OPENING OF THE DRINKING FOUNTAIN AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

On Tuesday morning the magnificent Drinking Fountain, of which the opening ceremony was held at the cost of Major Sykes, Esq., of West End, was formally opened to the public, in the presence of a large number of spectators. Amongst the principal dignitaries present were the Mayor, Sir Henry Cooper, M.D., and Major Sykes, Esq., the Rev. J. Scott, J. Deas, and H. G. Kimmer, Alderman Abbey, Fountains, and Winstone; Cannisters and Mr. T. Thompson, Esq., (ex-Town Clerk).—The Rev. J. Scott having opened the proceedings with a short and appropriate prayer, Major Sykes congratulated the Corporation upon the acquisition of the Fountain, and explained that he and other members had attended on the occasion, not solely for the purpose of witnessing the opening of the Fountain, but for the purpose of insuring the success of the scheme. The Sykes's name was honoured with a cup of water from the Fountain, and handed to the Mayor as representative of the donor.

The working classes in Hull, during the hot weather, are accustomed to take a glass of water and a cup of tea, for the purpose of quenching their thirst, and the erection of drinking fountains has been long advocated. This new Fountain was estimated to cost between £500 and £1000, and was of the most elegant and costly description. It was situated in the centre of the town, and was attended by a large number of spectators. The Mayor, Sir Henry Cooper, M.D., and Major Sykes, Esq., of West End, were present, and the opening ceremony was held with due ceremony. The Mayor, Sir Henry Cooper, M.D., and Major Sykes, Esq., of West End, were present, and the opening ceremony was held with due ceremony. The Mayor, Sir Henry Cooper, M.D., and Major Sykes, Esq., of West End, were present, and the opening ceremony was held with due ceremony.

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