

## K. of C. Minstrels Stage Fine Show

Packed Auditorium Greets Fifty Fun-Makers—Meritorious Production.

St. Peter's Parish Hall auditorium was packed to its capacity long before the curtain was rung up for the Knights of Columbus annual minstrel show last night.

The program, which was a lengthy one, consisted of a grand first part with over fifty in the company. The olio consisted of a comedy sketch entitled "Please Hold the Kid," by D. Walsh, assisted by D. Gordon MacDonald; "Spooks," a farce comedy sketch, featuring Joseph Roman, which included a little of everything well done.

Between the olio and "Spooks," two violin solos by Joseph A. Cortese, with A. D. Jordan, piano accompanist, made a pleasing contrast. The solos, "Mazurka," by Mitnarski, and "Meditation," from "Thais," by J. Massenet, were beautifully rendered, and one of the features of the performance.

**Catchy Songs.**  
Mini-men's songs, ballads and jokes kept the audience merrily throughout the whole of the first part. The entire company was black face, while black and white, contrasting costumes, presented a highly pleasing effect, which brought rounds of applause on the rise of the curtain.

Local hits on prominent men were always ready on the lips of the six fun-makers, who were chosen for their parts. E. J. Ryan, J. Colgan, J. P. Porriest, with the bones, and Roy Cooper, J. F. Hickey and A. Hays, with the tambour, had the art of good old darkey music thoroughly mastered. Their neat and effective work, without a hitch through the whole show, told of a good deal of practice and hard work.

"The Eighteenth Battalion," sung by M. J. McKeough, was one of the hits of the evening. The Forest City Male Quartette, in the "Rain" song, were applauded for several encores. F. Dowling almost started the audience with his surprising range of voice in a bass solo, "Any Old Port in a Storm." Joe Hickey led off the program with his song hit, "There is Nothing to Get." Roy Cooper, as Mr. Walsh's funny remarks to those of the audience in the orchestra seats, when in the guise of a railway conductor in charge of his train, he went on a ticket-collecting tour that brought rounds of laughter.

**Clever Impersonator.**  
In the sketch, "Spooks," Joseph Roman, as Jimmy Wise, gave a clever impersonation of the variety in the program of a country church concert, taking the parts of a number of different characters, generally found at such a concert. The cast included Miss Clara McPhillips, who cleverly acted a leading role, and Vincent Colgan, Miss Margaret Flynn, Fred Ward, E. J. Ryan, Charles Smith and William Brennan. The sketch was well staged.

The executive committee members, whose work proved so successful, were D. Walsh, manager; J. Givins, secretary-treasurer; W. T. Mullins, musical director; C. Flynn, stage manager; M. Carroll, master of properties, and William McKeough, electrician.

**The Chorus.**  
Those in the chorus were: John Walsh, J. H. Robertson, G. J. Pocock, E. A. Pocock, F. Dow, P. N. Corcoran, W. J. Rice, George McCartney, J. Devine, Charles Smith, William Brennan, J. Mansel, Fred Ward, Harold McCann, Cedric McCann, J. S. Selak, J. Sullivan, A. Kenney, J. Roman, J. A. Larkin, F. Smoothey, A. McAvoy, O. Taschereau, Woods, E. Westman, E. Walker, M. O'Hagan, A. T. Donaback, M. McKeough, F. Andrews, F. Dowling, J. Gillies.

**METHODISTS ISSUE  
BELGIAN APPEAL**  
Offering To Be Made In All Churches  
Next Sunday.

Rev. S. D. Chown, D.D., our general superintendent, acting under the direction of our general conference special committee, has issued an appeal to the Methodist Church in behalf of the heroic sufferers in Belgium, and has suggested that an offering be made in all our churches, if possible next Sunday, January 31.

We hope that all our people will heartily respond to this timely appeal, if not possible next Sunday, as soon as convenient.

Belgium has laid down its very life upon the altar of human liberty and patriotism. Humanity and Christianity demand from us a liberal response. Yours faithfully,  
GEORGE N. HAZEN,  
President of the London Conference.

**FURTHER DONATIONS  
FOR FOOD SUPPLIES**  
These Specially for Condensed Milk for the Belgian Babies.

The following further donations to the Local Council of Women Belgian food supplies have been received by Mrs. H. A. Boomer:  
Mrs. K. McDermott, \$5.00  
Mrs. Green, Dundas street, 9.00  
These have been given especially for condensed milk for the Belgian babies.

