empire.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

Gentlemen,—

The loyal, dutiful and affectionate Addresses of the Societies to which you respectively belong, on the joyful and happy event of her Majesty's Marriage, with his Royal Highness Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, I shall have much pleasure in transmitting to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

The benevolent sentiments you have expressed of his late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, the father of her Majesty, must be grateful to her warm and affectionate heart.

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try, the Mayflower, interwoven as you desire, with the Rose, Thistle and Shamrock, is a pledge (if any were necessary) of your sincerity in maintaining the happy connection with your Father Land.

THE PROCESSION CONTINUES.

From Government House the procession moved on through Barrington Street---turned by George Street into Granville Street---thence northerly through Upper Water street, to the Royal Dockyard, were the procession promenaded round the circular garden in front of the Commissioner's mansion. The Artillery moved off to the right, and fired a Royal Salute, while the procession halted, and forming a circle round the area of the yard, answered the Salute by "three times three" for Her Majesty and Prince Albert. The Artillery, having resumed their place between the Indians and the band, the procession left the Dock Yard, and, ascending Gerrish street, passed through Brunswick street in Dutch Town, turning down Jacob street, and so proceeding by Argyle street to the Grand Parade, which was covered and surrounded with dense masses of human beings, not less than 9 or 10,000.

DINNER TO THE INDIANS.

The crowds made way for the procession, which passed on and surrounded a table in the middle of the Parade, on which a smocking hot substantial dinner was being prepared for the Aborigines of the soil, who, at the request of the Philanthropic Society, had joined in the celebration. As the day was one of those on which their religion prohibited them from indulging their appetites with quadrupedal flesh, the Indians were regaled with a variety of dishes of fine fish, at which they set to work in a manner which betokened that they had no wish to forget the flavor of the inhabitants of the green waters which surrounded the land of their fathers, nor any particular objection to the vegetables which the "White Face," cultivate on their soil. The dishes were relieved with plenty of cake, both plumb and plain, and there was no want of beer, ale, and porter to assist them in doing justice to the eatables.

The Indian Chief and his squaw, who, borne down by the infirmities of age, had been conveyed in a carriage at the head of their tribe during the procession, took their seats on each side of the President of the Society, at the

head of the table. The President, in presenting a handsome belt to the venerable chief, addressed him as follows :

“ PAUL, you are the chief of one of the Micmac Tribes, and you and your Tribe have joined your countrymen this day in celebrating the marriage of our Queen—and your Queen—who will be delighted to hear that you have done so.—She will protect you—and your Tribe must love and protect her—and the Queen will pray that you and they may live long and be happy. You are now surrounded by your countrymen—by Brothers and by tried friends, who are always pleased to see the poor Indian happy and free. And as a token of their friendship for you and your Tribe, they present you with this splendid sash—wishing you health and a long life to wear it.”

To the reflecting and benevolent minds among the multitude, what a delightful scene was this entertainment of the small, dwindling, though cherished remnant of the brave Micmac Tribe! What contending emotions are raised within us when we contrast this treatment, with the cruelties, unrelenting and ferocious, which the Government and people of the United States, are constantly inflicting on every Indian within their reach. Boasting of civilization, superior to that of every other nation upon earth, they discard the very virtues they profess—hunting the wasted remains of a noble race into their last retreats, with the sword of slaughter, and the brand of desolation. Let the sons of Nova-Scotia indignantly desecrate and shun such foul practices as these ; let us continue to warm the heart of the forlorn Indian by the practice of such benevolence and philanthropy, as distinguished the celebration of the first of May ; and, if the fixed doom of the Red Men of North America really be *total extermination*, we shall at least have the satisfaction of knowing, that while the expiring sigh of the last Cherokee invokes a curse on the American Nation, and his blood calls from the sources of the Missouri or the shores of the Pacific, for the vengeance of heaven to descend on his murderers ; the departing ray of the Indian Spirit will shine benignantly on the green fields of Acadia, and the dying expiration of the last of the Micmacs, will ascend to heaven with a prayer that Novascotians and their descendants may enjoy in tranquility and happiness, the land beneath which, the bones of his fathers rest in peace !

CONCLUSION.

During the Indians' repast, every window and house top which could command a view of the parade was filled with spectators. A handsome white Union Jack waved in front of Dalhousie College, which was crowded with fair forms, and gallant youths. The Band on the parade played "God save the Queen," with fine effect, and the whole scene was one of as pleasing animation, as when the procession marched beneath the triumphal arches of Colors, which were displayed in the streets of the Town.

The Volunteer Artillery Company, in their dress coats and white trowsers, exhibited a very soldierly appearance, and added much to the variety and beauty of the procession. The arrangements of the Committee,—observable every where in the proceedings of the day were most affective, and successful. Not the least disorder occurred in the pageant—not a case of intoxication—in short, no disturbance of any kind, to mar the harmony, cheerfulness, order, and good feeling, which prevailed throughout the day.

After the dinner was concluded—the "fragments that remained," dishes and all, were given in possession of the Indians, and an endeavour was made to clear a space for an Indian dance, but the crowd was so dense that the attempt was unsuccessful; and a smart shower falling soon after, the whole of the populace dispersed to their homes, to reflect upon but not forget this renewed display of loyalty and attachment towards the person and government of Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA.

VIVAT REGINA !

