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PRESS FUND FESTIVAL.

BARRIE MANUSCRIPT AT AUCTION

IN view of the fact that the Prime Minister and Sir James Barrie have been announced as speakers there has been an unusually large number of applications for tickets for the Newspaper Press Fund festival dinner at the May Fair Hotel, London, tomorrow.

A feature will be an auction of presentations that have been made to the Fund, and Sir Herbert Morgan will act as auctioneer. The "lots" consist of Sir James Barrie's original manuscript "The Twelve Pound Look"; a canvas measuring about 28 inches by 24 inches, presented by Mr. Philip A. de Laszlo, on which the artist is prepared to paint a portrait of the highest bidder, his or her nominee; Sir William Orpen's well-known drawing, "A Friend in Need," which appeared as the frontispiece of his book, "An Outlook in France"; and a letter, the gift of Mr. Gabriel Wells, addressed to "The Commissioners of our Admiralty and Navy," dated February 1655, and signed by Oliver Cromwell. The *Times* is also presenting original copies of its first multiphase issue of May, 5, 1926.

Commissions to bid for any of these items will be received by Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, M.C. (chairman of the Festival dinner), at 18 Carlton House Terrace, S.W.1, up to 6 P.M. on the evening of the dinner, or subsequently up to 9 P.M. at the May Fair Hotel.