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Number assembled.—About 40,000 people from different parts of the country. Half of these travelled by the Southern Mahratta Railway, the remaining who belonged to the adjacent villages travelled in carts. Over 3,000 bullocks were brought to the town. The number was less than last year in spite of the presence of the swami (guru) of Hampi after an absence of many years. This was due to the fear of dacoits who had recently been busy in the neighbourhood.

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