

Nesbitt,—all we can say is, that such persons are unacquainted with acting as an art, else never would they venture to compare the tyro with the teacher. Under a pressure of constant and worthless study, however a part may be rubbed through, it is impossible it can be delineated with any commensurate degree of truthful effect; and surely, in a leading performer, something beyond mere conventional delivery of the author's words is requisite.

Of the ladies:—Mrs. O'Flaherty possesses many stage qualifications, natural and acquired; but although there be a vigorous perception, and not unfrequently an effective execution in her impersonations, she lacks those advantages Mr. Griffiths has fortunately had—that of studying from the best models, and testing his powers by competition with superior; whereas, in Mrs. O'Flaherty's peculiar walk, it has most probably chanced that the lady never yet encountered her equal. We, therefore, accord her judgment no ordinary meed of praise, and when we listen to her sonorous voice, or look upon her beaming and intelligent countenance, we feel satisfied that, by careful study and searching attention to elocution, her reputation and her triumphs would be mightily enhanced. At present, her transitions from the elevated to the colloquial, are often abrupt and jarring, and her more dignified assumptions fail in that difficultly acquired attribute—the majesty of repose. Hereafter we may enter more into detail; we merely point at what we deem blemishes, in general terms, now, because we feel well assured the fair lady is possessed of industry and intelligence fully adequate to the taste of self-improvement. If Mr. Griffiths be the actor, Madame Louise is no less the actress of all work. At one moment *premiere danseuse*—anon the prima donna of opera—presto a walking lady—now the pert soubrette—and volti subito, the sprightly columbine! In many respects, Madame Louise is one of the most meritorious and useful actresses attached to this or any similar Theatre; but even her powers have their limit, and, compelled to fly at all in the ring, it is little wonder if she should sometimes fall short. Notwithstanding such egregious impolicy on the part of the proprietors, her unquestionable ability is duly appreciated, and in her own particular walk, she is especially felicitous in whatever she undertakes; her fidelity to the author, and careful attention to the business of the scene, ensuring a brilliant success to everything intrusted to her skilful hands, and stamping her among the foremost of our dramatic favorites.

The remaining ladies and gentlemen will, we trust, for the present, excuse our apparent, but compulsory, lack of courtesy.—Of them—of the selection of pieces, and the manner in which they are put upon the stage, more hereafter.

Since this was written, we perceive Mrs. Stirling, from Hobart Town, and Mrs. Knowles, from Melbourne, have been added to the Company. The latter made her re-appearance on the 31st July, as *Madge Wildfire*, a performance of very sorry ability.

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## MUSIC.—THE PIANO-FORTE.

THE EOLIAN ATTACHMENT.—There is much talk in Great Britain, in the musical circles, of this invention by an American amateur of the name of Coleman. It was to have been tried in public at a *soirée* by Mr. Benedict on the 7th of February last. It consists of some addition to a piano-forte by which the notes can be sustained like those of an organ. There is a pedal for this purpose, and it is added that a *tremolo* may also be produced. In the hands of skilful players this invention will probably lead to some extraordinary effects, and for sacred chamber music it will be of great value. The machine can be adapted to any instrument, so that the piano-forte-makers are interested in its success. [We have sought in the late London papers for an account of the *soirée*, here referred to, but in vain. Should any of our friends be in the possession of "further particulars,"—we shall feel obliged if the same were forwarded to the Editor of this periodical, in order to the extension of "a deal o' harmony."]

## DOINGS OF THE ORDER.

“ Council Chambers,

“ Sydney, 3rd June, 1837.

“ GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your cheque on the Bank of New South Wales, for the sum of five pounds, being the amount of a contribution by “ The Club of Odd Fellows,” for the relief of the distressed among the emigrants by the ship “ *Lady Macnaghten*,” on whose behalf I beg leave to return their most grateful thanks to the Club, for their humane consideration, and liberal unsolicited charitable donation.

“ I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

“ Your most obedient humble servant,

“ WILLIAM MACPHERSON,

“ Clerk of Councils, and Member of the Immigration Board.”

“ Messrs. George Jilks and William Moffitt.”

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PRESENTATION OF MEDALS TO P. G. MOFFITT AND JILKS.

MASSIVE Silver Medals were presented on the 4th of October, 1837, to P. G. Moffitt and Jilks, as testimonials of regard of the Brethren of the Order, and in gratitude for their exertions in establishing the same in this Colony.

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STATUE OF SIR RICHARD BOURKE.

THE following letters from the present Resident Judge at Port Phillip, are acknowledgments of the receipt of contributions for the erection of a Statue to Sir Richard Bourke, late Governor of New South Wales, forwarded from “ The Society of Odd Fellows,” in Sydney.

