

THROUGH YORK TO AID 'FRISCO SUFFERERS

The concert in the York Theatre Thursday evening in aid of the San Francisco sufferers' relief fund proved an unequalled success. No element was wanting to make it so. A company of artists all vying with one another to give of their best for the good of the cause, and a large and enthusiastic audience who greeted every number with rounds of applause combined to make the entertainment memorable in the records of charitable efforts in this city.

The programme was somewhat longer than is usual in affairs of the kind, but it appeared to be none the less acceptable on that score, for as the hour of 11 approached and the massed orchestra entered on the final number not a seat had been vacated.

The audience evidently came to enjoy themselves and stayed to the end, so that nothing might be missed. The purpose which underlay the organization of the concert by The Telegraph and The Times was to give those who might wish to contribute 25 cents or 50 cents to the relief fund an opportunity of doing so. That object has been attained, and while it is impossible for twenty-four hours at least to ascertain how much the fund will benefit, it is safe to say the sum will be very substantial.

With reference to the concert itself it may be pronounced without hesitation a distinct artistic success. The programme, a lengthy and varied one, was graced by the presence of the three talented ladies who form the concert trio and they sustained with the highest possible amount of distinction nearly half of the evening's entertainment. They were ably seconded by a strong array of some of the city's best known musical talent, the universal feeling which found expression being yet further exemplified by Messrs. Jones and Harrison's orchestra joining forces for the occasion, and together forming a most excellent and effective instrumental combination in its rendering of traditional and patriotic airs under the leadership of F. C. Jones.

Judge Willrich, United States consul, who has worked indefatigably in the good cause, in the course of a few well chosen remarks expressed his gratification at the response which the citizens of St. John had given to the appeal that had gone forth. He spoke as follows:

"I have been asked, as the American consular officer of your city, to make a few remarks at this time as to the cause for this entertainment, and the spirit that has brought it to so successful an issue. It is perhaps needless to assure you that I gladly accepted this pleasant duty, for nothing can be more agreeable to any man than to be able to express his admiration for the goodness and generosity of those among whom he lives and of the intelligence and energy of those to whose management a good cause has been entrusted. "When the news of the awful catastrophe at the beautiful city of San Francisco was flashed over the wires, but a few days ago, the whole civilized world stood aghast and human hearts everywhere were saddened and filled with sympathy—a sympathy that leaped over boundary lines, mountains and oceans.

But sympathy that begins and ends in sentiment and words is but of small value. It is our acts, that demonstrate our sincerity and of such action sympathy is not wanting. From the east no less than from the west, and the north no less than from the south came vast and spontaneous responses to this call for help in the form of deeds of charity.

"No citizens of any country could be more keenly alive to the appalling conditions that must prevail at the once so beautiful city of San Francisco—now a mass of ruins and heap of ashes—than those of the city of St. John, for they well remember their own terrible plight at the time the great and disastrous fire not more than a generation ago.

"Then the great and proud city on the Pacific coast came nobly to the aid of the citizens of St. John; now is the opportunity for St. John to render good for good, and this has already been done nobly and quickly, and will be augmented by further acts of helpfulness. For that reason it is most gratifying for me to be able tonight to gratefully acknowledge the share of many of your citizens in the great work of relief and I desire to do so at this time.

Judge Willrich's Appreciation.

"Where so many have made generous contributions and have given according to their means, it may seem invidious to make mention of specially meritorious work of assistance in this deserving cause, but I feel that without injustice to other givers and helpers I should express by special appreciation of the generous contributions and effective work in behalf of the distant sufferers by the two newspapers of your city—The Telegraph and The Times. These deserve special praise for taking the initiative in this cause, always the most meritorious part of such work.

"Then, again, I desire to express my gratitude to every other citizen of St. John, whether his gift was large or small, especially to those whose contributions mean personal sacrifice and I know that there are many of such. Lastly I desire to thank you all—ladies and gentlemen—who are here tonight and thus testify by your presence to your own generosity and sympathy with the afflicted.

"But much as has been done already much remains to be done. The calamity that has befallen the good city of San Francisco is an appalling one. More than 1,000 human lives have been lost and prop-



U. S. Consul, Judge Willrich

erty to the value of hundreds of millions of dollars has been destroyed, and thousands of homes must be rebuilt. Unquestionably thousands of citizens of your city remain who are anxious to give proof of their willingness to add their mite to the fund, already of gratifying size. They shall have such another opportunity, for I am pleased to be able tonight to announce to you other acts of kindness on the part of your citizens.

