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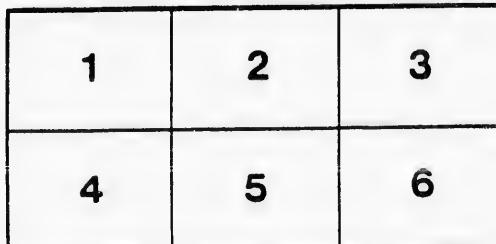
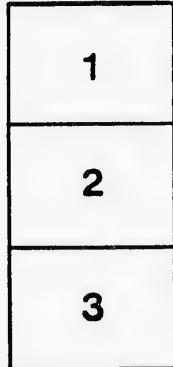
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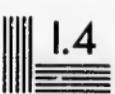
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The General Committee of the MASONIC FAIR express their cordial thanks to those citizens whose courtesy and generosity placed at the disposal of the Committee for exhibition the art treasures that have formed the loan collection at the Fair.

The Committee cannot too warmly acknowledge the privilege that has thus been afforded of bringing together works of rare artistic merit and beauty for the delight of all who have visited the Gallery; and they heartily recognize that by the kindness of the contributors the public have been afforded a treat of unaccustomed enjoyment; while this General Committee have been enabled to add to the varied attractions of the Fair, and have received valuable addition to the building fund of the Masonic Temple.

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CATALOGUE OF PAINTINGS, ETC.

TITLE.	ARTIST.	OWNER.
1. Landscape, with cattle (The Braes o' Mar),	Alfred Grey, R. H. A.	Thomas Furlong
2. At Bonchurch, Isle of Wight,	G. A. Williams.	Mary P. Dole.
3. The Ruined Temple (after R. Wilson, R.A.)	J. T. Stanton,	Mary P. Dole.
4. Autumnal Evening, Surrey,	G. A. Williams,	W. P. Dole.
5. Moid Orgueil, Jersey,	Edwin Hayes, R. H. A.,	Wm. Thomson.
6. Blarney Castle,	J. W. Gray,	Isaac Burpee.
7. Moonlight,		R. Heber Arnold.
7 (a). View on the St. John River (Westfield),	J. C. Miles,	H. D. McLeod.
8. Western Highland Cattle,	Alfred Grey, R. H. A.	Thomas Furlong
9. Algerine Pirates,	Jones Danby,	Thomas Furlong.
10. At Beddgelert, North Wales,	Alfred Vickers,	Mrs. J. W. Beard.
11. Ben Venue, from Loch Achray (Trosachs),	David Murray,	Mrs. W. H. A. Lyons
12. Farm Scene,	J. W. Gray,	Wm. Thomson.
13. Scene from Shakspere's Titus Andronicus,	Crawford Pirie,	Mrs. J. W. Beard.
14. Landscape,	J. Wilson,	Isaac Burpee.
15. Landscape (one of pair presented by T. Furlong, Esq. to Albion Lodge for Ma- sonic Fair,	W. Yates,	
16. The Stone-Breaker (fine water color),	W. Lucas,	Thomas Furlong.
17. Landscape (companion to No. 15),	W. Yates,	
18. Welsh Mountain Stream,	Achille Leonard,	Isaac Burpee.
19. Beatrice Cenci,		John Horn.
20. Welsh Landscape,		Isaac Burpee.
21. The Trout Fisher,	Wm. McGrath,	Thomas Furlong.
22. Landscape (with Figures),	J. Wilson,	Isaac Burpee.
23. Peacock (with Fruit),	J. W. Swift,	Thomas Lynn.
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25. Oyster Boats bringing in a Breeze,	W. C. Knell,	Mrs. J. W. Beard.

