

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Death of Bettina Girard Teaches a Whole-some Lesson.

HER VARIED CAREER.

Like Many Others, She Gathered the Husks While She Passed Up the Corn—Price Webber on Deck—Daily Company Closes.

Bettina Girard has passed to her reward and if I were disposed to be a moralist I might well find material in the story of her life and death for a homily on the folly of pursuing the phantom of pleasure beyond the rail fence of wisdom. It is all right to chase the good time if you know where to stop but, more's the pity, few of us have learned when and how to supply the brakes. We keep chasing and chasing until some morning we awake to find that the summer sun has sped, the balmy, perfumed zephyr, is not, and the flowers we plucked are as dead grass. Then comes the drear winter of our discontent. Life has gone, and we have passed by the corn while we have frantically grabbed for the husks. True, we have a fine collection of husks but we suddenly discover they have lost their market value and would not be accepted as collateral even for a six weeks old laundry bill.

Few young women embarked on the dramatic sea with better prospects for a fair voyage than did the lamented Bettina Girard. Few there are that have so often sailed close to the reef of disaster and yet found a safe anchorage. Still she did not change her pilot, and one day she struck the reef. Then it was all over. Friendless, and almost penniless, she died and her grave stone might well bear the motto "She was her own worst enemy."

When she started she had a brilliant career within easy reach. Her father, was General Ordway of the United States army. He was a cultivated man, a brave soldier and was held in the highest esteem in Washington. Her first step toward fame was at a dinner party when she was a debutante.

"How shall I become famous?" a young attaché of the French legation asked her. "I will make you famous," she replied, and she filled her satin slipper full of wine, raised it aloft and drank. "A toast to fame!" the Frenchman drank the toast.

Then she tried a venture in matrimony and married Arthur Paddock, a member of one of Philadelphia's first families. They spent a bridal tour in Europe and she was divorced from him after a married life of three months. Just at that time she got the desire to go on the stage and it is interesting in this connection to note the manner in which she selected a stage name. She had a friend who was playing in the Grand Avenue theatre, and it was mainly upon his advice that she decided to make the venture. Ever whimsical, she suddenly took the notion to call herself Girard after the theatre. Bettina was adopted from a heroine in a play of which she was passionately enamored and the name was complete.

She appeared first in Chicago. While playing in "The King of the Tools" she met "Jack" Raffael, a tenor and married him. They separated soon. Her next husband was Harrison Wallif. They, too, separated. Then

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she became the wife of William Beach, of Nat Goodwin's company but they did not agree and Philip Schuyler became her husband. While she was with him, her aged father came from Washington and offered her an allowance of \$25 a week if she would leave America and never return. The next day she and Schuyler sailed for Europe. They could, however, get no work at the London music halls and returned to New York. She got an engagement at Proctor's Theatre but on the opening day she did not turn up. The pace, at which she was living, was telling upon her. Relentless, nature was, shylock like, exacting its debt. She became helpless and ill and at one time was sent to Blackwell's Island. Two weeks ago she took the name of Wright. On Saturday she went to Roosevelt Hospital, completely broken down. On Sunday last she died. Her father, General Ordway, died of a broken heart and her body was interred beside his in Washington.

And this is the end. Is it necessary to point the moral? I think not.

In the local circles the only event of interest was the closing of the Daily Stock Company and the sudden cancelling of their engagement at the Opera House. They had been playing to poor business and though they probably would have continued for a longer time yet at their rate of business the end was inevitable.

Wednesday's occurrences merely hastened it. The company was a fairly good one but in several respects they were unfortunate. Their choice of plays did not seem to meet the taste of St. John theatre goers, and consequently the tax office suffered. It is stated that the company is to be re-organized for a tour through the provinces and play in St. John again. Well, I hope, if they are successful but their closing again opens the interesting question "What do St. John audiences want, anyway?"

Pauline the hypnotist comes to the York theatre on Monday evening for a week's engagement. In other places where he has appeared he has created a considerable sensation. Doubtless in St. John he will find many subjects for his peculiar talent. It is positively stated, however, that he will not be called upon to practice on any member of the city council. There is a limit even to Pauline's powers, and the hypnotist's manager tells me that a successful subject requires mental equipment of a certain calibre, as well as a sympathetic temperament.

H. Price Webber, he of the frosted locks and pea green overcoat, is still in the ring. Latest advices locate him at Glace Bay, where he and his wife, "the charming Edwina Grey," to quote the press agent, are as entertaining as ever. Time has dealt lightly with Price, and his many friends here will be glad to learn of his continued successes.

In closing just a word about the Sun's Dramatic Letter published this morning under date of January 14. It is an interesting letter, very interesting but it should have appeared two weeks ago. Since it was written several changes have taken place of which their dramatic editor is evidently unaware. The first item deals with Pina's "A Wife Without a Smile" and predicts that it will doubtless, have a long and prosperous run at the Criterion theatre. Unfortunately the piece was withdrawn on Dec. 31 so the prediction falls to the ground. This is merely one item. Little paragraphs calling attention to the bills "to be" offered in New York on New Years eve are probably not meant to be taken seriously. The letter is from the pen of Leander Richardson one of the best informed of the dramatic writers furnishing syndicate staff to different newspapers. Probably it was intended for publication before the end of the year. At present the only thing new about it is the date which has evidently been carefully "raised."

