

# ST. PETER'S V.M.A. IN AMATEUR PLAY

Crowded Houses for Both Performances of "Forty-Five Minutes From Broadway"

For an amateur production, the presentation of "Forty-Five Minutes from Broadway" at the Imperial Theatre yesterday afternoon and evening, was made with outstanding cleverness and ability by members of St. Peter's V. M. A., and young ladies of the parish. It had quite a professional touch and the large audiences at both performances were amply repaid. It was a very ambitious undertaking for comedy with amateurs is one of the most difficult of stage endeavors and when it is a musical comedy one can see that there is an increased call on the abilities of the performers. However, the production last evening went with a fine, jaunty swing, each member of the cast being well fitted for the part. The chorus, capably trained, the scenic fixtures well attended to, and other features of the play in keeping with its success.

This play, in which George M. Cohan scored such a success on the American stage several years ago, demands a certain alacrity and breeziness which do not come easily from amateurs, but both these characteristics marked yesterday's presentation and all situations were well handled. In all there were some fifty performers, which will give an idea of what a pretentious enterprise the presentation was for amateurs, and that they gave so successful a production speaks most highly for themselves and for those responsible for the direction of the piece, in which Rev. Father Clonan, C. S. R., was largely instrumental. There was a fine volume of good voice production in the choruses which proved very pleasing and a hit was also scored in the dancing. Each member of the cast acquitted himself or herself to the entire satisfaction of the audiences and it is felt that the piece could stand repetition because of yesterday's success.

The cast was as follows:—  
Mary Jane Jenkins, the housemaid  
Miss Jean W. Walsh  
Flora Dora Dean, a spotlight favorite  
Miss Irene L. O'Connor  
Mrs. David Dean, her mother  
Miss Isabella Gormley  
Miss Purdy, a resident of New Rochelle  
Miss Evelyn C. Walsh  
Tom Bennett, the hair-at-law  
John U. Haggerty  
Kid Burns, his secretary  
Arthur B. Walsh  
James Blake, public administrator  
John J. McDonnell  
Daniel Cronin, in the mining business  
Frank T. Doherty  
Andy Gray, the butler  
Arthur L. Howard  
Station agent  
Fred C. Joyce  
Police sergeant  
Frank E. McDonnell  
Coachman  
Frank C. Howard  
Baggage man  
James Duffy  
Reporters—Andrew Moore, Jr.  
Harry L. McQuade, T. Michael Howard  
Robert L. Butler  
Police men—Harold McNulty, James Duffy, Frank DeCrause  
Dancers—Misses Dorothy Hansen, Margaret T. McElhinney, Teresa McCormack, Theresa Maxwell, Helen Corbrey, Catherine McBriarty, Messrs. A. Simon Martin, Arthur Phillips, Alexander McCluskey, Daniel McLoughlin, John Gormley, J. J. Comeau  
Chorus—Misses Helena Doherty, Mary McDonald, Helen McDonald, Edna Higgins, M. Josephine Savage, Mary J. Higgins, Emily S. Maxwell, Mary Quinn, Mildred Walke, Florence Walsh, Messrs. Guy C. Hansen, Gerald Gormley, Cyril Moore, F. C. Joyce, Jos. Moore, John Cavanagh, Paul Moore, H. L. McQuade, L. Butler, M. Howard, A. Moore, F. O'Donnell  
Chaperones—Mrs. S. J. Ritchie, Mrs. Elizabeth Walsh, Mrs. Wm. Harrington, Mrs. A. T. Moore, Mrs. Jas. Mahoney, Mrs. Alex. Gibbs.

## MOTION FOR BOARD OF GRAIN APPEALS

Ottawa, June 13.—Hon. A. K. MacLean, acting minister of trade and commerce, has given notice of amendments to the Canada Grain Act, which will create a board to be known as the board of grain appeals, to consist of three members who must be grain experts and who shall hold office for ten years. The offices of the board will be located at Fort William.

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## GOOD EFFECTS OF PROHIBITION

Crime Lessened in New Mexico and Arizona Under Enforcement of the Dry Law

Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 13.—Prohibition has lessened crime in New Mexico and Arizona, according to reports received by A. B. Stroup, superintendent of the legal department of the New Mexico and Arizona branch of the Anti-Saloon League of America.

In a statement to a representative of the Christian Science Monitor on the effects of prohibition in New Mexico and Arizona, Mr. Stroup gives a summary of a number of letters received from sheriffs. One of these county officials estimates that the effect of prohibition in his county and in the state of Arizona has been to lessen crime at least 75 per cent.

Replies from six sheriffs in New Mexico indicate that prohibition has been effective in lessening crime. One sheriff estimated that crime has been lessened at least 25 per cent in his county. Another stated that there had been only three or four prisoners in his county since last November, while before that time there were from three to five cases of drunkenness a month. Another officer stated that there had been a remarkable falling off in the number of petty crimes committed, and that only one arrest had been made under a charge of drunkenness since the saloons closed.

