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THEY HAVE TO PAY TOLL:

THE COMPLAINT OF A THEATRICAL MANAGER.

He gives his opinion of St. John Artisti-cally, Theatrically, Reportorially, and Managerially-Too much truth in his Statements.

Some weeks ago—not many—Harry Some weeks ago—not many—larly
Lindley's Co. arrived in this city and
played an engagement. Under the date of
June 9 he writes his impressions of St.
John as a theatrical town. He talks to the
point and so plainly that he is about right
in thinking that PROGRESS would be the only paper to print his remarks. Why, can be gathered from what he says.

can be gathered from what he says.

To the Editor of Progress: I have been deliberating for the past week or so concerning St. John and its dramatic peculiarities and, although I John and its was done. Apart from the enjoy-ment of the occasion, it is believed that the visit will be of historical importance in the visit will be of historical importance in the annuals of Royal Arch masonry in New Brunswick.

The party which went from St. John by the New Brunswick railway consisted of W. B. Wallace, present Z.; Harold Gilbert, enders the only solace. Every man, woman, or child around the building is devising some means to raise the wind. Then the City of St. John Laims for dramatic livense, \$4.00 per night, but if you don't eligage policemen at your own expense, the gallery will sweetly ocalize "Annie Rooney," expectorate tobacco juice, and indulge in blasphemous verbosity, which made me imagine after playing in theatres in the U. S. that St. John had the belt of pandemonium. The company I am with lost money, so probably requested.

the U. S. that St. John had the belt of pandemonium. The company I am with lost money, so probably you may think my remarks are jaundiced. It is not so, for we lost money in Moncton, and yet must say that Moncton, as regards theatre employes and audience is the acue of civilization and refinement in comparison with St. John.

Now I studied hard to find out how St. John got its ideas of dramatic criticism. I read columns of

Now I studied hard to find out how St. John got its ideas of dramatic criticism. I read columns of Harkins upon Harkins' eulogium and Little Lord Fauntleroy endorsements, and yet I found Halifax ordinarily cold to their merits, or merely acceptable. These two companies are fair, but I cannot find that they are above the average from the American standpoint, or that Harkins is even reckoned a half fledged star there, but please understand I concede that he is a very clever artist, and deserves all the kindly treatment he obtained personally. Now for Little Lord Fauntleroy; I know that this is not to be deemed a metropolitan company, and with all their rights to the play which I argue are nil—the same company attempting to

argue are nil—the same company attempting to bull-doze me into not playing it at Moncton—if you sak the Moncton public for an honest contrast, I will wager that they will concede the palm to my organization and my Canadian dramatization, although they have had both.

The Two Barneys is, according to the St. John press, a magnificent presentation. How is this? Simply because this company played on percentage. If you do not play in St. John on share with the newspaper people who profess to be "local managers," you will find your efforts dampened, your prices elevated, and every obstacle thrown in your way by the functionaries of the Mechanica Institute, who look upon you as legitimate prey. We came to St. John as strangers. They took us in, and although we have played The Custaways in the largest cities of the U. S., we were ignored and left your city with about as poor an opinion of it artistically, theatrically, reportorially and managerially, as any it was ever my lot to play in. I stand or fall by my statements, and can show as I will hereafter in the dramatic papers that it will not pay to play in St. John unless on percentage with the newspaper people, who prefer greed and lucre to honest criticism. I write you as I imagine yours is an independent organ. Elsewhere business is good. Chatham, June 9.

What Mr. Lindley says is, in a great

What Mr. Lindley says is, in a great measure, too true. St. John has no theatre worthy of the name, and PROGRESS knows that the manager's complaint about properties are founded on hard facts. But it is an unpleasant remark that the theatrical companies must pay toll to the "newspaper ley, and includes more gentlemen than those who profess to be "local managers." So far as PROGRESS knows, this distinctio belongs alone to one of the editors of the Telegraph, who, for the past ten years, if not longer, has made use of the paper on which he is employed to boom his own shows, no matter whether they were good or bad. Not only has he "puffed" them for weeks in advance, but even after the ng to see or hear the most fulsome flattery would appear in the Telegraph in the morning. Unfortunately, the "managerial journalist" has been able, by placing advertising and job work with th other dailies to influence their criticism also. The Sun appears to have broken away from this programme lately, and te in a while says what it thinks about a now, but it never fails to insert the seduc tive advance notices, which are furnished with remarkable regularity for ten days, at No wonder Mr. Lindley talks about the

as the "local managers" learned that a three-inch adverstisement in Progress could not secure them unlimited space for advance notices, and a false and compliment and press courtesies failed to put in appearance. They know by this time that

the absence of such tokens makes no difference. For a bad show like Si Plunkard gets a proper condemnation while a fairly good entertainments such as Harkins' was, receives its share of praise.

