NOTICE.—The "Palace Journal" will be published next week early on Tuesday, and will contain several extra pages, with special Christmas contributions by well-known writers including, "A Fatal Dance," by L. Clifford; "Christmas Eve in the Streets," by Arthur G. Morrison; "Christmas Carols," by Nym, etc.

THURSDAY, Dec. 19th.—Library open from 10 to 5 and from 6 to 10, free.—Newspapers may be seen from 8 a.m.
FRIDAY, Dec. 20th.—Library open from 10 to 5 and from 6 to 10, free.—Newspapers may be seen from 8 a.m.—Military Band Practice, at 7.45.—Orchestral Society.—Rehearsal, at 8.—Choral Society.—Rehearsal, at 8.
SATURDAY, Dec. 21st.—Library open from 10 to 5 and from 6 to 10, free.—Newspapers may be seen from 8 a.m.—Junior Harriers.—Run.—Rambler's Club.—To Shot Tower, Lambeth.—Chess Club.—Usual Practice, at 7.—Choral Society.—Rehearsal, at 8.—Technical Schools' Harriers.—Sports on Wanstead Flats.
SUNDAY, Dec. 22nd.—Organ Recitals, at 12, 2, 4, and 8.—Library open from 3 till 10, free.
MONDAY, Dec. 23rd.—Library open from 10 to 5 and from 6 to 10, free.—Newspapers may be seen from 8 a.m.—Students' Dance in Queen's Hall, in Evening.
TUESDAY, Dec. 24th.—Library open from 10 to 5 and from 6 to 10, free.—Newspapers may be seen from 8 a.m.—Choral Society.—Rehearsal, at 8.—Orchestral Society.—Rehearsal, at 8.—Choral Society.—Usual Practice, at 7, in East Ante-room of Queen's Hall.
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 25th.—Christmas Day.

Organ Recitals,

On SUNDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 22nd, 1889, IN THE QUEEN'S HALL, AT 12.30 AND 8 O'CLOCK.

Organist—Mr. B. Jackson, F.C.O., Organist to the People's Palace.

At 4 o'clock, Organ Recital and Sacred Songs.

ADMISSION FREE.

Notes of the Week.

Is this the Christmas week, considered from the point of view of the Journal, or is next week? This week we are beginning, making ready, preparing for the festivities of Christmas. At those theatres where they have a pantomime, the carpenters are hard at work day and night: the scene painters, the inventors of tricks, the costumiers know no rest, and snatch their meals when they can: the ballet is rehearsed, morning, noon and night: and the children—if there are to be any children—are put through the drill which causes them such delight. The shops are all dressed: there is the goodliest show of things to eat: the fruiterers' shops are all colours: there is a endless display of toys: everybody is buying and sending Christmas gifts, addressing Christmas cards. It is the greatest national holiday of the year.

Christmas falls at a time of year when rejoicing is natural: it has always been a time of holiday, feasting and congratulations. It is the season of the shortest days, but the sun has turned and is travelling northwards again, and the new year is actually born. The new year, you see, properly begins not on the 1st of January, but on the day after the shortest day. In the ancient rejoicings at this season, men welcomed the return of the sun, the birth of the new year, the lengthening of the days, and the prospect of spring. To mark the universal joy, and to show that all mankind should join in the festival of the time, the Romans gave their slaves liberty at this season. They became the masters: they did what they pleased: but I suppose the line was drawn at flogging. They would not be allowed to flog their masters. The Christian festival, of course, swallowed up all the old Pagan traditions, but adopted many of the Pagan customs.

The Christmas feastings begin, I suppose, with St. Thomas's day, which is on December 21st, and is the shortest day.

St. Thomas gray, St. Thomas gray,
Longest night and shortest day.

On this day village people used to make up bands and go round among the gentry and the more substantial sort begging for money, provisions, or drink to enable them to feast at Christmas. They called this custom by different names in various parts of the country. It was "going a gooding," because they asked for good things: "going a cornning," because they carried a bag and asked for wheat: "going a doleing," because they asked for a dole: or "going a mumping," that is simply begging. They used to keep tabards of hot spiced ale in the kitchens ready for the mumping party, who, in return, gave a sprig of holly or mistletoe. In a certain Worcestershire village, the children went round, singing—

Wassail, wassail, through the town:
If you've got any apples, throw them down:
Up with the stocking, and down with the shoe:
If you've got no apples money will do.

