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LITTLE BOY-BLUE

This Pretty Operetta Given by the very Young Pupils of Birmingham School. Big Success.

Johnston-Shaw hall was filled to overflowing and then some more, by interested papas, mammas and other relatives and friends of more than 70 scholars of the 1st. to the 5th. Grades, inclusive, Boy Blue was presented on Saturday evening last to a packed and happy houseful away and beyond the capacity of the hall by delighted listeners. Never before have so many people been turned away from the door, and it caused a repetition of the operetta, which came off Monday night of this week to a full house. Mrs. Ettinger is a teacher of music in our school, and has closed a most successful and a very brilliant school year. Her drilling, of the children in this play, was careful, painstaking and all acquitted themselves, and their teacher with great credit and glory.

Over 70 children took part in this musical event. The stars were; Frances Shattuck, as Mollie; Donald Roberts as Boy Blue; Marion Berz, as Katy-She-Did, and Anna Yack as Katy-She-Didn't. All did themselves credit as singers and actors. The four musical frogs in the hands of Masters Lynn Pearson, David Levinson, Lawrence Wendell and Arthur Kreger made plenty of fun and did remarkably well in their respective parts. These characters, with Echo elves Fireflies and children in the Hay field made a fine and an amusing evening's entertainment. Mrs. Ettinger is to be congratulated in producing so successful an operetta.

IN MEMORIUM.

From the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of Franklin. To the memory of Mrs. J. C. German, who departed this life May 8, 1908.

Whereas—Death has again entered our midst and taken from our society one of our oldest members, Mrs. J. C. German, and in her death this society has lost a valued member, and the community a faithful and devoted friend whose presence was always cheering and will long be remembered. Therefore be it

Resolved That we as a society, deeply regret her loss and that our heartfelt sympathy be extended to her sorrowing family and immediate associates and further that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the records of our meetings, also a copy sent to the bereaved family.

MATTIE B. CUMMINGS,
ADDIE SLY,
Committee.

CEMETERY NOTES.

Many pleasant things are being said these days about the neat appearance of our village cemetery. The enforcement of the new rules forbidding the leaving of cans, vases etc., on the lots unless placed even with the surface, seems to meet the approval of all lot owners and all seem willing to assist the officers of the society in their efforts to make this a neat, tidy place and up to modern requirements. The help of the sexton and the use of tools is freely given to those who pay their yearly dues or who have paid for perpetual care.

Those who have not paid their dues for the present season will please hand the money to Mrs. Eva O'Neal, collecter.

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FROM THE PEOPLE.

The "First Gun" at the great medical congress held in Chicago last week was for temperance declaring, "modern science tells us the saloon is a relic of barbarism.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The themes for sermons Sunday will be, morning: "Ashamed of the Gospel." Evening, "Paul before Felix."

B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting topic, "How to get and keep a situation."

The attendance at the Children's Day exercises, last Sunday evening taxed the capacity of the building.

The pastor is getting settled in his home on Woodward ave: four doors north of Willetts street.

SCHOOL NOTES

Busy Week For the Graduates of the Birmingham High School; A Successful Event.

Commencement night at the Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday evening began the program. The church for this evening's program, was not filled to overflowing as usual, but a goodly number of delighted hearers enjoyed the program, which was in part as follows:

Entrance March, Orchestra.
Invocation, Dr. Jamieson.
Music, "Southern Pastimes," Orchtra.
Address, "Kings and Common People," Dr. Henderson, of Ann Arbor.
Solo, Selected, Harold Jarvis.
Presentation of Diplomas, James W. Cobb.
Solo, Selected, Harold Jarvis.
Benediction, Rev. W. H. Jamieson.

Harold Jarvis generously gave five numbers, although down only for two, being doubly encored.

The Birmingham High School Orchestra did themselves proud in the line of numerous fine musical selections, all heartily encored.

CLASS NIGHT.