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TITLE.	ARTIST.	OWNER.
26. Hay Field,		C. A. Ellis.
27. Landscape, with Figures (after Gainsborough).		Dr. Botsford.
28. The Gothic Mountains, Isle of Skye.	John Cairns.	Chas. Campbell.
29. Sheep.	E. Van Piverdonck.	Wm. Thomson.
30. Crossing the Stream.		Do.
31. Landscape, with Cattle (after Cooper).	J. W. Gray.	Do.
32. Moonlit Scene.	Do.	Dr. T. Walker.
33. Peasant, from France.	Edward Turner.	Mrs. W. H. A. Keans
34. David et Abecasis (signed and dated "F" (left) "R" (come), "1767")	David,	Mrs. S. Robertson.
35. The River Side (Dargle) Timahinch, County Wicklow (copy of No. 41).	Jas. Stewart,	H. D. Troop.
36. "How dear to me the Hour."	P. V. Duffy, R. H. A., "How dear to me the hour when daylight dies, And sunbeams melt along the silent sea; For then sweet dreams of other days arise, And memory breathes her vesp'ral sigh to thee, "And as I watch the line of light that plays Along the sun-silk wave tow'd the Lurking West; I long to tread that golden path of rays, And think 'twould lead to some bright 'isle of rest."	Thomas Furlong.
37. The Cabin Door (copy aft. Hill, of London).	James Holman.	Thomas Furlong.
38. Portrait of Rubens.		Wm. Thomson.
39. St. Kevin and Kathleen (copied from Finner's Pictures of Moore).	James Holman.	Thomas Furlong.
40. The Return of Alcestis (signed and dated "F" (left) "R" (come), "1767")	David,	Mrs. S. Robertson.
41. The River Side (Dargle) Timahinch, County Wicklow.	P. V. Duffy, R. H. A.,	Thomas Furlong.
42. Autumn in Surrey.	E. W. Hulme,	B. L. Peters.
43. Old Ash Trees ("Adam and Eve"), near Rothesay, Isle of Bute.	John Cairns,	Thomas Furlong.
44. The Poachers.		Isaac Burpee.
45. Portrait.	Sir Joshua Reynolds,	Dr. Botsford.

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TITLE.	ARTIST.	OWNER.
66. "You Wouldn't Take Warning,"	Jas. Grey, R. H. A.,	Thomas Furlong
67. "Take a Run in the Garden,"	Clas. Atkinson,	Thomas Furlong
68. A Sunny Day in Glendalough,	P. V. Duffy, R. H. A.,	Do.
69. Near South End, Essex,	A. Vickers,	B. L. Peters,
70. Wood Lane,	Dunbar,	Mrs. J. W. Bond,
71. At Tremadoc, N. Wales,	A. Vickers,	Do.
72. (a). Moonlight,	J. W. Gray,	R. N. Knight,
73. Landscape (with Cattle),	J. Callow,	Wm. Thomson
74. A Breezy Day off Ramsgate,	Do.,	Do.
75. Marine View,	H. Weekes,	Isaac Burpee,
76. Water Carriers,	J. Callow,	Do.
77. Landscape,	Geo. H. Bailey,	Thomas Furlong,
78. Outward bound,	J. Scott,	H. Hilford,
79. Portrait of Horse "King William,"	F. W. Hulme,	C. A. Stockton,
80. Bowls,	A. Perigal, R. S. A.,	W. F. Bunting,
81. Landscape,	J. C. Miles,	Do.
82. Lane Scene, Surrey,	A. Van Willis,	W. P. Dole,
83. Langharne Castle, S. Wales,	Do.	Mrs. F. Ferguson,
84. Glimpse of the River St. John (presented by the Artist to the General Committee of the Masonic Fair),	J. C. Miles,	W. F. Harrison
85. The Notary,	Do.	C. A. Ellis,
86. Landscape,	J. C. Miles,	B. L. Peters,
87. Shakespeare (Chromo-lithograph after the Chandos portrait),	Do.	C. A. Ellis,
88. Landscape, (companion to No. 66),	J. C. Miles,	W. F. Harrison
89. The Dentist (companion to No. 65),	J. C. Miles,	W. Watson Allen,
90. On the Sea,	J. C. Miles,	Do.
91. View in Norton, N. B.,	J. C. Miles,	Do.
92. Mount Washington,	J. C. Miles,	owner
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73. Found Dead on the Embankment (a gift to the Fair by E. Clare, copied in India ink from a woodcut),		

