

Y. W. C. A. DISPLAY GREETED WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM

Drills and Dances, Gymnastics and Comedy Features Given With Grace and Skill—Exhibition a Great Success and a Revelation to Many Spectators.

It was a wonderful success, the first presentation of the gymnasium display of the Y. W. C. A. classes this season, in the Imperial theatre yesterday afternoon. The big audience which almost filled the spacious auditorium is still wondering how all those 600 babies, children, girls and women were trained in so many, so varied and such pleasing drills, dances and exercises, within the space of a few winter months in the Y. W. C. A. gymnasium by one teacher, Miss Caroline Littlefield. Miss Littlefield's only appearance on the stage yesterday was to give the words of commendation to the senior class when it executed its smart Swedish drills and to lead the whole grand army of 600 when it marched from behind the scenes down one side of the auditorium, up the middle aisle and across the stage, apparently an endless chain. There was no opportunity for the audience to bestow the well-merited applause on the gymnasium instructor, but the enthusiastic hand-clapping given each of the seventeen numbers on the programme was not only for the pupils who gave so perfect a performance, but also for the teacher who had trained them.

Special praise must be given for the smoothness and swiftness with which the whole programme was given. It commenced punctually and concluded as punctually, with no lulls and no awkward moments at any time throughout the two hours. An extra special mention must also be made of the costumes for the dances and frolics. They were genuine works of art and greatly aided in the charming and graceful effects achieved. Mrs. A. E. Logie was the convener of a committee of volunteer workers which produced all those 400 or more costumes. The undertaking was no light one, but the volunteers felt themselves repaid for all time and trouble expended when they saw the finished result yesterday. For the regular drills an exercise the pupils wore their gymnasium costumes of white middie and dark bloomers.

Last year's display by the Y. W. C. A. girls created something of a sensation, no unqualified success, and this year's display has far eclipsed the first venture. Many of the various numbers were novel and particularly attractive, and all were executed with admirable precision.

The Imperial orchestra provided the music for the opening grand march, and for the remainder of the programme Miss J. Frie, the accompanist, was assisted by Bruce Holder, as violinist, and Harry Stevenson, with drum and traps. When a sweet singing bird was to be heard off-stage some members of the senior classes gave a realistic imitation.

School Girls.
The school girls led off after the grand march, and with their wands went through some supple motion exercises, giving a good account of themselves. Later in the programme they appeared in a costume number, "The Irish Lilt," which was a merry Irish dance, collected and laid together, and which was given with a joyousness and grace that made it very attractive.

Senior Class.
Perhaps the most skill and the most perfect training were exhibited in the Swedish exercises by the senior class. Very difficult poses were taken and motions given with the utmost precision. There was no musical accompaniment to this number, Miss Littlefield directing her class with clear-cut words of command, which was instantly obeyed, the whole class moving as one. The senior class later had an opportunity to show how lightly and how gracefully it could give an interpretive dance. In the "Faust" waltz, the seniors appeared costumed as Marguerite, with bright red skirts, jaunty black caps with red feathers, bodices of white and corsets of black. They tripped it very neatly and, having former a circle round the stage without unclapping hands, they turned that circle face about. It was unusual and pretty done.

Junior Class.
The junior class numbers some of the bright stars of the gymnasium and there was a hearty unanimity in the motions and in the click of the dumbbells while the juniors were giving their dumbbell exercises. In the second half of the programme the juniors provided the comedy element, their admirable training heightening the effect of their costume, number chautiquier. They came strutting in single file, down the centre aisle and up on to the stage and a fine flock of young roosters they were, with rosy red combs, spotless white plumage and very yellow legs. Erect but peering downward they searched upon the floor for worms or threw their heads up to crow in lordly fashion. Some commotion was caused among them when their little mistresses appeared with a basket of grain and they all scurried off after her.

The Babies.
The babies class always is a favorite and when the small people appeared on the stage yesterday in their fluffy brown and costumes, as fledgling larks, they were given an ovation. They really understood their parts and as interpretive dancers won high praise. It was for their benefit that the seniors imitated the singing bird to successfully.

Senior School Girls.
The senior school girls took part in a snappy and well given single stick exercise and theirs was the final number on the programme, a gray festival dance. The festival dance costumes were bright and picturesque and the



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school girls were very graceful and fleet in their dance.

Special massed classes too part in club swinging exercises which was another of the more difficult and at the same time most precisely executed of the exercises. The windmill effect in club swinging was a particularly fine achievement.

Junior Boys.

The junior boys appeared in the grotesque dance of the golliwogs, with black woolly wigs, red jackets and dark blue trousers with yellow stripes. They caused much merriment with their properly stiff and jolly motions and acquitted themselves like little men.

Intermediates.

The intermediate class first appeared in a bar bells exercise which was composed of lithe and graceful aesthetic movements and was a specially pleasing number. Later the intermediates took part in the popular sailors' hornpipe, presenting that quick motion dance with a nimbleness and exactness.

Interpretive Dances.

Three interpretive dances in the second part of the programme were among the most effective of all the more elaborate numbers. The interpretive dancing class in butterfly costumes of purple, yellow, a grey and green, presents the butterfly dance and the girls were light as thistle-down and almost seemed to fly. The Wintatode school girls appeared as skaters in costumes of dark blue, trimmed with white fur and in pairs they skated to and fro, at least they appeared to be skating only they had no skates and there was no ice.

The special dancing class, costumed in diaphanous flowing gowns of blue with stars upon their foreheads, appeared in a number of the moonlit dances and gliding noisily and with frolicsome gestures wound in and out across the stage. Yesterday's performance was the first of three. The display will be given again this afternoon and will be repeated on Thursday night as a performance for parents.

The pupils were evidently pleased to



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The annual meeting of the Waterloo street Baptist church was held last evening in the vestry of the church. The meeting was largely attended and Rev. J. A. Swetnam, pastor of the church, occupied the chair. Reports were received from the various societies connected with the church and all these showed that excellent progress had been made during the year.

The reports were from the following organizations: Willing Workers, by Mrs. S. Gregg; Women's Missionary Society, Miss Ada Coster; B. Y. Y. U. Miss Florence Keirstead; Mission Band.

Miss Margaret Hamilton; Sunday School, George Foster; Junior B. Y. P. U., Miss Margaret Hamilton. The financial report, by H. E. Hoyt, was read by J. W. Mott owing to the absence of Mr. Hoyt from the city. This report showed that the total receipts during the year were \$8,118.46 and the amount disbursed was \$8,192.39, leaving a balance on hand of \$181.10.

Rev. J. A. Swetnam, in his report, showed that there had been a gain in the church membership of twenty, made up as follows: received by letter, four; received by experience, one; received by baptism, eighteen; with a loss of two members by letter and one by death. Following the reading of the reports,

the election of officers took place and resulted as follows: Treasurer, H. Hoyt (re-elected); superintendent Sunday school, J. W. Mott (re-elected); assistant-superintendent, James Mott; members of the advisory board, all last year's members were re-elected with the addition of Gordon Law and George Foster.

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