"Mr. A. O. Skinner, president of the Opera House Company, has kindly placed at my disposal the Opera House free of charge; moreover he will defray all expenses in connection with another entertainment. This generous offer has since been supplemented by that of Captain L. W. Peters, as president of the band of the 62nd Fusiliers Regiment, who, on behalf of the lieutenant colonel and the officers and musicians of that fine regiment, offers the services of this band for the entertainment to be given on the 3rd day of May—Thursday evening of next week—free of charge.

"Aside from any question of charity involved, I am sure that the many citizens of St. John will be delighted to share their appreciation of these generous offers, and in addition to the fine music to be furnished by the band, much else of interest will be on the programme, soon to be announced. I am sure that I may safely invite you all to attend in the belief that you will not only confer, but receive a benefit. This reminds me, in conclusion, of the noble saying of Seneca, that Christ's pagan was virtually dead, 2,000 years ago. A benefit is a good office done with intention and judgment. The very meditation of it breeds good blood and generous thoughts, and instructs us in all the parts of honor, humanity, justice, friendship, piety and prudence.

"In short, the art and skill in conferring

benefits is of all human duties the most absolutely necessary to the well being both of the state and of the individual. He that does good to another man does good to himself also, not only in the consequence, but in the very act of doing it, for this consciousness of well doing is an ample reward."

Excellent Numbers.

Miss Irene Weaver at once put herself on good terms with the audience by her most excellent and clever recitations. What is most noticeable in her work is the command and richness of her voice, and the completeness and variety of her impersonations. Her possibilities of voice modulation being of almost infinite variety. Miss Weaver's manner is natural, free from mannerisms and she is always in rapport with the situation depicted. The Pilot of the Plains was her most serious effort to which she was obliged to reply with Kindergarten Tot, the child dialect being imitable, while in the second part she had to respond to a double encore. Her musical and vocal ability was displayed in a Serenade, by Wells, which she sang in place of Song of Thanksgiving.

Miss George Turner showed herself to be a master, or perhaps it should be said mistress, of the violin and of all the arts of which that expressive instrument is capable. The breadth and fullness of tone and technical equipment were displayed to the fullest extent in Mazurka, by Massin and its accompanying encore Rhapsodie Hongroise, by Hauser, while her fine tone gradations were heard in Delibes' Sensuous Barcarole Pizzicato from Coppelia, with DeSeve's Angels' Lullaby as an encore.

Miss Dollie Blair is without doubt the embodiment of piano virtuosity of a high order and the difficulties of Chopin's Polonaise in A flat faded away under her dextrous manipulation, and again to a perhaps even greater extent in Liszt's showy Rhapsodie Hongroise with its studied well high impossibilities. The ease and absence of effort are features of her playing.

The Local Entertainers.

Of our own artists, their well known individual excellence makes it almost unnecessary to speak. They proved themselves worthy to appear with the artists previously mentioned. Mr. McLean's rendering of the Prologue to Pagliacci quite justifying the choice of this somewhat ambitious number. As an encore he gave The Minstrel Boy with good effect.

It is to be regretted that H. F. Hall does not give the public more opportunities of hearing his fine voice and artistic method which he displayed in DeKoven's For This, and Gershon Mayes gave a fine interpretation of Hatton's passionate and classic song, To Anthea, with the restless accompaniment and responded with Two Little Songs by Noel Johnson.

Miss Monroe's fresh and flexible voice and charming delivery were heard to advantage in Chaminade's L'Ete and Dream of an Eve. Misses March, Fowler, and Sturdee were seen with charming effect in a trio in costume, Three Little Maids. Their get up was delightful and they certainly looked their parts, while their voice-blending was pretty. The Cecilian orchestra under Mr. Bowden, showed what effects mandolins, guitars and violins could produce in combination. Mrs. J. M. Barnes, Mrs. E. J. Porter, D. Arnold Fox, several discharging the important duties of an accompanist in a sympathetic and hopeful manner.

The Telegraph and The Times are not unmindful of the debt they owe to the ladies and gentlemen who so generously and in many cases at their own personal inconvenience placed their valued services at the disposal of the papers. To R. J. Armstrong for the use of his theatre, to the ushers, the door keepers and stage hands, who all gave their services entirely free of expense to the fund, to Messrs. Cox and Goodenham to Mr. Cox and from that gentleman to Messrs. Strachan and McQuig was at the same price in each case, with the exception that five per cent. interest was being paid and the regular dividends.

