

The V.W.H. troop of Yeomanry Cavalry completed their days' drill on Friday [August 12th] last, on which day they were reviewed in Beckett Park, by Col. Reid of the Guards. who spoke in the most laudatory terms of the soldier-like carriage of the men, the excellent state of their equipments and the promptness and precision with which they went through the various military evolutions. In the opinion of many who witnessed the enlivening scene, the sword exercise was done with a unity of action, that would have done credit to a regularly trained troop of the line.

The review over, the officers and men sat down at 2 o'clock to a sumptuous entertainment given by their noble Captain, Viscount Barrington. At this period the scene was very animated, the well-furnished tables were arranged on the velvet lawn in front of Beckett House, with heads, bared of their nodding plumes, over them; the Burford Band at intervals, playing their merriest airs; and the holiday folks both male and female parading the lawn, or admiring the prowess of the men in scarlet and blue at a sirloin of beef or haunch of venison.

After the men of the broad sword had *quantum suff*, dancing commenced to the liveliest airs of the band, Lord and Lady Barrington shewing an example of condescension, highly creditable their rank. by endeavouring to diffuse gaiety and cheerfulness through the bosoms of all that were assembled on the occasion.

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