OPENING OF THE
HALL –
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PUPIL AT
ABERDOUR
SCHOOL

THE DAY THE HALL WAS OPENED.

It was Thursday the 4th August 1892. Lord Aberdeen arrived early in the morning at Strichen Station. He had come from Haddo House.

Reverend Birnie minister of the Parish of New Aberdour and the Secretary of the Hall Committee met him at the station.

The party drove in a carriage and pair to New Aberdour. At Woodhead Farm they were met by a procession which was waiting at Mr. Chapman's farm.

The procession was made up of; The band of the Banff Volunteer Artillery, a detachment of forty men of the 3rd. Gordon Highlander Volunteers, an escort of over a dozen members of the Fraserburgh Cyclists Club, a host of school children carrying flags and banners, 20 conveyances which we followed by a group of mounted farmers.

On reaching Woodhead (where there was a handsome arch of evergreens adorned with flags and a welcoming banner) Lord Aberdeen was received with great enthusiasm. The procession continued and reached the hall for the opening ceremony.