The Telegraph, however, is old enough to know better than to permit its columns to be used for any such purpose and to such ends. There was a time, about three years ago, when such practices had to be abandoned, and as a result, the "managerial journalist" went out of the theatrical business for a time, but this summer he seems to be running it for all it is worth.

WELCOMED AT THE BORDER.

t. John Masons Make Another Trip to St. Stephen and are Cordially Received. What will probably be the last visit for me time of the St. John Masons to St. tephen, was made last Monday, when a

delegation from the various Royal Arch chapters, of St. John, visited the border for the purpose of exemplifying the capitu-lar degrees. It seemed a good deal like crowding the mourners for a party from St. John to invade the valley of the St. Croix a second time within a month and enjoy the fat of the land as guests of the hospitable Masons there, but there was no help for it. Two or three of the leading spirits there insisted that it should be done,

chapter; W. K. Reynolds, present J., and E. J. Sheldon, past J., of Union chapter, with several others, who modestly requested that their names be withheld from newspaper publicity. The party was in charge of Excellent Companion Reynolds, to whom had been entrusted the arrangements

of the trip.

During the afternoon, those of the visitors who had the time were shown the sights of the country, and were the recihospitable companions as J. T. Whitlock, W. F. Todd, George F. Pinder, F. M. Murchie and many others, who have various modes of showing hospitality, but who always do all that man can do when the stranger enters within their gates.

In the evening the Masonic hall was

to be Royal Arch Masons, with the follow-

ing staff:
W. B. Wallace, Z.; Harold Gilbert,

when a visit was made by the encampment, a few weeks before. It was a repast worthy of any occasion, and the lady waiters were of Maine; Messrs. Reynolds, Wallace and Ewing, for the visiting chapters; Messrs. Vroom, Vincent and Gilbert, for the press, pulpit, and petticoat; Dr. Blair, for the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. Wallace for the bench Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the bench with the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the bench with the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the bench with the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the bench with the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the death of the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the bench with the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the bench with the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the bench with the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the bench with the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the bench with the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the bench with the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the bench with the medical profession with the medical profession; and Hon. James Mitchell and W. B. wallace for the bench with the medical profession with the medical for weeks in advance, but even after the companies proved themselves not worth deep" and "Cross and crown" were sung by a recitative and quartette, Miss Fowler, with fine effect by D. Miller Olive.

The party returned to St. John the next day impressed with the fact that the St. Croix is a very fine place to visit, and that its people have a superabundance of life, energy, and hospitality.

He Didn't Know Whitenest.

George Whitenect, the ball tosser, was fully impressed with the emptiness of fame, Monday afternoon. He arrived on the ball grounds with his uniform under his arm, and, running from the gate, vaulted lightly over the ropes, on his way to the dressing room. Sergeant Covay was on hand, however, with strict injunctions to let nobody on the diamond. When he saw Whitenect shoot passed him he was astounded, but recovering himself, called the catcher back in a quiet, confiding way, so that he would not get frightened and keep on in his wild career. Whitenect, quite puzzled to know what the officer wanted, returned and was asked to explain his conduct, which he did to the amusement of those standing by, and further added to the embarrassment of the officer by a few of his inimitable monkeyshines. Sergeant Covay explained that when on duty he is not supposed to know anybody. The sup-position seems entirely unnecessary in his

ST. JOHN AMATEURS TRY THEIR HAND AT DOROTHY.

Three Good Houses Greet Them—The Affair was a Musical Success, at Least—Tarbet's Criticism of the Singing—Its Strong and Weak Points.

