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Miss Ida B. Wells, who is to visit Ashton next Sunday, and to address a gathering in the Temperance Hall, is a negro lady of great natural ability. She was being educated at the Rust University, when the death of her parents called her back to her native place, Holly Springs, ~~Arkansas~~, to keep a home for five younger brothers and sisters. Her earliest work was that of a school teacher, but, having strong literary sympathies, she became well-known as a valued contributor to the press. "To la"—such is the press name adopted by Miss Wells—has an unbounded popularity with both the men and women of the negro race, for whilst she discusses the ins and outs of the political situation with the sterner sex, she gossips pleasantly about the domestic interests that appeal to women and children. Her brave and outspoken contention for justice and common fairness in the treatment of the negro race made Miss Wells obnoxious to her white "neighbours," and she was driven from the state of Tennessee by a mob. She will be accompanied on Sunday by Miss Catherine Impey, a member of the Society of Friends, who is well-known for her philanthropic and temperance work, and by Mr. W. E. A. Axon and the President of the Manchester and Salford Temperance Union, whose guests the ladies are. ~~Manchester~~

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Mr Axon whose guests we were in Manchester, was also editor of the Guardian which contained this notice.

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The Ladies Pictorial.

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