“ Hunter-street, Dec. 13, 1837.

“ SIR,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of a Cheque for £25, the contribution of the Society of Odd Fellows, towards erecting a Statue of Sir Richard Bourke.

“ This handsome donation is enhanced by the promptitude with which it was contributed; and whilst it manifests your liberality, operates usefully also as an example well worthy of imitation by other Societies which, like yours, estimate duly the many advantages that New South Wales has derived from the administration of Sir Richard Bourke, and gratefully admire the zeal and energy with which he devoted his eminent talents to the service of this community.

“ I have the honor to be, Sir,

“ Your very faithful and obedient Servant,

“ R. TERRY,

“ Hon. Secretary.”

“ To the Chairman, &c.”

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“ Hunter-street, August 7, 1839.

“ SIR,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of £4, being the additional subscription from “ The Independent Order of Odd Fellows.”

“ In bearing testimony to the promptitude and liberality with which your Society has contributed to the Fund; I am sure they will be glad to learn that the Statue is now very nearly completed, and may be expected in the colony early in the ensuing year.

“ I have the honor to be, Sir,

“ Your most obedient Servant,

“ R. TERRY,

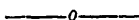
“ Hon. Secretary.”

“ To the Chairman, &c.”

PRESENTATION OF PLATE TO P. G. JILKS.

IN the month of May, 1838, a gratifying occurrence took place in connexion with *The Australian Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows*. It was the presentation of a splendid silver Tea Service, to P. G. Jilks, which was purchased with funds voluntarily subscribed by Members of the Order, and cost 50 guineas. The Service bears the following inscription:—

PRESENTED TO P. G. JILKS,  
BY THE AUSTRALIAN GRAND LODGE OF INDEPENDENT ODD FELLOWS,  
AS A  
MARK OF RESPECT TO HIM AS A BROTHER OF THE ORDER,  
AND ESTEEM FOR HIS SERVICES, IN ASSISTING TO FORM THE SAME IN AUSTRALIA.

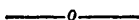


PRESENTATION OF A GOLD MEDAL TO G. M. WILLIAMS.

IN the month of February, 1841, a beautiful Gold Medal was presented to G. M. Williams, for services which are thereon engraved. To Members of the Order they speak volumes.

AS A TRIBUTE OF ESTEEM,  
THIS MEDAL  
IS PRESENTED TO G. M. JOHN WILLIAMS,  
BY THE BRETHREN OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,  
OF NEW SOUTH WALES,  
IN TESTIMONY OF THEIR GRATITUDE  
FOR THE  
UNWEARIED AND INDEFATIGABLE ZEAL HE SO ABLY MANIFESTED  
IN PROMOTING THE INTEREST AND WELFARE OF THE ORDER.  
24TH FEBRUARY, 1841.

*(On the obverse are the Arms of the Order.)*



FAREWELL DINNER TO P. P. G. M. MOFFITT,  
MARCH 14, 1842.

IN "THE AUSTRALIAN" Newspaper, of the 15th March, 1842, the following account was published of the Dinner given to Mr. William Moffitt, on the eve of his departure for Great Britain, and we have great pleasure in transferring the same to the pages of the first number of *THE AUSTRALASIAN ODD FELLOWS' QUARTERLY MAGAZINE*.

"FAREWELL DINNER.—Mr. Moffitt being on the eve of his departure for Europe, his friends invited him to a Dinner, which came off last evening, at the Royal Hotel. About fifty of his personal friends attended, the major part of them being Member of that highly and respectable body of the Association of Odd Fellows. The Dinner was served up in very excellent style. The wines were of Mr. Sparke's best. After the cloth was removed, several loyal and local toasts were proposed by the Chairman, all of which were cordially responded to by the parties present. The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, spoke very minutely relative to the foundation of the Order of Odd Fellows in the Colony, and passed a high eulogium on Mr. M.'s able advocacy of the Order, and his exertion in establishing the Society some six or seven years since. After entering into many

details relative to the Order, and of Mr. M.'s departure from and return to the Colony, he presented him, in a neat and appropriate speech, with a massive silver Snuff-box, bearing the following inscription :—

PRESENTED TO  
P. P. G. M. WILLIAM MOFFITT,  
BY THE GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS, AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
OF THE  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,  
OF NEW SOUTH WALES,

AS A TRIBUTE OF THEIR ESTEEM TOWARDS HIM AS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE  
ORDER, AND THE FIRST GRAND MASTER OF THE COLONY.  
ESTABLISHED 24TH FEBRUARY, 1836.

SYDNEY, 14TH MARCH, 1842.

Which, he stated, the Members of the Order presented to him, as a mark of their confidence and respect. Mr. Moffitt, who was evidently much surprised with the gift, returned thanks in a very appropriate speech. The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing, and the party broke up at a seasonable hour, satisfied, that though they were not all *Odd* Fellows, they proved themselves to be *Good* Fellows."