The musical event of this week was, of course, Alfred Collier's *Dorothy*, played by the St. John amateurs, and I think I may safely congratulate them on their success, musically, if not financially, for I do not think that they had anything like the houses they should have had, and really deserved. Of course, I do not mean to say that the performance was without flaws, but the act-



way he has trained his choruses, and when one considers that a great many of th vocalists (girls especially) came before an audience for the first time on Monday evening, I think they will not judge them too harshly for any nervousness in singing.

I myself think they made quite a respectable noise for so few.

The first chorus, "Lads and Lasses,"

went very smoothly, Miss McInnis and Mr. Thompson taking up the solos between crowded to witness an exemplification of work by the visitors, special paraphernalia work by the visitors, special paraphernalia having been taken from Sr. John and brought from Calais for the purpose. The M. E. degree was worked with M. E. Companion, W. E. Ewing in the chair, after which three candidates were exalted after which three candidates were exalted after which three candidates were exalted is reported. The control of the first and second parts. This was interesting the first and second parts. This was interest the first and second parts. This was interest to wise in time, oh Phyllis, mine," by Miss Fowler, Miss Burpee and Miss McInnis, whose voices blended very nicely. The quartette, "Have you beer, or ale, or porter?" had but one fault—Mr. Daniel's parts. lowed by the dainty solo and trio. Be wire in time, oh Phyllis, mine," by Miss Fowler, Miss Burpee and Miss McInnis, whose voices blended very nicely. The whose voices blended very nicely. What are the essential points to be attended to in ventilating a sick room? voice is rather heavy, and over-balances the others. I do not think I ever- heard Mr. Ruel's voice to better advantage than H.; Julius T. Whitlock, J.; H. V. Cooper, in his ballad, "With such a dainty dame H.; Julius T. Whitlock, J.; H. V. Cooper, C. of H.; W. K. Reynolds, P. S.; G. R. Davis, R. A. C.; John Rubins, R. C. Farmer and John H. Leah, Ms. of V.; E. J. Sheldon, organist.

It was nearly midnight when the work It was nearly midnight when the work E. J. Sheldon, organist.

It was nearly midnight when the work was completed and then followed a banquet in Trinity hall, prepared by the ladies of Trinity congregation which, if anything, exceeded that prepared by the same ladies

tather's joy and pride they are," sung by Miss Fowler, Miss Burpee, Mr. Ruel, Mr. Christie. The quintette introduces a lovely waltz song for Dorothy, and a drinking song for Wilder, both of which went well.

The quartette, "You'll swear to be good

The quartette, "You'll swear to be good and true," was not quite as smooth as it might have been. Mr. Harrison's song, "I am the Sheriff's faithful man," was of any occasion, and the lady waiters were most assiduous in their attentions. The chair was occupied by J. T. Whitlock, with Messrs. Reynolds and Wallace on his right and left. The speakers were Vice Consul Goodenow, for the President of the United States; W. H. Sadleir, and George F. Pinder, for ther Grand Chapter of N. B.; Rev. Mr. Vincent, for the Grand Chapter of Maine; Messrs. Reynolds, Wallace and Ewing, for the visiting chapters; Messrs.

and he had to sing one part an octave lower than it is written, which was not an improvement. The trio, "Are you sure putting it the other way? The chorus
"What noise was that?" was very effective all through, and the "Hunting Chorus" in

my opinion, was really magnificent.

The third and last act opens with a chorus of old women, which was amusing, and a very sweet ballad, "The time has come." Miss McInnis did it justice,

people could have been picked out in this city to fill their parts. The chorus might have been stronger, but so many left the opera when it was too late to fill their place.

a success of one of the most hopeless look-ing affairs, in a musical way, that has ever

opera owed much of its popularity, and when one considers the short time they had in which to get the music up, one can-not say but that they did remarkably well.

Miss Hancock sang the role of Dorothy

torio concerts until the autumn, probably on account of the trouble Mr. Morley has

The Old Musical club will have one more meeting before breaking up for the summer months. It will be on the 17th of June, I think. TARBET.

WHAT THE TEACHERS MUST KNOW. luck."

The Paper on Domestic Economy presented at Normal School.

