

PROCESSION TO ST. GILES'.—For at least, an hour before the procession started for St. Giles', the open space in front of the Palace presented an animated and attractive scene. The warmth of the sun might have induced the spectators to imagine that the month was May rather than June, but a cool breeze from the Queen's Park pleasantly tempered the heat, and rendered the position of those who watched the quickly moving scene much more agreeable than it would otherwise have been. A body of about fifty constables, under Superintendent Tewsley, kept the approaches to the Palace open, and directed the course of the crowd of earriages that drove up in quick succession to the palace gates. The fountain in front of the Palace was playing, and the gentle murmur of the falling water afforded a grateful sense of coolness in the midst of the warm sunshine, while the brilliant uniforms of the Scots Greys and Gordon Highlanders told very effectively against the dark background of the Palace walls. Another feature in the scene which was not noticeable last year was the presence of the members of the Cadet Corps of the 2d Edinburgh Rifle Volunteers, who were drawn up on either side of the entrance. The guard of honour, which was drawn up in line in face of the entrance, consisted of fifty rank and file of the 2d Battalion Gordon Highlanders, with the Queen's colours, under the command of Capt. Bayly and two subalterns. On the right of the Highlanders was a detachment of the 2d Dragoon Guards (Scots Greys), who were to act as His Grace's escort. Shortly after half-past eleven, when the levee was drawing to a close, Captain Baird's troop of the East Lothian Yeomanry paraded in front of the Palace. Almost at the same time the State carriage, drawn by four magnificent brown horses, their manes decked with gaily dark blue and yellow ribbon—the Gordon colours—drove up, but it was on the stroke of twelve before the procession was marshalled, and the trumpeters announced the approach of the Lord High Commissioner. As His Grace, who was accompanied by the Countess of Aberdeen, the Chaplain, and the Pursebearer, entered the carriage, the guard of honour presented arms, the colours were lowered, and the band played the National Anthem. The Countess wore a rich olive brown velvet dress tastefully trimmed with old lace with bonnet and cloak to match. In the second carriage were Lady Isabel Boyle, wearing a dress of peacock blue surt and striped velvet, with velvet toque of the same colour; Miss Hogg, who wore a maroon-coloured cachmere and moirée dress with cloak of the same shade, trimmed with marabout, and bonnet to match; Mr. Hughes, 2nd Life Guards, A. D. C., and Captain Wardlaw Ramsay, A. D. C., wearing the uniform of the Royal Scottish Archers. In the third carriage were Lady Harriet Lindsay, who wore a navy blue brocade velvet dress, and white straw bonnet with flowers; Mr. W. A. Lindsay, in the uniform of a member of the college of Arms; and Mr. G. T. Farquhar. The following is the order of the procession:—

Six City Police in Full Dress three abreast.  
East Lothian Yeomanry Cavalry.  
Cadet Corps, 2d Edinburgh Rifle Volunteers.<