Class Night at the M. E. church, on Wednesday evening of this week was the crowded event. Every seat in the big church was filled and many stood during all the exercises. The graduates number 16 in all, and are:

Ellis R. Green, Valedictorian.
Louise Clawson, Giftorian.
Lloyd Clawson, Will.
Lillian Stauch.
Charles Streeter.
Juanita Plumstead.
Carrie Davenport.
Elmer Hauck.
Vernon McDonald.
Mae Erwin.
Aline Herbison.
Jean Purdy.
Blanch Lowry.
Bessie Shuler.
Frank Walker, and
Harry Rogers.

The President's address was delivered in a very masterful manner and pleased his many hearers. This ends another successful school year.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve Wins.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on June 19th, 1908.

John Lane, Muir Maitross, Mrs. Joe Henis, Miss Olin Fournier, Mrs. Armada Myres, Mrs. Jane O. Lawson, in care of A. Johnson.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

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GETTING EVEN.

She had refused him, and he stood twirling his mustache and looking quizzical until she was in a tearing temper.

"What are you standing there for?" she demanded, stamping her foot.

"Well, I am wondering," he said slowly, "whom are you going to marry, since you won't marry me?"

"It's none of your business," she flamed, angrily.

"Oh, yes it is," he drawled. "At any rate, I'm interested. I shouldn't like you to marry a fellow I didn't think well of, you know, since I came near marrying you myself."

It seemed to her that she should faint with indignation.

"You never came near marrying me," she at length managed to gasp. "I didn't think even of marrying you, and as to whom I do marry, you have nothing to do with it. I shall marry anybody I please!"

"That's just it," he returned, thoughtfully. "I suppose you don't please anybody." Then there was nothing left to her but raving hysterics.

No Use.

"If I should attempt to kiss you now," he asked in a trembling tone, "I suppose you would struggle desperately with me, wouldn't you?"

"Well," she replied, "I have just paid $1.50 for having my hair dressed, and I wouldn't dare to struggle too much for fear it might be spoiled. I want it to look well at the opera to-night. You have no idea how easily one's hair is shaken down if one attempts to—oh, well—I—I thought you were going to—to—are you fond of fudge?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

The exportation of gold proves, among other things, that Uncle Sam has plenty of it to export.

REV. J. W. GOOD

Formerly of Birmingham, Writes A Very Interesting Letter From Wichita, Kansas.

The following "Good" letter was recently received by a Birmingham lady who rightly judges that it will be of interest to Brother Good's many friends in this vicinity who rejoices at his recovering his health and still mourn his absence.

Wichita, Kan.
207 Ohio, ave.,

To Our Homefolk, Kinfolk and Friends, Scattered Abroad.

Greetings to One and All:-

Of course you are expecting to hear from us; and we shall not slight any one of you.

Perhaps our first words of interest will be about our western trip. We left Fayetteville, Tenn., Wed. 4-22. Our first stop, after a run of 41 miles, was Huntsville, Ala. Hear we had to wait on the proverbially late Southern train. The meanwhile we took in the city. The chief interest here was the Big Spring, where a river boils from under a high cliff in the middle of the city. At last, about ½ past midnight, a lonesome looking fellow squalled "Train!" Sleepy heads began to bob, and there was a deliberate stir for the "Southern," and we started for Memphis, a distance of 213 miles. We reached Corinth, Miss. at day-break, and Memphis actually on time about 7:30 a. m.

Here we spent the day. The chief interest to us was the Great river. We had our lunch, and repaired at once to the river's side. We ate our breakfast (perhaps) on the very spot where De Sota, with big-eyed astonishment first beheld the "Father of Waters." Most of the a. m. we spent on the river. At first sight of the river one is conscious of slight disappointment, but the longer he views the scene, the more sublime the monstrous moving flood becomes. The sensation is similar to that which lays hold of one when he first visits the Niagara. Here, as there, one soon realizes the limits of his most extravagant fireside dreams. The Tenn-side is low and flat, with an island which obstructs the view. This perhaps accounts for the momentary disappointment. But the grandeur soon appears. To the south of us, in fine relief, suspended between the flood and skies, was the huge Memphis bridge. This structure begins from the high Tenn-bank, stretches over the waters by means of four great spans of 100 feet each, and reaches Ark. soil a mile out at Bridge Jc. This point is the focussing point for the many western R. Rs. that cross the bridge. The bridge has two R. R. tracks, and a floor on same level for other traffic. No foot passengers are allowed. R. R. tickets across are 30c. Teamsters toll 25c and 75c. It was grand to watch the great Western freight and passenger trains as they slowly crawled the length of the four great spans. Beneath them moved also the mighty traffic of the waves. Great coal-barges plied their way with the world's fuel. We saw as many as 14 barges cabled together.