At the Examination held in the Normal School this week, the paper on Domestic Economy, given below, was placed before between 100 and 200 young ladies who propose to instruct the youth of the country as soon as they get their licenses and situations. It is a remarkable fact that the situations. It is a remarkable fact that the demand for teachers is greater than the supply, notwithstanding the grist mill method by which a hundred or two bright blooming girl teachers are turned loose every year. There is only one explanation of the scarcity—they soon meet some young the scarcity—they soon meet some young to fill a book; every word of it as proved that a man may not be forgetful of everything connected with that very the soon meet some young to fill a book; every word of it as proved that a man may not be forgetful of everything connected with that very the soon meet some young to fill a book; every word of it as proved that a man may not be forgetful of everything connected with that very the sound is the sound of the sound is the sound of the sound is the sound is the sound is the sound is the sound in the sound is t man who persuades them that matrimony is better than teaching. The result is that many of the best wives in the country can find a first, second, third class license when they want it—but, pardon this digression, that paper on Domestic Economy which was worked by first, second, and third class candidates in one and a half hours, contained seven questions, as follows: PART I.-THEORY.

Material—5, yard undressed white cotton). Work the following questions on the cotton furnished: 1. One ordinary sized button-hole. 2. Put a patch 3 in. by 4 in. 3. Trace the letter B with a lead pencil and then

Legal Definitions for Law Students. Case-A dozen.

Staying proceedings—Putting on corsets.

Accord and satisfaction—Lynch law. Rule absolute-Where the wife wears

Attachment costs—Damages in a breach-

Judgment on the roll—Unfit for publi-

Notice to quit—When a girl's mother begins to wind the clock. Ejectment-When her father interests

himself in the matter. Proceeding after issue joined—Enraged parents pursuing their cloping offspring.

Trespass—Enquire of your neighbor's

bull-pup.

Bound over to keep the peace—The bull-pup's return leap over the fence, after securing the piece from your nether apparel.

Thoughts Induced by Ice Cream. Miss Burpee, Mr. Ruel, and Mr. Daniel.

Mr. Daniel's ballad, "Queen of my heart," was rather high for him, I thought, sisters in other places—outside of this province, of course—it is their fondness for ice cream. It is an expensive luxury for a young man to have a girl in the town in evenly sung. Why will people make the music subordinate to the acting instead of the girls worth it. So long as this desirable condition of affairs continues there will be no lack of spring and fall weddings, and the ice cream saloons will prosper.

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Mr. Fred Knowlton has secured the New place.

The Dorothy company have had a great many difficulties to contend with, and I am glad they have come out so well. To Mr. Ford I offer my congratulations, for I

libel suit as Progress has on hand just

And so from one end of the town to the other the congratulations poured in. The best business men in the city, the ablest lawyers had no hesitation in declaring that and that is just where they stay—on paper.

in daily commercial transactions, and gave his impression in a terse and emphatic fashion:—

true as gospel."

It would take too much space to repeat

half what people have put themselves out to say about the suit and the offers of assistance from all sides. Progress is not unmindful of such kindness, and when the right time comes will not be found ungrateful. At present these convertibilities. ful. At present these congratulations and

It is a curious fact that a libel suit always booms the circulation of a newspaper. It booms it more or less, just as the newspaper pleases. If it has plenty of material to work upon and is not afraid to use it, there is usually something worth reading in every issue. It does not fail to keep its readers acquainted with every phase of the suit, and with all the movements, in a legal way, of the plaintiff. An instance of this at the Fife Habitation of the Primrose league, resent is the scorching the World of New York is giving Judge Hilton, who was foolish enough to bring a libel suit against of the Fife Herald writes: the great newspaper which commented upon his use of the Stewart fortune.

as lively notices as Hilton got from the

bothered about the announcement of the hold its own anywhere. suit, and have written enquiring about facts. They belong to that class of people who always take an interest in the successes of their favorite paper and want to know all about them, so that they can appreciate

is frequently considered a disadvantage to tion who wished to pay a loving tribute to Kerr's ice cream parlors, on King street, live in the timbered section of the country, her memory. have proved a great success already, the but after reading that subscriber's letter

> con much. He is the son of an Episcopal is rejoicing in the possession of such a front this week. There is plenty inside to make a beautiful show, and the goods do not belie their looks. man, and at present carries on a shipping business on Prince William street. He is a member of the firm of Schools. (Limited). We regret our inability at present to give you much information about the "Co." part of the firm, and we really do not know where we could refer you for enlightenment on that point, but if you wait a short time even this information will

be given you.