The jug is white and the ale is brown:

This is the best house in all the town.

In other places they used to carry round "Advent images," viz., images representing the Virgin Mary and our Lord. The image bearer received money from each house. The figure was sometimes covered up with evergreens, and a leaf taken from them was considered a cure for the toothache for the whole of the following year. If such is the result of this pious custom, let us by all means start it again, and so abolish toothache for a whole twelvemonth. But, alas! we believe nothing in these days.
There is a pretty legend. The seven days before the short winter day last seven days after, it was called Halcyon Days. An old woman is said to be sitting on her eggs in a floating nest during this time, and it is believed that the birds are not to be annoying. This custom may have originated with the practice of keeping birds for food.

The preparations for Christmas begin with St. Thomas's Day, the 21st December. On this day, the festivities begin in earnest, and the yule log is to be hung up and the mistletoe is to be dragged in. A Christmas tree is usually set up in the house, and the children are given a present each day until Christmas Day.


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They drove me forth from the prison when they took my father there, and I stood amid the crowd of people; and when they were gone, I was found. There was no change in her. She was sleeping here, and here I stood, and this shall be the end of it. I stood, and this shall be the end of it.

"Mistletoe and holly, hang "tis the month of December, And gild the winter's drear; Unite in songs of love and prayer, And may our country fare."

If the preparations for Christmas begin with St. Thomas's Day, the 21st December, then is the mistletoe hung up, and the yule log is burned, in some places, a great Christmas candle. In Devonshire, particularly, those who played at night for two or three weeks before Christmas, and elsewhere, they used to sprinkle the orchards with spiced meal to prevent the fruit from being eaten by birds. Christmas trees were set up in the houses, and the children were given a present each day until Christmas Day. A Christmas tree is usually set up in the house, and the children are given a present each day until Christmas Day.
Time Table of Classes.
SESSION 1889-90.

The Winter Session commences on Monday, January 6th, 1890. The Classes are open to both Sexes of all ages. The Art Classes are held at the Green House, Mile End Road. As the number attains to 1000 per Class, it is advisable for Students to book their names as soon as possible. By payment of an additional fee of 1s. per Quarter, the Students will have the privilege of attending the Concerts and Entertainments arranged expressly for them in the Queen's Hall on Wednesday Evening.

Students attend Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8.30 to 10.00. Those attending the Technical Classes may select their Days.

Technical Classes.

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Music by the People's Palace Military Band.

Conductor, Mr. Robinson, Lord Mayor of Walworth.

I. Grand March


IV. Fencing.—Mr. D. M. Nelson versus Mr. M. Rooney.


VI. Fantasia


VIII. Bar Bell Exercises, by Squad conducted by H. H. Burbett.

IX. Boxing.—H. Dean, B. G. Murdoch, E. Mitchell, C. F. Fennell (Captain People's Palace Boxing Class).

X. Dumb Bells, by Class, conducted by Mr. H. H. Burbett.


XIII. Musical Running Maze, by Leaders and Students, led by Mr. H. H. Burbett.

Dissolving View Entertainment in Lecture Hall.

Under Messrs. Carry and A. E. Were.

8 o'clock. The Sweep and the Whitewasher (Comic).


9.30 The Paris Exhibition.


10.00 The Sweep and the Whitewasher (Comic).

10.15 Billy's Rose.

11.00 Variety of Comic, Effect and Other Slides.

11.15 Brown and Jones' Fence (Comic).

11.45 English River Scenery.

12.00 Variety of Comic, Effect and Other Slides.
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martyrdom of two men of the Quaker persuasion, a Puritan
the verge of the horizon. The traveller, a man of middle
lie had reached the outskirts of the town, for a gloomy
still bore no more proportion to the cultivated ground. The
The road had penetrated the mass of woods that lay nearest
The fines, imprisonment, and stripes, liberally distributed
were not less deep because they
was a consummate master, and not in the least reluctant to
was the last of the prestidigitators who trusted more to their
women and their wares, he would carefully pick up a carrot
you will see it grow under your touch.' The Prince complied
pointed to a terrestrial globe
was a sleight of hand. The boy, who leaned his face
on a hillock of fresh-turned soil, smiled, and said, "Both
just tell us where your mother dwells, I promise you, if you
the boy had hurried his walking at once, and turned
the offertory, if you arrive home before I do, I will
him to this place. His reputation, and his expression, certainly
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**Programme of Conversazione**

On WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1889, commencing at Eight o'clock, IN THE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

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**BASEMENT.** — Confectionery and Cabinet Making. — Under Messrs. Gravet, Emerson, and Jacob.