Giving his personal knowledge of conditions, Mr. Stroup declares that the results have been startling. The Albuquerque city jail was without a prisoner from May 17 to 21, something unheard of in the history of Albuquerque, according to Mr. Stroup. All storehouses in Albuquerque used for saloons are now occupied by other businesses, and so far as he has been able to learn, there are no complaints from owners of the buildings on account of the closing of the saloons.

Mr. Stroup stated that a few weeks ago he visited the Navajo and Apache counties in Arizona and found not a prisoner in either jail at that time, and only two criminal cases on the Navajo county docket. Mr. Stroup had talked with a large number of business men in Arizona, he said, and they, without exception, said that business had been better since the state went dry.

## Still Advocating Juvenile Court

The monthly meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held in the board room of the Children's Home, 88 Garden street, last night. The president, A. M. Belding, was in the chair. During the evening he urged upon the members the necessity of getting ready to lay a request before the municipal council at its next meeting to consider making a grant for the establishment of a juvenile court in St. John. Another matter which should be urged upon the attention of the local government, it was said, was the necessity of having a home for the feeble-minded in the community. This could be either provincial in its character or purely local, but clearly the wider scheme would be the better one.

The report of the agent, George Scott, showed that during the month seven children have been admitted to the home. Of these two were taken out by their parents. One was sent to the hospital and four were placed in foster homes. Seventy-nine visits were made investigating cases, and seventy-one letters and post cards were written. Sixteen people called at his house to consult him about various matters, and forty-two telephone calls were received in connection with the work. There was one case before the county court in which the society was interested and another came up before J. King Kelley, K.C., and J. L. Thorne, J.P. Two sets of adoption papers have been duly signed and filed, and two other sets of papers have been made out. Two of the wards are now in a prospective foster home and arrangements are being made to send another out. Appended to the report were particulars of twenty-one cases investigated. Five applications for children were received.

One letter was read at the meeting which was especially pleasing. This was from a foster home in which one of the wards was placed about three years ago. It was to the effect that the young woman in question had been married to a fine young man just a few days previous. The lady expressed her regret at parting with her foster daughter to whom she said the whole household had become attached during her stay with them.

## CHOIR MEMBERS WERE HOSTS

The members of the Ludlow street Baptist church choir entertained the congregation in the vestry of the church last evening. During the evening Rev. W. R. Robinson, the pastor, presented to David Allen, a member of the choir, a purse of gold on behalf of the congregation. The following persons took part in the programme, Miss Hilda Beatey, Miss Tillie Rose, Mrs. Murray Long and daughter, David Allen, Miss Pearl Wayne, Miss Breen, Miss Muriel Stewart, J. V. Keirstead and C. Rupert. After the programme refreshments were served.



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## ENTERTAINMENT IN MAIN STREET CHURCH

The ways and means committee of the Main street Baptist Sunday school gave a delightful entertainment in the vestry of the church last evening, presenting a rural comedy entitled, "How the Club Was Formed." Besides the comedy other numbers on the programme included

Miss Bessie Andrews at the piano, a solo by Percy Cruikshank and a reading by little Verta Roberts.

The cast for the playlet was as follows:—Mrs. Jones, Miss Audrey Mullin, Mrs. Brown, Miss Edna Estabrooks; Mrs. Snow, Miss Edna Brennan; Hannah Maria Snow, just returned from Boston, Miss Vivian Estabrooks, Mrs. Perkins, Miss M. Cowan; Mrs. Smith,

Miss E. Sweet; Mrs. Reid, Miss B. Andrews; Mrs. White, Miss A. McCrae; Mrs. Higgins, Miss Etta White; Mrs. Stone, Miss Mary Thorne; Mrs. Sloan, Miss Etta Burk; Mrs. Martin, Miss Fern Spragg; Mrs. Hobbs, Miss G. Hatfield; Mrs. Shaw, Miss J. Andrews; Mrs. Turner, Miss Jessie Scott; Mrs. Welsh, the minister's wife, Miss B. Fiewelling; Mrs. Rice, Miss L. Lingley.

## SCOUT TROPHY PRESENTED

Senator W. H. Thorne presented to the Trinity troop of boy scouts last evening the Thorne trophy for the best all round troop in the city. The presentation was made at Trinity church in the presence of a great many friends of the boys. A. C. Skelton, president of the local Boys' Scout Association, presided, and Rev. D.

H. Loweth, scout master of the troop also was on the platform and accepted the cup on behalf of the troop. Senator Thorne also gave each of the boys a handsome knife and Rev. Canon Armstrong after addressing them, presented a small compass to each of the four boys who are King Scouts. The young ladies of the church served refreshment after the ceremony.

## MUTT AND JEFF—JEFF'S BRAIN IS NONE TOO LARGE

By "BUD" FISHER