In the p. m. we took in the city. All large cities look alike. Memphis seemed to be up to the standard. Our impression was that it was one of the Best inland cities of the land. We left Memphis Thursday night at 11 o'clock, over the Choctaw division of the Rock Island Railroad, which runs to Amorilla, Texas. Our run on this road was 513 miles. We reached Little Rock, Ark., at day-break, and it was raining, seemingly ever since the flood. That seemed to be the thought of the Arkansas traveler who occasionally ventured to board the train.

Our chief interest during Friday was the wilds of the Indian's Land. What we saw of their country was made up of small hills, rocks, and wastes covered with a scrubby growth of oak timber. Occasionally we saw a white residence and a small farm adjacent. Beyond this there was little sign of civilization outside of the few towns that we past. Some of these were nice places with modern improvements, it being allowed to the whites to own real estate within co-operate limits. The natives are an interesting folk, though they do not correspond to our childhood dreams. They now live mainly in small huts, though we saw a few wigwams. They dress as Americans. A family of them entered our car. We saw the men riding, the children at school among the whites, and a ball team of them at one station.

At last we reached "The Farmers' Paradise." Oklahoma is all that one could desire on this side of the Gates of Pearl. Flat as floor, and as rich as cream! Her broad acres of wheat stretching away until their waves seem to brush the skies; her orchards and vines that bow in submission each season to their burden of luscious fruits; her possibilities and promises of corn and cattle unspeakable, are beyond description. Seeing alone can satisfy the skeptical.

We passed Oklahoma city at sunset and spent the night at El Reno. About dawn Saturday we took the north bound train on the Gulf Division of the Rock Island, for our last run of 159 miles to Wichita, Kansas. Certainly this stretch of country is the "garden spot of the world." The only difference between Oklahoma and this section of Kansas is an occasional break in the land and an increase in timber.

Wichita is a fine city of 42,000. There are five big railroads, (Rock Island, Frisco, Sante Fe, Mo. Pacific, and Orient,) and several branches of the same. The Bus. street is about one mile long. This is a great wholesale center. There are two packing houses here and a branch of the Battle Creek (Mich) Sanitarium. The city has one University, two colleges, two business colleges, splendid public schools, besides several Catholic schools, and some for special instruction. There is a Y. M. C. A. and a Y. W. C. A. 46 churches and missions. The city has all modern improvements, including a natural gas system.

The elevation here is about 1,500 feet. When we arrived here the weather was cool, with light but harmless frost, the change has since come for warmer. Vegetation is space with that of southern Tennessee. Last night we had the glaring scene of an electric storm on the plains, and to-day an experience of Kansas mud. So far we like the climate well.

There are two U. P. Churches here, ours is the First. So far we like the work here. So far we like the work here. The people are the friendliest we have ever seen, north, south, east or west. It is said that a stranger cannot get out of our church without shaking hands at least a dozen times. We have an arrangement whereby we are here until fall, if we like the place, we may stay permanently, but in our own minds at least, the people are on trial as well as ourselves.

We are doing light housekeeping in the Parsonage, so light indeed that you would be amused. Our goods are all in Michigan. We bought enough things to eat and sleep. The Parsonage is a large eight room house. It is very near the church. Between them they own a large lot on which it is planned to build a large church.

These words leave us in the full enjoyment of our new home and work. We shall be glad to have a line from you as convenience may permit.

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—Chicago Record-Herald.

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ROBERT HANNA, Deceased.

Robert Hanna and David Hanna, executors of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying for license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is ordered that the 6th day of July, A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted. It is further that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.
ROSS STOCKWELL, Probate Clerk.

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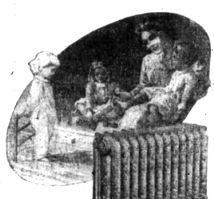

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