

LONDON LICENSED VICTUALLERS' SCHOOL.

There was great enthusiasm at the Crystal Palace last month, the occasion being the centenary festival of that admirable institution, the Licensed Victuallers' School. What a splendid object lesson this festival would afford to those who hold that nothing good can come out of the Trade—to Mr Arthur Chamberlain, for instance, who, to quote from his last utterance, "verily believes that the Trade has done more to squander the wealth and retard the physical, mental, and moral growth of the British race than any other single evil influence with which our people has at any other single evil influence with which our people has at any time had to contend."

Johnson, chairman Central Board; Mr Joseph W. Oake, governor of the institution; and other gentlemen.

The toast of "The King"—patron of the Institution—having been duly honoured, the National Anthem was sung by some of the children, and great was the cheering when it was announced that the Prince of Wales had also consented to become a patron.

Amidst vociferous cheering, alike from the guests and the children, the president rose, and in a speech full of good points gave the toast of the day: "This is our one hundredth birthday, our centenary year," he said, and he went on to describe how from very small beginnings in the year 1803 the school had grown to its present proportions, now maintaining and educating 250 children, while since its inauguration close upon 8000 had passed through its doors at an expenditure approaching half a million of money. The annual expenditure, he mentioned, was between £7000 and £8000. Taking up one of the programmes of the festival—which, by the way, were the gift of Messrs Meredith and Drew—he called the attention of the guests to the excellent examination report of Mr Pinches, of the College of Preceptors, and complimented Miss Byles, the head mistress, Mr Wallis, the head master, and the whole working staff, on the excellence of their work. But the governing body soar to still higher things, and he put forward a scheme for technical education, which he hoped to see accomplished during his term of office. Such education, of course, meant more money, but bad as the times were through which the Trade had passed, and was passing, he felt certain that they would find the necessary money to advance the curriculum of the school which they had kept going for one hundred years. The cheering which followed this remark left no doubt in the mind of the president as to the future intentions of this institution, and he gave with evident satisfaction "Continued Prosperity to the Licensed Victuallers' School," which was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm.

After the children had sung a centennial ode, specially written by Mr Walter Pelham, and set to music by the singing master, Mr Wingrove Ives, and two of the seniors in the school—a boy and a girl

—had delivered an address entitled "A Hundred Years Ago," the secretary, Mr E. Grimwood, read out the list of subscriptions, which turned out to be—with one exception—the highest on record, the total amount being £10,358. How hard the president, his firm, and the officials of Barclay, Perkins, and Company, Limited, must have worked to make the festival a success is shown by the fact that the total of the president's list was £5,819 19s 6d. The president headed the list with 100 guineas, the firm gave 500 guineas and a special centenary donation of 100 guineas, in addition to their annual subscription of 50 guineas, and each director gave 50 guineas. The enthusiasm when the result was announced was immense, the children joining heartily in the cheering.

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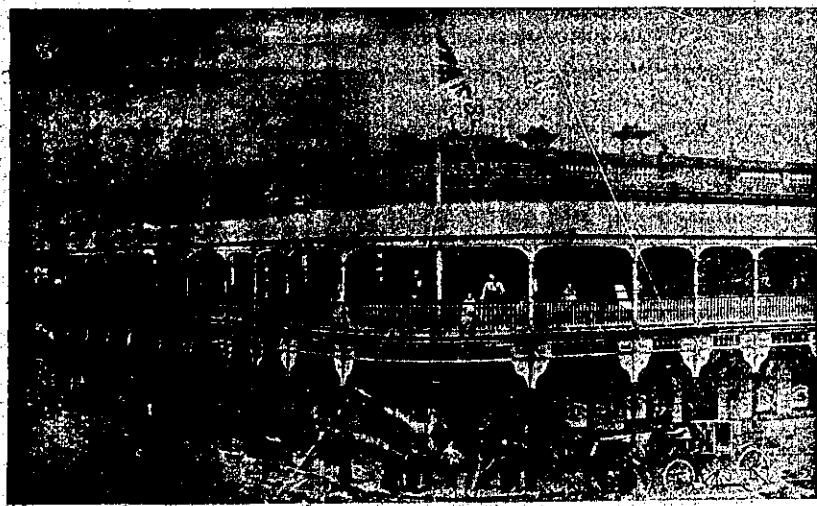
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THE INTOLERANCE OF THE ENEMY.