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74.	Spaniels (Chromo),	
75.	Birds, in Winter Landscape (Chromo),	
76.	Spaniel and Woodcock (Chromo),	
77.	The Challenge, W. H. Simmons (Mezzotint Engraving after S. Sidney,	
78.	Falls of the Tummel (Chromo),	
79.	Landscape (Chromo, after John Salmon),	
80.	At the Siege of Paris, (Copy by Photo-Gravure from Picture),	
81.	Ruins of Melrose Abbey, in bark and mosses, natural colors, by	
82.	The Chess-Players, Photograp, colored in oil,	
83.	Mill and Cottage, a Winter Scene, Oil Painting by J. Northcote,	
84.	Mill and Cottage, by John Northcote, companion to No. 83,	
85.	The Card Players, companion to No. 82.	
86.	Le Hemicycle du Palais des Beaux Arts, a fine engraving by Dupont after the painting by Delaroche,	
87.	Ruins of Kivaux Abbey, companion to No. 81,	
88.	The Christian Martyr, engraving after Delaroche,	
89.	On Guard, copied, by photo-gravure, from picture by Edouard Detaille,	
90.	On a Stilke, Chromo,	
91.	Coast Scene, after J. Salmon, Chromo,	
92.	Lost on the Prairie (Chromo)	
93.	A Brown Study (Engraving by Hollyer after W. Higgins),	
94.	Pointer and Quail (Chromo),	
95.	Head, — Moorish Girl (in Crayon),	
96.	Tambourine Player (copied in India ink), by	
97.	Paris — The Commune, copied, by photo-gravure, from painting by A. de Neuville,	
98.	The Vintage Festival, engraved by A. Blanchard after painting by Anna Tadema,	
99.	Re-entry of French Troops into Paris, copy by photo-gravure of painting by Edouard Detaille,	
100.	Head of Girl, Chromo,	
101.	"Cry Baby," copy in India ink by	

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REVIEW OF THE ART GALLERY.

1st St. John *Globe*, Sept. 22d and 23d, 1879.1

ONE of the most attractive and valuable features of the Fair, which has proved in all respects a brilliant success, is the fine collection of pictures brought together in the Art Gallery. Although there were many good pictures, some of which had been on several occasions exhibited to the public, destroyed by the Great Fire of 1877, a very considerable number were fortunately saved from the flames; and the largest collection in the city, that of Mr. Furlong, was happily situated beyond the limits of the conflagration; so that there could yet be in St. John such an exhibition of really choice and excellent Works of Art as can be equalled nowhere in the Maritime Provinces, and as would do no discredit to a city of much larger population and greater wealth. We have among us not a few individuals and families of fine aesthetic culture. What we need is that the culture should be more widely spread, that a real and sound knowledge of the Fine Arts, an educated and refined taste, should be more generally diffused among all classes of the community.

The beneficial effects of education in such matters would soon make themselves ap-

parent in even the humblest homes, had they could afford any kind of ornamentation. In the form and styles of all our furniture, in the character and arrangement of even the cheap pictures with which the very poorest people often delight to adorn their homes—in our dress and manners—indeed, in a thousand needless ways, would be felt the cheering—though silent— influence of a genuine love of art, which is only another name for the love of beauty. Whosoever of whatsoever aims at creating or disseminating among us this pure love of the beautiful in nature and in art deserves, and ought constantly to receive, a hearty encouragement and it must be a great gratification to all co-concerted in the management of this Atlantic Fair, that the Gallery of Pictures which the committee having charge of that department have been enabled to place on each wall has been frequented by so large a number of admiring and appreciative visitors. The exhibition is a really fine one.

We propose to offer our readers some remarks upon several of the pictures, choosing for the purpose those which have more especially attracted our own attention and

excited our admiration. And if we should, here and there, include in a word of criticism, we shall do so merely in order to prompt others to form an independent judgment, and to help them, perhaps, to arrive at more intelligent appreciation of the artistic merits of the works mentioned. As might have been expected, the greater portion of the pictures exhibited consists of landscapes and of the marine views in which a maritime people like ourselves may naturally be supposed to find particular delight.

