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May 9th 96

General Pitt Rivers,

Dear Sir,

There are many diffi-

culties in the way of our

performing H.M.S. Purapur

at Larnum Lee, although

I should very much like to

bring my Company on

on Whit Monday.

Is your stage large enough

to take 40 performers?

The second Act is a night-

Scene! Am is this to be

managed?

Of course we could bring

our own light, but the effect

would be lost. I am afraid.

The expenses are great, viz

For performing £4 (I think)

Dresses etc. £10.

Scenery (roughly) £5.

(We only had it for our performance

but it was made to suit our stage)

Musicians about £5.

& Cost of Ameyances to 100

& Refreshments! How you can

Stop some?

If you will kindly send me
a line giving size of steps for
return. I will call a Committee
Meeting to lay the matter before
them. If we come I want to
do the Opera in best manner
possible. Should this fall thro'
I shall be pleased to come up
this summer to give you Cox
& Box with music if you
would like it.

I am
Yours faithfully
Chas. M. Mayor.

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From the Rev. Edward Wilcox, Leeds.

24, KENSINGTON TERRACE,
HYDE PARK, LEEDS,

February 21st, 1895.

Mr. WILLIAM LYND gave his Lecture on Edison and his Inventions, at the March Institute, Leeds, on January 21st, 1895. The Phonograph reproduced its numerous records so distinctly that they were heard in every part of our large hall. The description of this Invention, and the Sketch of Edison's career, were given in such simple language, with so agreeable a manner, and with a very pleasant and humorous style, that the audience were highly delighted, as well as carefully instructed. The Lecture was so entertaining, that it fully justifies its title of "Popular."

EDWARD WILCOX,
Lecture Secretary.

From Walter Perry, Esq., M.A., Head Master of Hillside Preparatory School, West Malvern.

HILLSIDE,
WEST MALVERN,

March 8th, 1895.

DEAR MR. LYND,—Your Lecture the other night in our Schoolroom gave very great pleasure to us all, Masters, Boys, and Visitors alike. The clear, simple, and interesting language in which you described the mechanism of the Phonograph must have given even the youngest and most unscientific amongst us a clear notion as to its working. I cannot easily imagine a Lecture with its wonderful illustrations more calculated to interest boys, and grown up people too. Our hearty thanks too, are due to you for the extreme patience and kindness you showed in giving us so many opportunities beyond the regular programme of testing the wonders of the Phonograph. It was the first, but I hope it may not be the last opportunity of welcoming you here.

Yours very truly,
WALTER PERRY, M.A. (Head Master).

From Dr. Arthur Pierson.

The well-known American Divine presided at one of Mr. LYND'S Lectures, and at the close delivered the following words before the Phonograph used on that occasion:—"I have been asked by my friend Professor LYND to leave a record upon this cylinder. My record is that he is one of the best Lecturers I have had the privilege of hearing, and that his Lecture on the Phonograph is in itself a Phonograph which I wish might be heard by all the civilized world."

Lord Justice Denman said at Cambridge—

"I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. LYND before, but I have enjoyed his society so much that I wish I could spend no day in my life without seeing him again—putting it into Latin—*Nulla dies sine Lyndi.*"

THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

After hearing Mr. LYND at Rochester the Rev. Professor Thomas K. Cheyne, M.A., invited him to deliver his Lecture on Edison and the Phonograph before the Masters, Professors, Teachers, and Lecturers of

THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

From the Rev. R. F. Horton, M.A., D.D.

"CHESILS," HAMPSTEAD,

April 30th, 1895.

I have heard Mr. LYND'S Lecture on the Phonograph, and it is like being carried into Wonderland. The whole evening was made fascinating by the interest of the great discoveries and the ability of the Lecturer.

ROBERT F. HORTON.

LIST OF *Popular Science Lectures,*

BY
MR. WILLIAM LYND,

Late Principal of the West London College of Electrical Engineering, Author of "The Practical Telegraphist," Editor of "The Telegraphist," "The Phonogram," "The Family Circle of Science," &c., &c.

Who has delivered nearly 1,000 Popular Science Lectures, and visited over 600 towns in Great Britain and Ireland since March, 1889.

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Testimonial from the Head Master of Marlborough College, the Rev. G. C. Bell, M.A., late Fellow and Tutor of Worcester College, Oxford.

THE LODGE,
MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE,

November 30th, 1894.

Mr. WILLIAM LYND gave a Lecture here yesterday evening on the Phonograph and other inventions of Mr. Edison. He has a good voice and delivery, a clear method, and a pleasant way of explaining details, not without fun and humour, and a complete mastery of his subject.

The new Edison-Bell Phonograph which he exhibited is a marvellous instrument, and its "records" of band-music, solos, letters, speeches, etc., were heard quite distinctly at the far end of our large schoolroom, filled with an audience of some 700.

The Lecture gave great satisfaction to all, and still more to those whom Mr. LYND invited after the Lecture to hear records through "the tubes."

