

## JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Drama League and Musical Talks to Be Held on Same Afternoon Next Week—Two Most Attractive Programs

NEXT Thursday afternoon will undoubtedly pull society in two different directions in the way of entertainments, for the committee on American drama of the University of Pennsylvania has announced a performance by the Plays and Players at the Broad Street Theatre for the same hour as the second of the much-heralded musical talks under the auspices of the women's committee of the Philadelphia Orchestra, which will be given in Witherspoon Hall by Hilda Van den Bent.

The committee of the Philadelphia Drama League, with the co-operation of the University, is planning an elaborate program for this, the American Drama Year.

The first activity of the year will be the production next Thursday afternoon of Tyler's "The Contrast." This play will be in charge of a committee of which Mrs. Otis Skinner is chairman. It will be performed by a cast of experienced actors selected from the Plays and Players.

"The Contrast" was the second play written by an American to be produced in America by a professional company of actors. It was our first comedy; the "Prince of Parthia," written by Godfrey in 1767, being our first tragedy. "The Contrast" is also one of the best of our early comedies. Its theme is the contrast between native worth and the affection of foreign manners, and it introduced to the American stage in the character of Jonathan, the typical stage Yonah. It was performed for the first time in New York in 1787, the principal character, Jonathan, being played by Thomas Wignell. The play at the Broad Street Theatre will reproduce this first performance as nearly as possible, using lighting, scenic and costume effects similar to those of the original production.

The league has planned to have a series of lectures given throughout the year in various parts of the city, and as a culmination of the Philadelphia Drama Year celebration the University of Pennsylvania will give, under the direction of its literary societies, a pageant in the Botanic Gardens, representing the development of American drama from earliest time to present day. Incidentally, the American Drama League offers a number of prizes for the best play submitted to the year by an American.

The committee on the American Drama Year includes Dr. Arthur Hobson Quinn, chairman; Mr. John Ashurst, Mrs. George Baker, Mrs. William Burnham, Mr. James Francis Cooke, Dr. John P. Garber, Dr. Hollis Godfrey, Dr. John L. Haney, Rev. Hugh T. Henry, Mr. Joseph A. F. Jackson, Dr. Morris Jastrow, Jr., Mr. Henry LaBarre Jayne, Mrs. J. Clarence Lee, Mr. John Luther Long, Mr. Kenneth MacGowan, Miss Elizabeth McClellan, Mr. Thomas McLean, Mrs. Edgar Marburg, Mr. Langdon Mitchell, Mr. Edward W. Mumford, Mr. George E. Nitsche, Dr. Thomas D. O'Boyle, Dr. Ellsworth Patterson, Mr. Howard Reber, Mrs. J. Howard Reber, Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, Mrs. Otis Skinner, Provost Edgar F. Smith, Rev. John J. Wheeler, Mr. Samuel Woodward and Miss Anne Hollingsworth Wharton.

AND on Thursday afternoon at Witherspoon Hall Herr Van den Bent will talk on his special hobby, "The Violin." His "musical talk" will be illustrated by a most interesting collection of lantern slides and by a program with the names of such delectable composers for the violin as Bach and Wieniawski.

The committee of public-spirited musical women who have these talks in charge has voted to give this season's profits to the orchestra's endowment fund. It is not generally known that it turned over \$300 profits last year to the pension fund for sick and disabled members of the orchestra, for which Mr. Stokowski made such a stirring plea at the tenth anniversary luncheon given by the women's committee at the Academy in April three years ago.

The managing committee for 1916-17 includes: President, Mrs. Frederick H. Shelton; vice president, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin; secretary, Mrs. Frank P. Prichard; treasurer, Mrs. Charles C. Collins; Miss Eleanor Arnett, Mrs. William Burnham, Mrs. A. J. Dallas Dixon, Miss Gertrude Ely, Mrs. C. Lincoln Furbush, Mrs. Rodman Griscom, Mrs. Burton C. Hirst, Miss Georgele P. Joline, Mrs. John C. Rose, Miss Alva Sergeant, Mrs. Leo Stokowski, Mrs. L. Howard Weatherby and Mrs. Harold E. Yarnall.

