

The Strongest Man in Birmingham.

THAN Dick Hamley, of the Colmore Hotel, Church Street, whose photo we produce, there is perhaps no more popular or stronger man in Birmingham. Dick's long association with the old Royal, during which he ingratiated himself with all and sundry by his genial and kindly ways,

nearer defeat at the hands of the Birmingham man than he had done before or since. Hamley fought like a Trojan, but at the last, like all others, he had to submit to the inevitable defeat which usually attends the most powerful, skilful, and doughty antagonists who try conclusions with the little Jap from the Flowery Land. In



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is full of interesting reminiscences. He is a genuine strong man, free from the bluff and swank which is usually identified with the class. His great feats at the Gaiety and Empire are too well known to require mention here; but in my opinion his greatest feat was performed when wrestling with Yukio Tani. My prodigy came

Birmingham there are none like Dick. In his class he enjoys a modicum of the well-earned praise and homage they bestow on their "Joe." Of course, I don't wish to draw comparisons. Dick, in his rôle of Boniface, is a hale-fellow-well-met sort of individual, and deserves all the good one can speak of him.