

Kisdon Force Tea Party, Keld August 1867

The Literary Institute. On Sunday last, a tea party was held on Birk Hill, near Kisdon Force, on behalf of the Keld Literary Institute. The weather was all that could be desired. The prospect of the adjacent hills was unusually fine, and the alternate lights and shadows brought out the beauties of the varied and extensive landscapes in a manner which called forth the admiration of the hundreds of visitors; who scattered on mountain rides, or in the valleys, or surveying the numerous waterfalls which abound in the rocky bed of the Swale, or amusing themselves on the rock immediately overhanging the principal waterfall, spent several hours in enjoying the glorious scenery which everywhere met the eye, and the strains of music which added greatly to the pleasure of the day. The Gunnerside and Reeth Bands were in attendance all the afternoon and played satisfactorily. Tea was provided in a large tent belonging to the Richmond Temperance Society. About 570 people sat down to tea.



In the evening a public meeting was held in the tent, when Geo. A. Robinson Esq of Hill House, Reeth presided. The meeting was addressed by the Chairman, and also by the Revds. Geo. G. Waddington of Keld, R. W. Broomfield, and Matthew White of Reeth, J.P. Nicholson, Curate of Muker, and J. Watkinson of Gunnerside. After passing a vote of thanks to the ladies who presided over the tables, and especially to those friends who had furnished tables gratuitously, the meeting united in a song of praise to the Great and Glorious Giver of every good and perfect gift. And the company returned to their various places of abode highly gratified with the proceedings and results of the day.

P.S. After paying all expenses, the tea party left a balance of £8. 11.11 in favour of the Literary Institute. See Ripon & Richmond Chronicle for August 1867.

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