As soon as the Charles Dana Gibson-Augustus Thomas play, "The Education of Mr. Pipp," gets actually under way, Kirke La Shelle will take hold of the production of Paul Arm-

ST. JOHN'S OLDEST CURLING CLUB.

The Braw Lads of St. Andrew's Have Been Organized Nearly Half a Century—Their History, Practically the History of the Game in This City.

(Continued.) SEASON 1890-1891. The record of club contests was as follows: Points medal won by Fredrickson, by Dr. Magee, rink, by G. A. Kimball's rink, C. & T. by the same; the Ferguson, A. Watson's rink; the Jones cup, by S. S. DeForest's rink. In the outside matches, the club defeated St. Stephen by six points, were defeated by Frederickson by six points in the first game, and won by 37 points in the second. At the annual meeting, the old officers were re-elected, and the following were elected skips: John White, A. Watson, H. V. Cooper, A. O. Skinner, S. Jones, G. L. Shipp, H. H. Harvey, G. A. Kimball, S. S. DeForest, W. S. Barker, H. A. McKee, F. O. Allison, F. L. Harrison, G. W. Jones, G. F. Fisher, F. P. C. Gregory, W. W. Allen, W. A. Stewart, Thos. White and Rev. L. G. Macneill.

SEASON 1891-1892. Owing to the extreme mildness of the winter play was not commenced until late in the season. The annual match between the married and single members of the club was begun on 12th January. It was not concluded, however, until the 16th, on account of bad ice. The benedicts won by four points. The contest with the Frederickton club on 21st January resulted in a draw being declared owing to the lights having been extinguished before the match was ended. In the game with the St. Stephen club on home ice the outcome was also a draw, each club having scored 62 points.

The club points medal was won by Robt. Thomson, 15 points. The Milligan points medal was won by W. C. Whittaker, 15 points. The Rink medal match was won by H. V. Cooper's rink, and the medal itself became the property of the skip at points. The Ferguson medal was won by W. C. Whittaker, J. V. Thomas won the Jones' cup. In a game played between the Scotch vs. All-comers, the former won by a score of 16 to 15. In St. John Co. vs. All-comers, the former won by 112 to 109.

A summary of the foreign matches show that three were won by an aggregate majority of 62 points, two were lost, by 48 points, and two were drawn. The officers were elected as follows:—S. Jones, press; A. O. Skinner, vice-press; C. W. Ferguson, sec'y-treas. The following were elected skips:—S. Jones, P. O. Allison, G. F. Fisher, A. O. Skinner, J. White, F. P. C. Gregory, W. A. Stewart, G. W. Jones, H. H. Harvey, G. A. Kimball, A. Watson, W. S. Barker, J. M. Magee, G. L. Shipp, C. E. Macmichael, A. S. Hajj, W. C. Whittaker, C. H. Ferguson, J. White and Chas. McLaughlin.

1892-1893. At the annual meeting held on the 12th of September, the previous year's officers were re-elected. The skips were G. F. Fisher, A. O. Skinner, F. O. Allison, Rev. L. G. Macneill, H. H. Harvey, J. M. Magee, S. Hay, W. C. Whittaker, J. White, G. A. Kimball, F. P. C. Gregory, J. Knox, A. Watson, R. K. Jones, G. W. Jones, W. S. Barker, C. H. Ferguson, S. S. DeForest, J. V. Thomas and C. E. Macmichael. The Club points medal was won by John White, who also won the Milligan points medal. In the rink medal match, skip Gregory won. The Jones cup competition was a keen one and the cup became the property of skip Jas. Knox for the year. In the married vs single contest the bachelors recovered the honors which had gone to the benedicts the year before by the slender majority of 5 points, and won the competition by 107 to 102. In playing off the final, P. L. Harrison's rink won and in curling off for the medal, it fell to C. H. Ferguson. The All-comers vanquished the St. John and county team by 100 to 94.

In the series of three games between St. Andrews vs Thistles. The St. Andrews won 2 games, making a total majority of 19 points in the series. In two games with St. Stephen, the home team won both by an aggregate majority of 51 points. In the Frederickton series they won one and lost one.

1893-1894. During this year a motion was made that the club play only one game during the season with foreign clubs. This motion was defeated. The officers were re-elected. P. L. Harrison's rink won the Club points medal and H. V. Cooper the Milligan medal. In the rink medal match, W. C. Whittaker's rink was the winner. In the Jones cup competition skip G. S. McLeod's rink was a winner and in the play-off for the cup, it became the property of the skip for the year. The benedicts beat the bachelors by a score of 106 to 86, and J. M. Magee captured the medal at points. The All-comers defeated the players from the city and county score 80 to 60.

The foreign matches this year resulted as follows. In two games with the Thistles, the St. Andrews were beaten by 79 points. At St. Stephen the St. Andrews won by 17 points, and in the return game in this city by 36 points. In the games with Frederickton, they won one each. In the contest for the McLellan cup skips Cooper and Thomas, downed Milligan and Malcolm of the Thistles, by one point. On the 30th of January they defeated Marysville, and on the 13th of February Antigonish was overcome. They lost to Truro by 2 points, and defeated Chatham by 17 points.

(Continued next Saturday.) IT WILL PAY YOU, IF YOU ARE IN BUSINESS TO ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES.

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