To see Samuel Schofield on the street and form your opinion of him at a distance you would conclude that he is rather a you would conclude that he is rather a good physical specimen of a man, and that he walked as though he was after something. He always has that appearance; he does not loiter on Chubb's corner and talk over the events of the day, but when he is out of his office he is out on business, and

In his office you will find simplicity and comfort. You will find him in the inner office always, and if your business with him is of any length and requires any explanation of the many papers on our exchange list," writes a Nova Scotia newspaper man, "there are none read with greater interest than Progress."

BEAUTY ON THE STAGE. happen to know what hard work he has had, and he deserves the credit of making WHO, NOT WHAT HE IS. tion—for example we will suppose that HOW THE NEWS OF THE LIBEL because the dividends are slow or unsatisfactory. You want to know all the reasons Some Subscribers ask Some Questions—One From the Back Woods—Some Description of the Plaintiff in Answer to his Inter-made up your mind before you went to his and you are there for that purpose, having of the Plaintif in Answer to his Inter-rogations.

Who wouldn't have a libel suit—such a vessel and what she was doing, and whether mot say but that they did remarkably well.

Miss Hancock sang the role of Dorothy on Tuesday, and really I have not made up my mind yet which Dorothy I liked best. I hear that they had to draw lots for the last night.

There is some talk postponing the Oratorio concerts until the autumn, probably

libel suit as Progress has on hand just there was any chance of better returns in the near future—such matters would be explained in a low monotone by Mr. Schofield. He would tell you, perhaps, how unfortunate it was that the vessel needed repairing at a certain port; that the charges were exceedingly high at that place; that they had come in ballast from such a port amusement.

"Sam Schofield after you for libel! Why it can't be true," said one gentleman, a few minutes after 5 o'clock.

"Sam Schofield after you for libel! Why it can't be true," said one gentleman, a few minutes after 5 o'clock. or a hundred such excuses. If you zere a

minutes after 5 o'clock.

"That appears to be what he is after," was the laughing rejoinder.

"Well, I congratulate you. You're in luck"

"Well, I congratulate you. You're in luck" notion, he makes himself heard there. His projects and resolutions for warehouses.

PROGRESS could not have had a more acceptable opponent for its first libel suit.

The unanimity of this opinion is surprising.

Even the laborer joined with those engaged tunities to do him full justice before and

of everything connected with that very important event—his marriage. A recent groom, who was married with some eclat. found when he entered the pullman that he had forgotten to see the agent, and had no berths secured. He was in a ridiculous frame of mind for a short time, and would have given all his ready cash—and a brideassurances of assistance serve to confirm and strengthen its opinion that its first impressions of Mr. Schofield were correct in inducement of \$100 failed to convince another groom on board, who had the drawing room apartment, that money was better than comfort. The train pulled out of the station before he and his blushing bride were quite settled, but this paragraph can be a warning to all groom tuture who are inclined to forget.

Two Little Girls From St. John.

foolish enough to bring a libel suit against the great newspaper which commented upon his use of the Stewart fortune.

PROGRESS is not as big as the World, but St. John is smaller than New York, and Samuel Schofield can hardly be called as prominent as Judge Hilton, yet there is one thing he need not trouble himself about, that his present suit will not give him as lively notices as Hilton got from the

As this refers to the Misses Nelly and Several country subscribers have been Blanche Collier, it shows that St John can

A very handsome stained glass window

has been placed in St. Stephen's church in them thoroughly.

One gentleman wants to know who and be a sad death some months ago is still fresh in the minds of everyone in St. John. The Now who will say after this that PRO | memorial was put in at the expense of a GRESS does not go to the back woods. It number of the members of the congrega-

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hall, Mr. W. C. Whittaker, Mr. Iderman Lewis were among the week.

rt, of Rothesay, spent Saturday g Mrs. Coldwell.

ton and Mrs. Hamilton, of Sun-Mrs. James Titus at ill leave for England the latter ra wacation.

spent Sunday in town, the guest rices. L. Whittaker and family, of ast week, and moved into Mrs. house, near the station. They unmer. rey left for Fredericton on Tues-

, of Charlottetown, was in town went to the city last evening. and Mr. L. H. Vaughan passed dudy, en route to St. Martins. has been stopping during the eet, St. John, has returned, ac-other, and will spend the sum-ad Mrs. F. E. Whelpley.

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