The first model in the catalogue is that of a rather large and setting landscape by Alfred Grey, R.H.A. It is a rough Highland scene—“The Blues of May”—very full of atmosphere and its whole treatment. The foreground is roughly well worked up—the shrubs and the other undergrowth, the grass which covers the grey rocks being carefully and minutely colored, and the perspective of the hills, far away in the distance, is faultless. A group of bright, emerald trees in every respect to their character, is happily introduced, and their colors of acid green and black are admirably balanced. If we have a fault to find with this conscientiously painted picture it is in the coloring of the trees, of which the lower ones we think, might have shown rather the blue tones of green. “Western Highland Cattle” is the same artist’s even a more striking picture than the one we have just described, and it has deservedly attracted a great deal of approving notice. Although the cattle are intended to be the principal figures on the canvas, we cannot help observing that the grey rocks and the most unusually colored heather, the ferns, grasses, and mosses that occupy the lower half of the foreground, are simply charming. We can hardly imagine anything of the kind better done. But what strikes the spectator at once,

and stamps upon his mind a permanent impression of this picture, is the group of wild, fierce looking cattle so skilfully drawn and colored, and so boldly relieved from the grey, stormy sky that envelopes the rugged hill-side. We cannot see how this subject could have been better treated. Both these pictures prove that Mr. Grey is an excellent artist; and we do not wonder that their owner, Mr. Thomas Fullong, values them very highly.

By another Irish artist of high standing, P. Vincent Duffy, R.H.A., there are three paintings in the room, which are also owned by Mr. Fullong. Of these, one, No. 14, entitled “The Riverside, Timahinch, Co. Wicklow,” is a very fully painted bit of quiet, wooded scenery. On the left of the foreground the quiet stream and the tall leafy trees that border it are in deep shadow. On the right the slanting sunlight of a warm, bright morning strikes upon a beautiful grassy bank and against fine spreading trees, whose foliage is expressed in a wonderfully detailed yet broad and effective manner. We look along the stream, through the overhanging trees to a bright, warm space beyond; and, on the right bank, a charming woodland path carries us away into the distance. Altogether, this is a delightful picture, which grows upon one more and more the longer and the oftener he sees it. An uncommonly brilliant and effective copy of it is to be seen in No. 33. This copy was made several years ago by our townsman, Mr. James Stewart, who is well known as a skilful and tasteful amateur artist. A careful comparison of this copy with the original, now placed so near it, will afford a profitable study. Another of Duffy’s works is No. 16, painted in illustration of Moore’s well-known verses, beginning:

“How dear to me the hour when daylight dies,
And sunbeams melt along the silent sea.”

It is a large canvas, glowing with warm colors. The lines of the sky, irradiated by the setting sun, of the sea—across which the bright light comes in un-

broken lines to the gently sloping shore that fills the entire foreground, and of the rocks that rise on the left, are all strong and intense. This quality quickly wins for the picture a great deal of admiration. And it undoubtedly possesses the great merit of being a simple yet striking composition, broad in effect, and displaying great purity and brilliancy of coloring. The stretch of sandy sea beach, and the pebbles and shells strewn along it are most beautifully rendered. They sparkle with light from their yet wet surfaces. But, after all, the picture seems to us to fall somewhat in conveying the impression it was designed to produce. A less brilliant, more hazy, dreamy atmosphere, in which all but the very nearest objects would be less sharply defined, and a softer, more over-tint of color throughout might have met the poet's description of the scene, and better expressed the sentiment embodied in his verses.

The remaining picture by Duffy, "A Sunny Day in Glendalough," (18), is, in our judgment, of very high merit. It is softly painted; and the coloring of the hillsides of the sky, and of the streams that winds down the glen, although bright, is exceedingly natural and true, while the perspective is admirable. It is a very beautiful picture, which the lapse of time will only improve.

By F. W. Hulme, one of the best English landscape painters of the present day, there are two charming works in this collection. They are both fine examples of the artist's skill in tree-painting. The larger of these, No. 45, "Autumn in Surrey," is warm and rich in color, and gives full expression to its title. Nothing could be finer than the solid, yet free and graceful aspect of the oak trees, robed in glowing autumnal foliage, that cover the side of the hill on which a few sheep are grazing, and where a peasant girl, who has laid her basket and bundle upon the ground, is leaning upon a bit of fence to view the scene. The sky, bright but cool looking, is flecked with white clouds. The grasses and ferns

that crowd the fore-ground, as well as the trees, are most accurately drawn and faultlessly colored. An there is a balance and harmony throughout the picture which is simply charming.

In No. 64, "Landscape, Surrey," the same qualities appear. It represents a rich growth of oak, and other trees in their early springtime aspect. The perspective of the grassy bank, which runs in among the trees, and in which appears a woman and a flock of geese, is wonderfully illusive. The fresh, rich green hues of the trees and the grass are hardly equalled in their perfect naturalness by anything in the room. And the trees — some of which are tall and yellow — and all the shrubbery of the foreground seem most minutely delineated, though evidently painted with a full brush. The cumulus clouds, too, that fill the bit of sky over the tree tops, are very natural in form and color.