A check was also received from a generous donor, who preferred to remain unknown, for the sum of \$20. This was accompanied by a letter which suggested white flannel or some other soft and warm material might be bought and made up into plain squares for wraps for the babies. Many of the little ones have died from exposure and lack of clothing.

The further suggestion was made that those who did not feel they could afford to buy material might be willing to help make up the simple little garments.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the food supplies funds, or otherwise assist, may communicate with Mrs. H. A. Boomer, 216 Dundas street; Mrs. Yarker, Wortley road, or Mrs. R. M. Graham, 14 Kensington street.

**LEGAL QUERIES**  
PORT ALMA.—Can you let me know if there is a firm in Ontario which starts a man in the moving picture show business by furnishing the apparatus free for a certain time?

Answer.—If you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to this office a name will be given you where you can get the information.

A SUBSCRIBER.—Would you please tell me if a man rents a farm and the lease calls for the taxes to be paid, except local improvements, would he have to pay an extra school tax?

Answer.—Yes.  
What does local improvements mean?

Answer.—See Section 3, Chapter 193, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914.

**CHILDREN SHOULD BE  
TAUGHT TO WORK**  
One of the Greatest Blessings  
Bestowed Upon Humanity,  
Says D. C. McGregor.

"Parental Delinquency" formed the subject of a most impressive appeal for the boys and girls would delight to spend their evenings, and where they could entertain their friends in harmless recreation, and for united sympathy between husband and wife, delivered last night by Rev. D. C. McGregor, before the Union Mothers' Clubs of the city in Alexandra School. Mrs. H. B. White presided over the large gathering.

Trend of the Times.  
The speaker dealt with the various steps which led to the present situation of family and community life. In the generation passing, the boys and girls were kept at home, guarded by the influences, working under the watchful eye of either parent, until they married and moved to homes of their own. Today, things were different. Industrial progress had taken away much of the work girls were wont to perform in the home. Now they went into factories or shops. This meant that they practically left home influence at the age of 14 and came in contact with all sorts of people. The same was true of the boys. As soon as they could evade the tutelage of their parents, many left school and began to work. If the parents had not been careful to lay securely the foundations of truth and morality, these young folks were apt to go astray when they met with temptation. This was parental delinquency.

Duty of Parents.  
The parents' first duty to the child was before its birth. If a child was born physically weak, or with vicious tendencies, it was the result of hereditary influences. Parents should be careful to select the most convincing scientific investigations along this line. Parents also owed the child a loving relationship between father and mother. The speaker deplored on side of the moving picture theatre which depicted scenes of children scenes of domestic infidelity. Fathers and mothers should settle their disagreements during the children's absence. Mr. McGregor also believed firmly that children should be taught to work. It was one of the greatest blessings bestowed upon humanity. Another parental duty was the teaching of discipline. The child must learn to give and also in the home, or it will have to learn the lesson later in life. The child's right to its parents' time was also emphasized by the speaker, who deplored the attitude of the mother who left her children to the care of hiredlings. Home, and home environment, should be made the best place of all for the children. Pleasing Program.  
Especially excellent music was rendered by the Ernest Cortese Orchestra, whose numbers were highly appreciated by all present. Vocal selections by Mrs. Roland Munro and Mr. Lombardo also proved pleasing contributions to the program. During the business session of the meeting, the secretary, Mrs. Tait, gave a clear account of the activities of the Mothers' Clubs since their organization, some four years ago. Agitation for a garbage system was one of their efforts which had borne fruit.

**NOTHING FOR THE DUKE**  
Zimmerman Estate Placed In Trust For Daughter.  
[Canadian Press.]  
Cincinnati, O., Jan. 28.—The Duke of Manchester is not mentioned in the will of the late Eugene Zimmerman, railroad magnate and capitalist, which was filed for probate here today. The value of the estate is not given in the will, but it provides that the entire estate should be held in trust.

**STEAMER CAUGHT FIRE.**  
[Canadian Press.]  
New York, Jan. 28.—A fire which started in the hold of the steamship Preston soon after she left her pier at Staten Island last night, bound for Swedish ports, caused Captain Fehr to turn back, and the vessel was beached on a small island in the bay. After several hours' work by the crew, assisted by fire and police patrol boats, the fire was extinguished.

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