

**COURAGE!**

(TO A FRIEND)

When you look around, about you—  
Find all you hoped for, lost,  
Your many efforts seem but few,  
The desert not yet crossed;  
When groans from the disheartened,  
Fill all your soul with dread,  
Know, these clouds which all have  
darkened,  
May yet shed blessings on your head;  
Courage!

RICHARD E. TOOMEY,  
Washington, May 31, 1900.

**THE GRAND MASONIC EXCURSION.**

A Delightful Trip to Notley Hall Under the  
Auspices of the District Masons.

Of the many excursions that will go  
to Notley Hall this summer, not one  
has attracted so much attention nor  
will draw such a large and representa-  
tive crowd as the grand excursion under  
the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity  
of the District of Columbia, to that  
noted resort, Notley Hall, Tuesday July  
3rd, 1900. The Masons never do things



COL. WILLIAM MAYS.

by halves. In the District of Colum-  
bia they are the "salt of the earth."  
Among them you will find the brainiest  
and brightest men and the loveliest and  
most charming of women. Notley Hall  
has been secured all day for the friends  
and members of the Fraternity and the  
River Queen will be especially decorat-  
ed for the occasion. Hoffmanns cele-  
brated orchestra will regale the happy  
throng with music. The management  
of the excursion is in the hands of  
those veteran entertainers, Col. William  
Mays and W. H. Judd Malvin—what a  
combination! Col. Mays is a Jersey  
product, but has lived in the District so  
long that it is thought by many that he  
has taken root here and is to the manor  
born, so to speak. He holds a responsi-  
ble position in the Pension Office and  
many offices of trust in secret society  
circles. Not to know "Billy" Mays is  
to argue oneself unknown. He is a  
prince of good fellows and is devoting  
all of his spare time seeing to it that  
every one who is worth going, goes on  
the Masonic excursion on the 3rd of  
July. Associated with him is that  
other of nature's noblemen, Capt. W.  
H. Judd Malvin. To commend Capt.  
Malvin to the people of the District  
would be to paint a lily or a sunset. He  
is himself the embodiment of all of  
those good traits that call for a "good  
time." You must not miss the Notley  
Hall excursion on the 3rd of July. Sir  
Walter Scott once very aptly said:

"A happy night in greenwood spent,  
Were but tomorrow's merriment.  
The boat will leave the wharf at 10 a.  
m., 2 and 6 pm. Tickets, 25 cents.

To the good thinking people of Wash-  
ington, if you are thinking of given a  
party don't forget to consult the Delmo  
Koonce.



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Whose Popularity Gave Her a Free  
Trip to the Paris Exposition. The  
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in High Art.

A magnificent audience larger in size  
than was present last year and more  
brilliant in costumes and more repre-  
sentative of our higher culture listened  
to the tuneful strains of Prof. Elzie S.  
Hoffman's orchestra, band and singing  
class last Friday evening at the Acad-  
emy of Music.

The character of the attendance, both  
in numbers and quality, was a positive  
compliment to and a gratifying ac-  
knowledgment of the laudable efforts  
and arduous labors. Prof. Hoffman has  
put forth in the past two years to de-  
velop the musical possibilities of our  
race. It was an uphill, almost impos-  
sible task the Professor assumed in or-  
ganizing for the study of classic music  
such a stupendous feature as the  
Washington Permanent Chorus, intro-  
ducing the Damrosch system of sight-



PROF. ELZIE S. HOFFMAN.

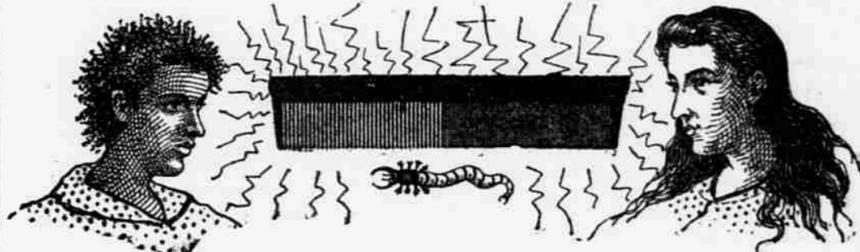
singing, besides the symphony orches-  
tra and military band.

Prof. Hoffman was ably assisted in  
the choral selections by Mr. H. Nathan-  
iel Bowles of the Georgetown Musical  
Association; excellent numbers were  
rendered by Mrs. Hartina Irving, so  
prano soloist; Mr. William Goodrich, a  
tenor of light but exceptionally clear  
and pure tone; Mr. Leon Wheeler, an  
excellent baritone, and Mr. William  
Robinson, solo cornetist. Mr. Alex  
Sewall played also with very nice taste  
a violin obligate for one of Mrs. Irving's  
solo. The ensemble feature were by an  
orchestra of about twenty, a brass band  
something larger, and the Washington  
Permanent Chorus, represented on the  
stage by about forty voices.

The scheme of the concert was am-  
bitious, the first part by the orchestra,

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COMB and Two Boxes of Electrical Hair Restorative. Make all money and  
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ment from a dishonest firm.

with selections by Herbert, Tobani and  
others; the second part by the chorus,  
and the third by the concert band in-  
cluding numbers by Keler Bela, Biset  
and the ever-present Sousa. The work  
of the band was of a gratifying order  
and aroused more general enthusiasm  
than any other section of the program;  
that of the orchestra was up to the ex-  
pected standard. "The Man Behind the  
Gun" was exceptionally well rendered.  
The director dealt almost exclusively  
with serious music, feeling perhaps that  
the "rag time" might be permitted  
Sousa but not deemed good form com-  
ing from a colored organization. Taken  
all in all, it surpasses all previous ef-  
forts along these lines. Prof. Hoffman is  
to be congratulated.

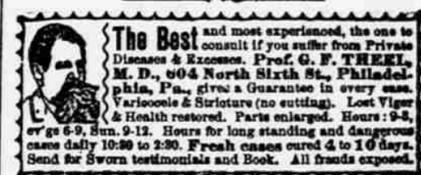
**Professor Gwynn's Dancing Class  
Reception.**

The reception by Prof. J. E. Gwynn's  
private dancing class was the most  
recherche affair of the season. Every-  
one pronounced it a great success, and  
it is the purpose of the class to make it  
an annual feature.

It seemed to be the aim of each one  
to make the evening decidedly pleas-  
ant for everyone, and the absence of all  
stiffness and formality was especially  
noticed. One's mind was carried back  
to the handsome affairs that used to be  
given in this city. Too much praise  
cannot be given Miss Louise A. Smith  
whose untiring efforts were productive  
of so much enjoyment. An elegant  
supper was served eighty-nine persons  
by Mrs. Emma Parker, a well known  
eatress in the city.

Among those present were, Mes-  
dames Douglass, Mays, Caruthers, Col-  
bert, Fisher, Haynes, Walton, Carroll,  
Bullard, Childs, Pettiford, Braxton,  
Williams, Duffield, Johnson; Misses  
E. Smith, Bruce, Bullard, Jones, Page,  
Thomas, James, Harper, Sprague, Tay-

lor, Myers, Freeman, and Messrs.  
Mays, Ferguson, Smith, Bowman, But-  
ler, Wells, Carroll, Howard, Johnson,  
Gwynn, Cuney, Douglass, Colbert,  
Duffield, Pettiford, Williams, Garrett,  
Mitchell, Arnett, Thompson, Dumas,  
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