Quite another style of tree painting is that presented in No. 43, a study of the celebrated "Old Ash Tree," commonly called "Adam and Eve," near Rethorpe, Isle of Bute. This picture is by John Calton, of Glasgow, and it is, as we have been assured by those who know well the tree and the spot on which they stand, a most faithful and correct portrayal of the place. The species and character of these large and remarkable trees, whose huge trunks are so dense and naturally in the ground, and in whose spreading foliage every leaf, almost, is individualized, cannot for a moment be imagined. We see it once before it blushes green spread over them that they are ash trees and none other. The manner of the painting is somewhat stiff and hard, yet there is a plain, substantial reality about this picture which makes it very effective and pleasant. Another painting from the easel of the same artist is a beautiful coast scene, No. 28, entitled "The Cuillin Mountains, Isle of Skye." In it the rather hard outlines of the coastline well brought into harmony with the blue sea and the rich colors of the sheaving shore. A small boat and a

figures or two being a minor interest to the view. Every part of the picture is firmly and solidly painted, and it is sure to wear well and to grow upon one's appreciation.

As we have already said, the coast scenes and seascapes form a very considerable portion of this collection. The very best of them is an imposing painting, No. 54, whose title is "Llaneghyne Castle," South Wales, the work of another and an eminent Scotch artist, Arthur Pickett, R. S. A. Nothing of the kind could be better rendered than the beach upon which the waves come rolling in; and the colors, form, and size, the heaving motion of the curve land-crested waves are most admirably expressed. Against a bright sky, the old, massive ruins of the great castle stand out boldly — their hardness and solidity being told down and softened by the fog that spreads over and flows to them. On the horizon hangs the rain-cloud that has suddenly just passed over the scene, and the hazy gloominess recedes into the excellent perspective. This is in every way an honest, good, and pleasant picture.

Of the Marine pieces we have spoken of three, Nos. 36, 50, and 54, are by the well-known English artist, J. C. W. L., who achieved a good reputation by such works, "A Breezy Day off Ramsgate" (63) is as its title would lead us to expect, a lively scene, the sea and the air, the sailing along before a brisk breeze, being full of movement. The drawing is in all parts good, and the coloring is natural. No. 54, which belongs to the same owner, Wm. Thompson, Esq., and is a sort of companion to the above, is much more easily seen, although a good enough picture, while "Onward Bound" (53), the property of Thomas Underhill, Esq., resembles it in character. It is a larger canvas, however, and rather bolder in its treatment. Two or three heavy and clumsy, but extremely plain square sailboats are sailing out to sea in the foreground, and the drawer, which presents them coming oblique towards the spectator, is exel-

lent. The shore and port they are leaving, which would seem to be Ramsgate, are thrown well into distinctness; and it would not be easy to find fault with the coloring of any part of the painting. "Oyster Boats bringing in a Breeze," by W. C. Knell (53), is not so satisfactorily treated, notwithstanding that the waves breaking in spray against the sides of the boats, and the figures of the fishermen busy in the management of their boat and buoys, are quite full of animation.

But by far the best of these seascapes is No. 51, "Mount Orgueil, Jersey," by Edwin Hayes, R. H. A., owned by Mr. Thomson. It is a large and admirable picture. Not only is the water natural in color, and the form of the waves so true that they seem to be actually flowing, but the sky in which the setting sun appears, is full of broken and obscured by streaky clouds, while above it comes of another kind and of bright hues soft and warm the whole view, is really very beautiful. The mountain, crowned by its old castle, holds its place nobly and firmly, but not obtrusively, in the distance. We regard this picture as one of the most truly artistic in the collection. Near it hangs a very lovely production of James Daffy, which displays fully the characteristics that mark so many of his own and his father, Francis Daffy's, works. It is No. 66, entitled "Algiers." The pirates and their British swift ship are only dimly seen through the glistening mist that overhangs the shore. The time is the close of a hot day on the Southern shore of the Mediterranean, and the sky, the high, top-roofed, perforated by tunnel-like openings, — the sand that is stretched across the foreground, all are now with the warm hues of sunset. The mist, or bluish grey, that has spread over the shore, as it most naturally would under such conditions, as soon as the sun neared the horizon, is rendered with marvelous tenderness and fine effect. It only rises to a certain height, and the more brilliant light fills the atmosphere and illuminates this and scap

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uates the cliffs above. We particularly commend this beautiful picture to the careful study of our amateurs who are seeking a lesson in the expression and the distribution of lights and shadows in a landscape. It is full of poetry and finished art.