On Wednesday, the 23rd March, the Officers of the Australian Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, and about fifty of the friends of Mr. Moffitt, engaged the steam-packet *Rapid*, and proceeded in company with the *Catherine Jamieson*, as far as Watson's Bay, to bid adieu to their respected friend on his departure for England. The *Rapid* was adorned with the splendid Flags and Banners of the Lodge of Odd Fellows, to which Mr. Moffitt belonged, and had on board a band of music, which tended greatly to enliven the scene. On passing several vessels, the *Rapid* was greeted with three cheers, and everything evinced the respect in which our old townsman was held. Previous to parting company with the *Catherine Jamieson*, several toasts were given of a local character, chiefly relating to the individual whom his friends "delighted to honour." On the toast of "Health and prosperity to Mr. Moffitt, a safe and pleasant voyage, and speedy return," being proposed and drunk, Mr. M. returned thanks in a speech replete with feeling. He alluded to the kindness he had always experienced from the Brethren of the Order; and that that kindness, and the friendships he had created by it, more than repaid him for any trouble he had had in introducing the Order into the Colony; indeed, the feelings of that day would never be effaced from his memory. Mr. M. then proposed the health of his successor in office, and trusted that he might be spared to the Order for many years to come.

Mr. Moffitt, with his family, returned to his adopted country, in the *Ganges*, Captain Macdonald, on the 29th of April, 1844.

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**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE AUSTRALIAN  
GRAND LODGE.**

	£	s.	d.
Total amount Received from 24th Feb., 1836, to 24th Feb., 1845 ...	3,044	11	4
Ditto Expended, ditto .....	2,780	14	5

Balance ..... £ 263 16 11

Expended thus :—	£	s.	d.
Regalia, furniture, and jewels .....	903	13	0
Funerals .....	472	17	6
Sick allowances .....	345	10	6
Salaries .....	305	0	0
Rent .....	335	0	0
Stationery and advertising .....	352	13	5
Medals .....	66	0	0
	£2,780	14	5

## WIDOW AND ORPHANS' FUND.

In the month of June, 1841, there was established, in connexion with the above Lodge, a *Widow and Orphans' Fund*. The following is a statement of the *Receipts* and *Disbursements* since that period:—

Received for joining fees and contributions .....	95 13 6	
„ by donations.....	30 14 2	
„ „ interest on deposits .....	16 14 6	
„ „ box .....	23 17 0	
		£166 19 2
Paid out for set of books, and books of laws .....	13 0 0	
Deposited in Savings Bank .....	153 19 2	
		£166 19 2

A Funeral Fund was also established in the same Lodge, in March, 1843, out of which £50 has been deposited in the Savings Bank.

## A DAY IN THE BUSH.

As the sun had risen from his golden bed one fine morning, in January, 1835, I sallied forth with my three dogs into the bush, for a few hours' sport with the kangaroos. I was then young, and my mind somewhat tinctured with romance; but ere the day's *amusements*, of which the following is a faithful relation, had passed, all fanciful notions had taken flight, and stern reality usurped their place.

I was on a visit at a friend's, whose dwelling was situated in a wild and somewhat dreary spot, adjacent to a mill, which was set in motion by a stream which emptied itself into a fresh water creek, from the briny element of one of the numerous and beautiful bays of the Tasmanian river Tamar.

Ere I set out on my excursion, four of a party of seven special constables, despatched from Launceston the previous day, in pursuit of three notorious bushrangers, called at the mill to procure rations, which being obtained, they proceeded to join their companions in arms, intending to make for a beautiful plain about two miles off, the direction which the bushrangers these constables were in quest of, had taken, bending their course for that purpose on the west side of the creek, while I crossed it at the mill-dam, and journeyed in an easterly direction. Having ascended a hill about a mile from the house, one of my dogs started a regular *boomer*, who seemed positively bewildered at our sudden intrusion upon his domains, just before fancying, perhaps, as the poet has written—

“I am monarch of all I survey,  
My right there is none to dispute.”

In fact, he made an immediate effort to escape; the dogs, too, as if unwilling to take a mean advantage of their game, stood motionless until the kangaroo, having in a beautifully erect and majestic posture, looked around him, as if to calculate the amount of danger which threatened him, gradually drooped his slender fore-quarters, and with a “hop, skip, and jump,” leaped away at full speed down the side of the hill leading to the plain or flat just spoken of, followed by the other hounds. A beautiful chase it was: one, which the most enthusiastic of the old English stag or fox hunters would have gloried in. They were, however, but few minutes in view, the dogs rapidly lessening the distance which separated them from their