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TEMPLE TO RESUME  
\$1,000,000 CAMPAIGN

Second Lap for \$500,000 to Start  
Monday—Alumni and Students to Ask Subscriptions

Students, alumni and members of a committee of prominent Philadelphians interested in Temple University made ready today for the campaign which starts on Monday with \$500,000 for the institution. Plans for the campaign were announced last Tuesday at a luncheon in the rooms of members and graduates of Temple University at the Hotel Adelphi.

The effort that starts Monday is the final push of the university's friends to raise the \$1,000,000 endowment fund. The first lap of the campaign was successfully ended last April with a total amount of \$500,000 as the object. There was predicted then \$420,000 for the university. The hope of those behind the campaign which begins Monday is to exceed this amount and have it all subscribed by February 14, the Founder's Day of the university.

The campaign will be run by committees known as the Temple University Association, Philadelphia, destined of helping the institution. Ernest T. Trige is chairman of the association. Louis Kolb and Colonel John Grubel are among the members.

On the following night this time, \$100,000 will go to the Samaritan Hospital, a part of the medical school. The rest will be used in enlarging the teaching facilities and instituting a teachers' college in connection with the university.

WASHINGTON SOCIETY  
STIRRED BY BITTER FEUD

"Playhouse," Where Sounds of Revelry by Night Are Heard, Called Nuisance in Court Complaint

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Almost as bitter as the European war, a feud has broken out in Washington society that threatens to sweep away the whole orderly arrangement of things. It was precipitated by Dr. Andrew Seaton Schroeder, who has obtained a court injunction against the Playhouse, society's favorite recreation "common nuisance." The old bachelor's home is next to the fashionable Bellevue, and he says he and his family are unable to sleep because of the hilarity that lasts until well into the morning.

The addition is the latest in his complaint, thus complicating the feud and making it actually international. He is supported by several persons, by no less personages than Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, and W. A. F. Olden, the Swedish Minister, among others. The list of protestants is a long one.

The Playhouse has been tried in the District Superior Court and Justice Stafford has given the officers of the organization until next Friday to make answer. Unless a successful defense is made, the court will issue an injunction against any further dancing or late affairs in the fair of young society.

But in the meantime, capital society is divided into two camps. There are many one-time friends who now do not speak in passing.

SUNDAY "TRAIL-HITTERS"  
WILL GO TO NEW YORK

One Thousand Philadelphians to Occupy Pulpits Tomorrow

Nearly 1000 Philadelphians "trail-hitters" will speak in Protestant pulpits of New York during Sunday morning services in a campaign to create interest in the coming of "Billy" Sunday, April 1. As converts of the evangelist's campaign here two years ago, they will go by twos into almost every pulpit to tell their impressions of "Billy" Sunday's work. It will be the formal opening there of the Sunday campaign, and will be followed by the organization of little bands and certain practical work.

Mr. Daniel Wentz, Jr., who has also been spending his holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Wentz, at the orchard, has also returned, as has Mr. Henry Vandeveer, who has been spending his holiday at Park.

Mr. Wentz returned with his son and spent several days in New York last week before coming back to this city.

Miss Editha Gribbel, who is spending the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gribbel, at the Bellevue-Stratford, entered at bridge last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. English Dallam, Jr., of Rittenhouse street, Germantown, have gone to Richmond, Va., to spend several days.

Miss Wilson Potter, of Montgomery avenue, Chestnut Hill, has gone to Cleveland to visit friends for a fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron L. Crane, of Greene street, Germantown, will leave in a fortnight for Augusta, Ga., where they will spend several weeks.

The Philadelphia Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy will entertain as usual on January 14, at the home of the widow of General Robert E. Lee. This year the annual fair, which will include a delightful musical program, will be given in the Clover Room of the Bellevue-Stratford at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Dorothy Johnston-Hamer, the harpist, has been secured. It is an old southern custom to hold some special entertainment on the birthday, and following another old southern custom, punch and cake will be served to the members of the society and their friends.

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