Of the remaining land-scapes by British artists, which are of large size, we merely notice two, Nos. 14 and 22, painted by J. Wilton, and owned by the Hon. Isaac Burpee, as possessing considerable merit. But several of the smaller works call for particular notice. Among these are the sweet pictures by A. Vickers, No. 10, "At Beddgelert, N. Wales;" No. 49, "Near Southend, Essex;" and No. 51, "At Tremadoc, N. Wales." They are all bright and charming in color, and all painted under the full and broad effect of clear daylight. They are so strong that they produce all the effect of much larger canvases. "Autumnal Evening, Surrey," No. 4, by G. A. Williams, (which is lighting too high to be properly examined by ordinary spectators) is an uncommonly sweet and tender bit of English scenery. The sky, the trees, the horse and cart and their driver, the cottage and sheep, the slanting rays of falling light, and the roadway and hedge in the foreground, each and all, are most pleasingly set before us. No. 2, a study at "Bonchurch, Isle of Wight," by the same artist, is a very pretty finished sketch of cottages and trees. "Ben Venue, from Loch Achtnav," by David Murray, is an exceedingly bright and strong bit of mountain scenery, which holds its own among the larger paintings; and No. 59, a "Wood Lane," by Dunbar, is a deeply shaded passage-way between rows of heavy beech trees, expressed with considerable fidelity.

Of course, we cannot omit mention of Nos. 15 and 17, the pair of pretty little pictures by W. Yates, which Mr. Firlong recently brought from London, and which he liberally presented to *Album Longe* for this Masonic Fair. Many of our readers, doubtless, have seen and admired these rare little land-

scape—while they were placed in the windows of Messrs. J. & A. MacMillan's store. The colorism, we shall often respecting them will be that which are very finely worked out, very bright and very true—adding, that we give the preference to the one in which the fisherman is standing by the stream below the rustic bridge—the one by the way, which, not, we believe, most generally liked. Hanging between them is one of the finest specimens of water-color art in this city—No. 69, "The Stone Breaker," a lovely water-color painting by W. L. M. We quite envy Mr. Firlong, the possessor of it. Although it is small, it is so full of good points that we cannot pretend to convey an idea of them all in our brief description. The old man is resting from his labor to eat his luncheon, and sitting at his ease with outstretched legs, he looks out of the picture in the most natural manner at the beholder. In one hand he holds a large pocket knife, and in the other the literally thick slice of bread he has just cut from the quarter-loaf that is placed, along with some butter, on a blue handkerchief spread carelessly on the ground beside him. He has not yet tasted his bread and cheese; and his faithful, sharp-looking little dog, with ears erect, gazes keenly at the supposed approaching visitor. The landscape in which these figures are placed, the neat cottage that stands just about way back of them, and all the accessories are most naturally and fittingly delineated. In a word, this fine drawing is a real gem.

Of the paintings in which human figures form the chief subjects, the most important are Nos. 24 and 49—representing respectively the Death and the Return of Adonis. They are signed and dated D. IV. (F. fecit) R. (60) 1783; and are among the works of that eminent French artist, painted in the year after that in which he gained the Academy's gold medal and scholar ship which entitled him to proceed to Rome and prosecute there his artistic studies. The story of Adonis, one of the most beautiful of the

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one of Greek legend's find him a picture of Greek beauty and grace. Acestis, the most lovely of the daughters of Phœbus King of Iberia, was married to Aeneas, and became his wife. Through the wrath of Venus, who was jealous of her, Aeneas was forced to leave his home land. Acestis was alone to perish by a premature death. Phœbus Apollo intervened on his behalf, and he caused in the Fates the prolongation of Acestis' life, so that she could find any one willing to take her to a steading. He urged Father Phœbus to let his son bequeath to her his lands, this sacrifice for the sake of a lost life, devoted wife. Acestis cheerfully complied with the hard condition for the preservation of her husband. Immediately after her death, and until the lamentations of the family, Hercules, a favorite guest and friend of Admetus, arrived, and, driven by his strength and daring, rescued Acestis from the grasp of Death, and brought her alive again to her husband. Such is the legend with its accompanying fable and they tell the story very simply and very effectively. It might be said that the first copy of this is the automaton of Admetus, standing at the entrance of his restored wife, where Hercules has just led her to him, are somewhat than like the expression, ten such a criticism would hardly be lost. They are *visible* pictures, well preserved for nearly two years, and retaining many closely well the freshness and purity of their colors.

