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Oct 3. 1894

Dear Sir.

I have been very much interested in the account in the Spectator of Sept 15 of your evidently successful efforts to benefit the people of your district.

As it has fallen into my hands to endeavour to do something in similar lines - see Circular enclosed - which has resulted in

a valuable gift of land for the purpose if I am not troubling you too much I should be glad to have a few particulars as to the extent of land, cost of preparation & of maintenance, what branches or departments are most successful in operation, the arrangements for refreshments and the number of caretakers &c. - or any particulars which would be interesting to us at this stage of our Park scheme.

If you have any printed matter in connection with it I should esteem it a favor to be supplied with a copy.

I feel that there are many things which should be either done or left undone in connection with these efforts & it is with the desire to profit by the experience in other places that induces me to trouble you. I am with respect
Dear Sir Yours faithfully
Geo Prior.

▶ Park Committee. ▶

COCKERMOUTH,

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Mr.

DEAR SIR,

The above Committee will meet in the
MECHANICS INSTITUTE LIBRARY, on

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when you are respectfully requested to attend.

I am, yours faithfully,

GEORGE PRIOR,

HON. SECRETARY.

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# PUBLIC PARK, COCKERMOUTH.

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MRS. JOSEPH HARRIS, Derwent Lodge, having generously presented a site, at a cost of £2,000, to the town of Cockermouth for the purposes of a Public Park, the Committee, to whose management she has entrusted it, wish to proceed at an early date with the work of laying it out and preparing it for public use and enjoyment.

The field contains  $10\frac{1}{2}$  acres, of which  $6\frac{1}{2}$  is pasture and 4 acres wood. It is bounded on the north by the Railway,—

opposite the Passenger Station—and the wooded slope extending almost to the edge of the River Cocker, to which it has a frontage of over 100 yards. The situation is admirably adapted for the purpose. Being on an eminence it commands extensive views of distant and surrounding country. Facing the north a panoramic view of the Town, with its ancient Castle and undulating woodlands beyond is obtained, whilst to the south lie the mountain ranges of Skiddaw, Grassmoor, and the adjacent hills.

It is estimated that the cost of laying out and preparing the field will be at least £1,000, a portion of which may be required for the purchase of small portions of land abutting upon the Park, and which, if obtained, would form a desirable acquisition for entrances and additional river frontage. The Committee purpose proceeding as early as may be with the erection of Gates and Fences, the formation of Walks and Shrubberies, the provision of Seats and Shelters, and other necessary work, and, should the requisite funds be subscribed they hope to provide the means of Recreation by the erection of Swings, &c., for the children, Tennis Courts, Bowling Green, and conveniences for Bathing.

The Committee make an earnest appeal to the public for support, and trust that with their well known liberality the appeal will meet with a warm response.

Any member of the Committee will thankfully receive contributions, or promises of support, or they may be given in at any of the local Banks, to Mr. WATSON, City and District Bank, Treasurer, or to

GEO. PRIOR,

Hon. Secretary.

Cockermouth,

August 8th, 1894.

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I hereby promise the Sum of £                    s.                    d.

towards the laying out of the Public Park, Cockermouth,

payable by the end of 1894.

Signed,