G. C. BELL.

From the Head Master of Sherborne School, the Rev. Frederick Brooke Westcott, M.A., late Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, Examining Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Durham.

SCHOOLHOUSE,
SHERBORNE,

December 3rd, 1894.

DEAR MR. LYND,—You ask me for a testimony as to your powers as a Lecturer, and I am very glad to give it. Without hesitation I can say that your evening here was an admirable success. One of my colleagues said to me that it was the best entertainment we had had in his time, and on all sides I have heard a chorus of approval. For myself I feel I am some judge of these things, for I am not without personal experience of Lecturing, and therefore was perhaps in a better position to appreciate your art. The whole thing was admirably done. The right thing was said at the right moment, there were no awkward pauses, such as may well occur in the exhibition of an instrument like the Phonograph, and the explanations were singularly lucid; I have never heard a Lecturer more so.

I am only sorry that the time had to be short, for I am very sure you could have told us much more that we should have been glad to hear.

At all schools your services could not fail to be highly appreciated.

I am,
Yours very sincerely,

F. B. WESTCOTT.

W. LYND, ESQ.

From G. W. S. Howson, Esq., M.A., Science Master, and President of the Natural Science Society, Uppingham School.

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL, RUTLAND,

November 19th, 1894.

Mr. WILLIAM LYND lectured to the Uppingham School Natural Science Society on Tuesday, October 30th, on the Edison-Bell Phonograph. About 200 were present. I do not think I have listened to a more interesting or attractive lecture; and few Lecturers can surpass Mr. LYND in clearness, terseness, and complete command over an audience.

The Lecture was all too short for all who heard him.

G. W. S. HOWSON, M.A.,
President of the N.S.S.,
Uppingham School.

From the Head Master of Sedbergh School, H. G. Hart, Esq., M.A., late Fellow St. John's College, Cambridge.

SCHOOL HOUSE, SEDBERGH,

November 24th, 1894.

Mr. WILLIAM LYND has just given his Lecture on "Edison and the Phonograph" to our boys, and was most successful in both interesting and amusing them. I doubt whether any of our School Lectures has more thoroughly delighted them.

H. G. HART.

From the Head Master of Hurstpierpoint College, the Rev. C. Edward Cooper, M.A.

THE COLLEGE, HURSTPIERPOINT,

HASSOCKS,

December 7th, 1894.

DEAR MR. LYND,—Your Lecture on the Edison-Bell Phonograph, delivered here last night, was in my opinion, the most interesting Scientific Lecture we have ever had given to the School. The boys were greatly delighted by the varied utterances of the instrument, under your sympathetic management, and appreciated no less your stirring tale of Mr. Edison's career. It would be hard to find a more instructive and at the same time popular entertainment for schools.

Yours sincerely,

C. EDWARD COOPER, M.A.

From J. Cook Gray, Esq., Head Master of Blairlodge School.

POLMONT, STIRLINGSHIRE,

January 25th, 1895.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in sending you a line to say how much we all enjoyed your Lecture last night. Your lucid description of the Phonograph, and your remarks about Edison and his many discoveries, interested my boys very much. Your illustrations were also instructive and amusing, and I have seldom listened to a Lecture more suitable to a school audience.

Yours truly,

J. COOKE GRAY,

Head Master.

From Dr. G. Herbert West, Ascham School, Bournemouth.

Mr. W. LYND gave the boys of this school three Lectures on Electricity. They thoroughly enjoyed them, and his thorough mastery of his subject enabled them to carry away a great deal more real knowledge than I should have thought it possible to give of so difficult a subject by mere Lectures.

G. HERBERT WEST, D.D., F.G.S.,

Head Master.

Late Science Student of Ch. Ch. Oxford; Burdett Coutts Geol. Scholar; Assoc. Inst. Civil Engineers.

From the Head Master of Gisburne House Preparatory School, Watford, W. H. Wright, Esq., B.A., Oxon.

GISBURNE HOUSE, WATFORD, HERTS,

November 20th, 1894.

DEAR SIR,—We were all thoroughly interested by your Lecture on Edison and the Phonograph. It seemed to me to be exactly the sort of Lecture for a Preparatory School, and I can recommend it heartily.

Personally I enjoyed the Lecture greatly, and I shall hope to see you in our midst on a future occasion.

Yours very faithfully,

W. H. WRIGHT, B.A. Oxon.,

Head Master Gisburne House Preparatory School, Watford.

From the Rev. Chas. T. Wickham, Twyford School, Winchester.

TWYFORD SCHOOL, WINCHESTER,

February 5th, 1895.

DEAR MR. LYND,—We enjoyed your Lecture thoroughly. The Phonograph in your hands is an excellent illustration of two well-known phenomena, the existence of sound waves and Mr. Edison's ingenuity. Your explanations were clear and well adapted to your audience, and such as could only be given by one who is a thorough master of his subject.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES T. WICKHAM.