Another prominent picture which the lapse of years has not "aged" is that of a blending, "Portrait" of a woman, (No. 147) by Sir Joshua Reynolds, the portrait of Dr. Bousford. It has a very dignified and over-elegant look. Not far from this is a good copy (No. 150) of Roubens's well known portrait of himself, which is hung immediately opposite the room's other picture, every one who enters. It also wears the look of something old, but it's remarkably fresh. No. 151, "Beatrice Cenci," copied by Mr. John Heriot, is another copy of a famous picture,

representing the painting of Bettie's portrait in her prison. This copy—on a canvas of large size—is the work of Achille Leonardi, of Rome, who painted it for its present owner during his visit to Italy a few years ago. And it is remarkably well done. There is a great character and force in No. 156, "You Won't Take Warning," by James Grey, R. H. A. It is a picture touché like those painted by Erskine Nicoll, illustrative of Irish peasant's and Irish humor, and made familiar to us by all engraving and lithographs. The subject before us would be sure to be popular as an engraving. A cool, thin, bearded peasant stands a short distance in front of his cottage, gazing by the door, an unfortunate crew that he has brought to grief by the discharge of a murderous-looking blunderbuss which he holds in his other hand. A few yards away is seen the *scarecrow*, which the dairymaid in hucky bird had despised, and he has lost his life in consequence of his contempt. To him partly, whose face wears a half-angry, half-splitting expression, is addressing the words that form the title of the picture. The drawing in the picture is admirable, the colors good and the humor embodied.

Next in the catalogue (157) stands a painting sure to please every one who sees it. "Ride a Ram in the Garden" is the title—yeds supposed to be spoken by a lovely young girl to a younger sister whose hat she is tying on. Through the open side of a low window we catch a glimpse of the garden—a leafy, shady spot. The young lady, who has gone down on her knees, the better to reach the girl's sister, has a sweet face and is simply and neatly dressed. The child is a very pretty child indeed, and evidently a pet in the household. All the furniture of the room—the carpet and other articles are carefully colored; and there is not a particle of glaring color in the whole of this pleasant representation of happy domestic life.

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title "Bowls," (59), we have a painting which has been greatly admired by many good judges of art. It is by J. Scott, of London, and is in a quite Pre-Raphaelite style. The figure of a young lady, in a simple dress, short-waisted, and altogether of rather elongated fashion, and neatly trimmed with white lace, stands looking toward us, and holding back her shirt, apparently waiting for the next ball to be played by her adversary. At her feet lie three black balls and one white one, showing the present state of the game. By the way, this game of "Bowls" used to be very popular in England a century ago. It is an ancient game, and ought in this day of revivals to be brought into fashion again. The background, against which the figure is boldly, even daringly, placed, is composed of a tall growth of sunflowers, whose foliage and flowers are rendered with scrupulous fidelity in all their native strength of color. The picture is a very striking one.

Now, by, placed in a recess, is No. 58, a portrait of the horse "King William," by Geo. H. Barley. It is very correctly drawn, and is, we believe, a faithful likeness of the horse. But it is wanting in one important respect—the absence of the shadows which ought to relieve the animal and keep him from clinging to the bright wall of his stable. In No. 29 we have a picture that presents in admirable manner some fine "Sheep." The picture is from the easel of a Belgian artist, F. Van Pherdwick, and is the property of Wm. Thomson, Esq. The sheep stand directly in the foreground of a wide, flat Flemish landscape, that is not worked up in any way to distract the interest that centres in the figures. In drawing, color, and the texture of these honest fleecy creatures, nothing is left to be desired; and the introduction of a few beautifully finished here-and-there adds a trifle of bright color just where it tells best. We doubt whether Sidney Cooper or Verboeckhoeven could please us better with such simple materials than this artist has done.