No better inducement could be given for a closer organisation of the Trade than is supplied by the report of a meeting held at the Garrison Hall, Dunedin, last week, under the auspices of the Council of the Churches and the Temperance Reform Council. At this meeting, over which the Mayor presided, the following resolutions were passed:—1. "This meeting of electors of the City of Dunedin indignantly protests against the scandalous inaction and obstruction of the Government in relation to the licensing polls and the enforcement of the law in Newtown, and declares that the Government is directly responsible for the present intolerable condition of affairs, and calls upon the representatives of the city to do their utmost, irrespective of party considerations, to secure such amendments of the law as shall prevent the repetition of such disgraceful occurrences." 2. "This meeting calls upon Parliament to pass an Act making the provisions of sections 12 and 33 of the Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act, 1895, apply to the licensing districts of Newtown and Bruce." A resolution was also carried that it is imperative that legislation should be passed to provide for—(1) No poll being declared invalid unless it is shown the result does not express the will of the electors; (2) a new poll when a poll is voided; (3) repeal of sub-section 3, of section 4, of the 1895 Act; (4) making any officer committing or permitting a breach of the law in the conduct of a poll, subject to a penalty.

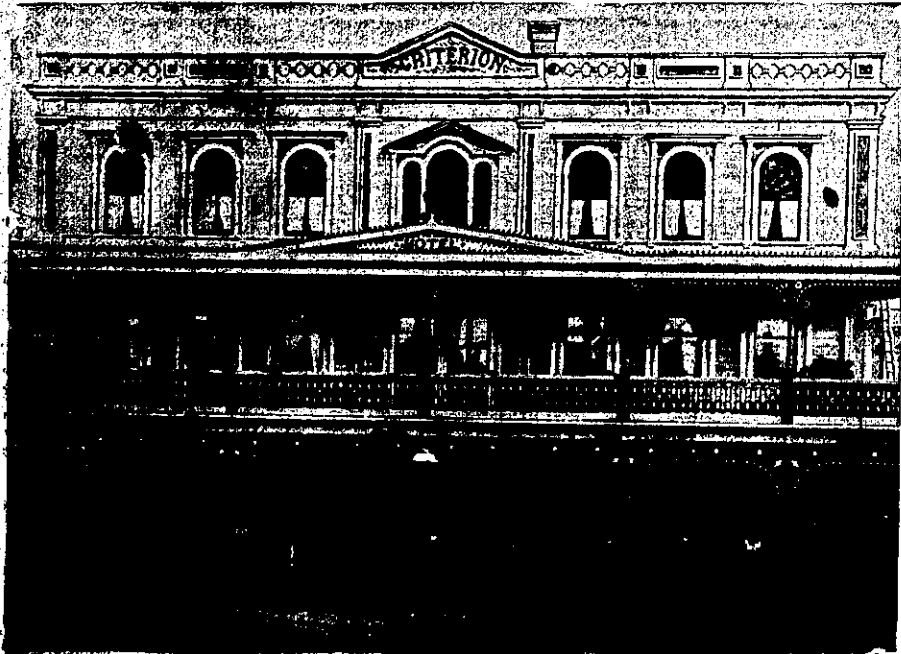
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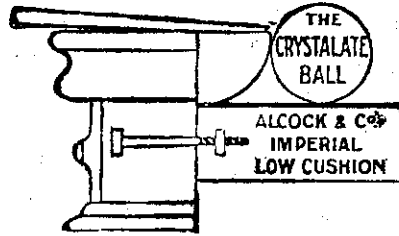
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