Wood Carving. — Under Mr. Perrin.

Repose Work and Engraving. — Under Mr. Daniels.

Etching. — Under Mr. Costello.


Plumbing. — Under Mr. G. Taylor.

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Cookery. — Under Mrs. Sharman.

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**FIRST FLOOR.** — Dressmaking. — Under Miss Schrittner.

Millinery. — Under Miss Newman.

Tailors’ Cutting. — Under Mr. Umsch.

Boot and Shoe Making. — Under Mr. Adnitt.

Upholstery. — Under Mr. G. Schairman.


Sketching Club Exhibition. — Hon. Sec., Mr. White.

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Magnets and Electricity. — By Mr. G. J. Mitchell.

Chemistry (Practical). — Under Dr. McNair and Mr. Poole.

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**Programme of Gymnastic and Calisthenic Display by the INSTRUCTORS, LEADERS and STUDENTS of the GYMNASIUM, in the QUEEN’S HALL, AT EIGHT o’clock.**

Arranged by Mr. H. H. Burdett, Director of Gymnastics, &c., assisted by Messrs. D. M. Nelson, M. Rooney, C. Wright, Instructors.

During the evening LADY CURRIE will present SASHES to the following STUDENTS of the Gymnasium who have been lately appointed leaders: — *Girls’ Gymnasium* — Miss J. Baxter and Miss M. Joseph.

*Men’s Gymnasium* — Mr. W. Westing and Mr. W. Jones. *Junior Section* — Emerson and McCabe.

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**PEOPLE’S PALACE GYMNASIUM.**

**NIGHTS** — Tuesday and Saturday, from 7 p.m., in the East Ante-room.

**TUESDAY NIGHT** — Men’s Open Night. The score being as follows: —

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STUDENTs MONTHLY DANCES.

Our grand Social Dance will be held Monday next in the Queen’s Hall. The tickets, both students and friend, can be obtained from 5 till 7 p.m. in Tooley Street, and the number will be limited to early application. It is intended that the expenses, a charge of 3d. per head, be fully engaged to purchase tickets for the students and friend who are in the habit of attending the dances. Should this dance prove successful and pay its way, it is highly probable that the Professor will give an additional charge to the students and friend, to be made payable at the door. This will enable the Band to do a good piece work with the proceeds and pay its way.
in music. Several members have promised the lessons of domino fans, Indian grasses, artificial wreaths, etc., and they will be taught in the gymnasium, and to take up one or other of the above subjects by payment of an additional 6d. per quarter, members are reminded that they will have the privilege of attending the concerts and elections are made at the outside stations at the rate of a ton per minute. We do not think that any such complete system of transmission has ever been constructed. The pneumatic tube, indeed, cannot see the necessity for it.

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The pneumatic tube is simply a continuance for transportation by means of atmospheric pressure. The first idea of a plan for pneumatic transportation was in 1787 by a paper read before the Royal Society of London, by Denis Papin. He suggested a bellows for the majority of the tube, and then driving a piston, to which a carriage was attached through the air on the other side. No practical application of this idea was made, however, until 1840, when J. M. Harrett, engineer of London, advanced the plan of a pneumatic railway. Since that time Harrett’s plan has undergone important modifications, by himself and others, and any number of patents have been taken out, but though some of these have been made with the idea of delivering goods, the invention has not yet become commercially important. But about 1850 the principle of the pneumatic tube was successfully applied to the transportation of small packages in France, and in clay Mr. Latimer Clark patented the device in England.

The pneumatic system in London is estimated to move approximately 4,000,000 packages per day. The system in use is the pneumatic tube, and the charges are based on a mileage charge. The tube is usually operated on a hourly basis, and the charges are based on the number of packages transported. The tube is usually operated on a hourly basis, and the charges are based on the number of packages transported.
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