Our own local artist are not so successful as expected in this exhibition as we had hoped they would be. Mr. J. C. Miles, who is so much interested in trying to establish a school for the fine arts in Boston, a painter, has contributed, via gift to the Gallery, to the number a "Glimpse of the River St. John." Now, if he can make highly and thoroughly finish the many oil productions he has, and the result is, consequently, a very good picture. As Mr. Miles is a devoted and assiduous student of Nature, and no man is expert in anyone's style, we expect great things of him. And this picture tends to the fulfillment of his promise as a rising artist. The other pictures by him, being on these walls, are all earlier ones. Two more small examples of our former townsmen, J. W. Gray's work—Nos. 6, 12, 14, 33, and 32. Of these the last, "Barney Castle," is by far the best. It was painted from a sketch made by Mr. Gray during a visit to Ireland some years ago, and is a really good picture which we should like to own. It is the property of the Hon. E. H. Bouvier. The style of Mr. G. is easily recognizable in the other examples, which are, to say nothing, good.

Only one specimen of the late J. T. Stanton's exquisite manipulation and finish is here exhibited. It is "The Ruined Temple," (No. 3), after the picture by R. Wilson, R. A., bearing that title in the collection presented by Mr. Vernon to the British National Gallery. Some persons who have seen the original, which is four times as large as his conventionalized copy, will find the former the finer painting of the two. It is copied by Miss Mary E. Hale. Two small pieces, contributed by Mr. Thomas Lynn, 23 and 26, each titled "Peacock, with fruit," are all that represent the late Jonathan W. Swift. They are rather pretty little things of their kind. Mr. James Johnson, our well-known portrait painter, also appears in two small examples, Nos. 37 and 39. The former of these, "The Cabin Door," after J. H. Hunt, is a nice bit of trailing Irish peasant life.

Of Mrs. Louise St. John's work, No. 16, we have already spoken. There only remain two other artists, formerly well known now in the United States, whom we may include among our local men. One of these, Crawford Pyne, is the painter of the "Scene from Shakespeare's *Henry the Fourth*" (No. 14). The part of the play illustrated is evidently the first scene of Act IV. The height of a very high glass, this small picture, a late example of painting, contains much that is of great interest. The other artist is the painter of the "Great Barrier" (No. 14), Miss McGrath. This little work shows a young lad by the side of a small stream in front of a screen of trees. The color and drawing is quite good, and produces a pleasing effect. Mr. McGrath, now residing in New York, is in a fair road towards influence and fame.

We have left ourselves hardly any space for remarks upon the engravings, lithographs, and small paintings that fill the east end of the Gallery. But we must briefly note one remarkable collection of engravings—No. 23, an Indian sketch drawing entitled "Lord Dufferin on the Embankment," by Mr. E. Cope, which was given to the Fair by the "Head of a Mission" (No. 13) in a copper framed by Mr. C. F. Kinnear and the "Embossing Painter," a copy made by Ireland, by Mr. J. N. Redfern. Mrs. W.

S. Marvin's pictures in bark and mosses, Nos. 84 and 85, give a good idea of the ruins of Melrose and Rievaulx Abbeys, and evince much skill. Among these smaller things are placed two diminutive but very effective engravings by J. Northcote, owned by Mrs. C. A. Ellis. They are both winter scenes, and each contains a "Mill and Cottage," and a few figures depicted under a tree or so.

No visitor will be likely to pass by No. 86, a large and fine engraving by Dupont, after the painting by Delaroche in "L'Henri IV du Palais des Beaux Arts" at Paris; or of the "The Vintage Festival," engraved by Blechard,—the most eminent of the French engravers in line of the present day—after the painting by L. Alma Tadema, A. R. A. The latter of these is owned by Mr. W. E. Bunting, the former by Mr. Parsons, who also lend Nos. 80, 89, 97 and 99—copies by photogravure of paintings by A. de Neuville and Edward Detmold, describing scenes in the Franco-German war. All these will well repay the trouble of a close examination and study.

Our readers at a distance will at least learn from our remarks that this Exhibition of Works of Art is a fine and valuable one, and that by it another decided step has been made here in the direction of an improved public taste and a higher aesthetic culture.

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