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THE
CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY.

R E P O R T
OF THE
DIRECTORS TO THE PROPRIETORS
AT THE
TWENTIETH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING,
JUNE 14TH, 1865.

COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT.

CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given, that the Twentieth Ordinary General Meeting of the Proprietors of this Company will be held at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, in the City of London, on Wednesday, the 14th of June next, at One o'clock precisely, for the purpose of receiving a Report from the Directors, and of transacting the ordinary business of the Company, as prescribed by the Deed of Settlement and Charter. And the said Meeting will be made Special for the purpose of approving an Agreement between the Company and the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, and also to decide as to the place at which the future Meetings of the Company may be held.

The Books kept by the Company for the Registration of Transfers of Stock will be closed from the 31st instant to the 14th June next, both days inclusive.

By order,
GEO. GROVE,
Secretary.

Crystal Palace,
May 27th, 1865.

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THE
CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY.

Directors.

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REPORT of the Directors, to be submitted to the Twentieth
Ordinary General Meeting of Proprietors, at the London
Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, at One o'clock precisely, on
Wednesday, the 14th June, 1865.

In again meeting the Proprietors, the Directors are happy to
inform them that the result of this year's working of the Com-
pany up to the present time is very satisfactory.

The sale of Season Tickets has made a material advance
over that of last year, and has already surpassed that of any

single season for several years past. The attendance at the recent Great Flower Show was very numerous, the visitors on Saturdays are steadily on the increase, and the whole number of attendances from the 1st November, 1864, to the 31st May, 1865, shows a gratifying increase over the corresponding period of the former season.

It would be premature at present to indulge in sanguine anticipations of the success of the Handel Festival. It will soon speak for itself. There is, however, one circumstance which distinguishes the present occasion from those which have preceded it, and which is likely to exercise a highly beneficial influence on the pecuniary result. The Directors allude to the aid which they are receiving from all the leading Railway Companies, who have agreed to issue return tickets extending over the three days' performances, and have organized an extensive and complete system of excursions for one or three days at low rates, including admission to the Rehearsal. When, in addition to this, the active exertions of the Sacred Harmonic Society and of Mr. Costa, to bring up the musical portion of the arrangements to the highest state of efficiency, and thus ensure an unparalleled musical success, are taken into account, and it is stated that the most careful economy is being exercised in the expenses, it may be allowable to predict that the result will be in every way satisfactory.

The High Level Station in the front of the Palace is rapidly approaching completion, and the Directors are informed that it will be open for traffic early in July. Connected as the Crystal Palace will then be with all the great London Termini, and with a multitude of stations all over the Metropolis, both north and south of the river, there is good ground for expectation that the opening of this line and station will be productive of much benefit to the Company.

Simultaneously with the completion of this station, a new

road will be opened through the Company's Dulwich Wood Property, whereby a considerable number of well-situated and eligible plots of land will be made available for building purposes, entitling the residents to education, at a very low rate, at the School of Dulwich College. The Directors have received an application from a Committee of residents for a subscription to the building fund of a Church proposed to be erected on the land of the College, on a site closely adjoining the boundary of the Company's Leasehold Property. Although they have every reason to believe that the erection of a Church in this position cannot fail to be beneficial to the Company, the Directors felt that it was not in their power to consent to the application without the direct sanction of the Proprietors.

The following Directors retire on the present occasion by rotation :—Mr. Arthur Anderson, Mr. Ionides, and Mr. Ogilvy. These gentlemen are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.

After the conclusion of the ordinary business, the meeting will be made special for the purpose of confirming an agreement between this Company and the Brighton Railway Company. The original agreements between the Companies were three in number, viz., two with the Brighton Company, and one with the West End Railway Company. This was found inconvenient, and it became desirable to combine the three into one document. At the same time, the mode of dividing the receipts from joint-traffic prescribed in the three agreements, was cumbrous and complicated ; and it was thought by both parties better to abandon it in favour of such a percentage on the total receipts as the lengthened experience of the traffic indicated.

This has been done, and is embodied in the agreement now before the meeting, by which instead of the former method it is

prescribed that this Company shall take 64 per cent. of the whole receipts from joint traffic, a result slightly more favourable to this Company than that under the former system.

The Deed of Settlement prescribes that the General Meetings shall be held at a place not more than five miles distant from the offices of the Company, and as the Company has no longer any offices except at the Palace, the ordinary locality of the meetings is not in accordance with this provision, and it has therefore been thought advisable to submit a formal resolution to the Proprietors, authorizing this departure from the provisions of the Deed.

By order of the Board,

THOS. N. FARQUHAR,

Chairman.

CRYSTAL PALACE,

June 2nd, 1865.

The following Notice of Motion has been forwarded to the Directors by Mr. Henry T. Thompson :

“ That the Sunday Tickets issued to Shareholders be available for the admission of a Friend on personal introduction by the Proprietor.”

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