

From the HODGKIN Collection.



A PSALM of Thanksgiving, to be Sung by the Children of Christs-Hospital, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Easter Holy-days, (according to ancient custom) at St. Mary Spittle, for their Founders and Benefactors, 1678.

This Chorus is to be Sung by all the Children, and repeated after every Verse.

Seraphick Love, streams from above, the Indigent to raise; Through God we live, to Him we'll give our Sacrifice of Praise.

Monday.

VERSE I.

Queens Rejoyce, advance your hope; God doth us Mercy shew: He Visits with Paternal Care, all things, 'bove and below.

Cre-a-ted Beings had their Rise from his Al-migh-ty Pow'r; By virtue of his Providence, they are sustain'd each hour.

Chorus.
What ever Comforts Men enjoy, proceeds from his Rich store: He's Father to the Fatherless, and Guardian to the Poor. Seraphick, &c.

VERSE II.

The *Israelites*, Gods wondrous Acts found in the Wilderness; He joyes to be Compassionate, when men are in Distress: For their relief, the Clouds themselves drop'd Fatness on their Land;

In ample Show'rs *Manna* came down from Heav'n, at his Command. From stony Rocks, in plenteous sort, fresh Waters gushed out, To quench their thirst: this Miracle he wrought in time of drought.

Tuesday.

VERSE III.

Nor did our God his various Gifts to them alone confine, We are his Creatures, and receive his Aspects most benigne. His Bounty, like the Glorious Sun, diffusive is, to cheer Our drooping Spirits, and secure our breasts from dismal fear. His Blessings fill the rich mans Purse, and make his Stock increase; That fo through his Beneficence, the Poor may live at Ease.

VERSE IV.

Thus! you, Brave Senators, whom God, Feoffees in Trust hath made, For helpless Objects in distress, afford your liberal aid: In doing good, your active Souls, our Saviour imitate; Bless'd Off-spring from above you came, Us to commiserate. Poverty now may shroud its head under a fable Weed; Thanks to our faithful Shepherds, we in fertile Pastures Feed.

Wednesday.

VERSE V.

Our happiness its first breath drew from Royal Charity; Bless'd be our God, that Kings inclin'd, to free from misery: That we at home with plenty might be crown'd, *Edward* design'd; That Foreign Parts might bless our State, proceeds from *Charles* his What greater Comfort can attend a miserable State, (Mind. Than to have Princes Nobly joyn, Sorrow to mitigate.

VERSE VI.

May Heav'n for *Charles*, and Royal Race, long Life, good days decree; That *English* Subjects may enjoy complete Felicitie. May Nobles, Clergy, Gentry, with the Commoners, receive What ever Comforts can conduce to make them happy live: May *Londons* worthy Denisons, enjoy a lasting Peace; For Orphans endless comforts, may our Governours increase.

A true REPORT of the great number of poor Children, and other poor People, Maintained in the several HOSPITALS, under the pious Care of the LORD MAYOR, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of LONDON, the year last past.

Christs Hospital.

Children put forth Apprentices, and discharged out of *Christs-Hospital*, the year last past, 85. 10 whereof being Instructed in the Arts of *Arithmetick* and *Navigation*, were placed forth Apprentices to Commanders of Ships out of the *Mathematical-School*, in the said *Hospital*, Founded for the benefit of this Kingdom, by the Kings Most Excellent Majesty

Buried this year last past after much Charge in the time of their Sickness --- 153
Remaining under Cure at the Charge of the said Hospital --- 257

Children buried the year last past --- 5
Children now remaining under the Care and Charge of the said Hospital, which are kept in the House, and divers places in *London*, and Suburbs thereof, and at Nurse in the Country, Five Hundred and Seventy Four

Received this last year into the *Hospital* of *Bridewel*, Vagrants and other indigent and miserable People, many whereof had both clothing, and such other relief as their necessities required, being in great distress, and sent by Passes into their native Countries

Bridewel Hospital.

The Names of all which are Registered in the Books kept in the said Hospital, and are there to be seen from what Parishes they have been from time to time admitted. They being so many in number, and the Charges of keeping them so great, (and having sustained great Losses by the late lamentable and dreadful Fire,) it is hoped several good Christians will freely contribute towards the maintenance of the said Children: The certain Revenue of the said Hospital being little more than the Moiety of the necessary Charges thereof.

Maintained in the said Hospital, and brought up in divers Arts and Trades, at the only Charge of the said Hospital, Apprentices, and others, notwithstanding it pleased God, the Hospital, and all the Houses within the Precinct thereof, (which was the greater part of its Revenue) were wholly consumed by the late dreadful Fire; besides the great Loss sustained in the remains of its Revenue by the terrible fire, which since happened in *Wapping*

164

S. Bartholomews Hospital.

There have been Cured this year last past in the *Hospital* of *St. Bartholomew*, of Wounded, Sick, and Maimed Souldiers and Sea-men, and other diseased Persons, from several parts of the Dominions of the Kings Most Excellent Majesty, and from Foreign Parts; many whereof have been Relieved with Monies, and other Necessaries at their departure, though (as it hath pleased God) the greatest part of the Revenues of the said Hospital was consumed by the late dreadful Fire --- Buried this year after much charges on them --- 196
Persons remaining under Cure in the said Hospital --- 239

The *Hospital* of *Bethlem* is of great necessity for the keeping and curing Distracted Persons, whose misery of all others is the mere deplorable, because they do not apprehend the same, it disabling the Mind as well as the Body. Brought into the same Hospital the last year distracted Men and Women --- 57
Cured of their Lunacy, and discharged thence the said year --- 36
Now remaining there under Cure, and provided with Physick, Dyet, and other Relief, at the Charge of the said Hospital --- 91

Bethlem Hospital.

S. Thomas Hospital.

There have been Cured and Discharged this year last past, in the *Hospital* of *St. Thomas* in *Southwark*, of Wounded, Sick, and Maimed Sea-men and Souldiers, and other diseased Persons, from the places adjacent, and from several parts of His Majesties Dominions, and from other Foreign Parts; many whereof have been relieved with Monies and other Necessaries at their departure, though (as it hath pleased God) not only a principal part of their Revenue was consumed in the general and dreadful Conflagration in this City, but the best of their remaining Revenue was wholly burnt down in the great and dismal Fire in *Southwark*, which happened in *May*, 1676. wherein also the Site of this Hospital it self was very much damaged, being on Fire in some parts, although through Gods wonderful Mercy, it was preserved from total destruction

The Charge whereof is great, and the Revenue of the said Hospital so small, as not to amount to one third part of the yearly Expences thereof; And the Building of the Old *Hospital* of *Bethlem*, being Ruinous, and not capacious to receive and contain the great number of distracted Persons; for the admission of whom, daily applications are made to the Governours thereof.

Upon a Christian and Charitable Consideration of the Premises, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of this City of *London*, did lately grant sufficient ground whereon to erect a more large and commodious House for the keeping and Curing the said Lunaticks, and Distracted Persons: In the Building and Finishing whereof, the Governours of the said Hospital, have laid out and disbursed about Seventeen Thousand Pounds, whereby not only the whole Stock of the said Hospital is Expended, but the Governours thereof have been necessitated to take up several Thousands of Pounds for the Finishing the same, for which they pay Interest: And therefore the said Hospital is a very fit object of all good mens Charity, to do as God shall enable them, towards the relief of the said poor Lunaticks, and payment of their great Debts; There having been, and daily are, by the Blessing of God, and the Charge of the said Hospital, and the Care of those that are intrusted therewith, divers reduced to their former Senses.