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ROOSEVELT REFUSES PARLIAMENT'S GIFT

Ottawa, April 26 (Special)—Mr. Foster in the house today referred to the names being left from the contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company and which was brought down to parliament.

Mr. Fielding said that when the same statement was made last year he had then shown a copy of the contract to Mr. Borden, leader of the opposition, and some other members of the opposition.

Mr. Foster thought that he demanded the names then, but he would not press the matter further.

Hon. Mr. Fielding then read the following despatch which he had received from Sir Mortimer Durand, British ambassador at Washington, and addressed to the governor-general:

"United States government requests me to inform you to convey to the Canadian government an expression of their deepest gratitude and most profound appreciation of the magnificent contribution by the Canadian government for the relief of the distressed citizens of San Francisco. The United States government is assured that the Canadian government will understand that they appreciate its generous action none the less highly because of the conclusion they have reached that outside assistance will be unnecessary."

Mr. Fielding said that as soon as the house unanimously intimated its approval of the vote the British ambassador was communicated with and the result was shown by the message. The vote, however, would be passed in due course so that should circumstances arise to cause the United States government to change its views upon the question the money would be available.

Mr. Crawford (Portage) resumed the debate on the North Atlantic Trading Company's contract and spoke at length on land and immigration matters.

Mr. Gunn (Huron) replied, speaking briefly in support of Mr. Foster, whom he had never met until he had reached parliament but for whom he had a high opinion for many years.

Mr. McLean Defends Contract.

Mr. MacLean (Lunenburg), made by far the best speech that has yet been delivered on this subject. He went into all the details of the agreement and quoted extensively from the official correspondence to show that the contract was a good one and that it was Lord Strathcona who

wrote Mr. Sifton asking that the contract be kept confidential and not in any case be made public. He was particularly severe about Mr. Foster making charges which he was not able to substantiate. It was just as easy to say that Mr. Foster had been preparing a soft place for himself to fall upon when at the head of the insurance department as minister of finance as to say that Mr. Smart was doing the same thing, with the trading company.

The Union Trust Company of which Mr. Foster was manager, belonged to the Independent Order of Foresters, which was practically an insurance organization. As to the results of immigration which was an educative propaganda Mr. Foster might as well be called upon to show noses as result of his lecturing on temperance. He would have a busy time smelling breaths to secure his remuneration.

Geo. W. Fowler Explains.

Mr. Fowler (of Kings), replied. He started out by making a personal explanation. This was in reply to what Mr. Ross (of Carleton) had said in reference to the land transactions with which Mr. Fowler was connected. He said that the land was bought in the open market and was not obtained below market price. It was at a time that land was on the rise and that it was sold at an increase. The land was bought to be sold at a higher price. It was sold to a company which afterwards sold to another company.

Mr. Foster was an official. Mr. Foster had nothing to do with the difficulty that had arisen over the sale between the other two members of the house. The suit taken was a friendly one. It in no way affected the personal relations of the members concerned.

Mr. Fowler accused the Liberals of starting a campaign of slander. If he would respond in kind he would say that after putting a certain railway bill through parliament Mr. Ross was able to spend a week or two after the session at Old Orchard.

Mr. Fowler charged Sir Wilfrid Laurier with being responsible for lowering the tone of the debate in the house because the premier could have stopped it if he desired. He said that some parties high in the councils of the party were connected with the company by the back stairs. Mr. Millar (South Grey) moved the adjournment of the debate.

INSURANCE INQUIRY PROBES MANUFACTURERS' LIFE CO.

Toronto, April 26 (Special)—The examination of Mr. Junkin, managing director of the Manufacturers' Life, was continued by W. Tilley before the insurance commission today. The transfer of the large block of about 4,000 shares which Mr. Cox owned to Messrs. Strachan and McQuig, of Montreal was again dealt with. Two letters sent by Mr. Junkin to Messrs. Strachan and McQuig during 1901, in connection with the transfer, were read by Mr. Tilley.

Mr. Junkin stated that Messrs. Strachan and McQuig, in consideration of the sale, were paid \$1,000 by Mr. Junkin by his own personal cheque.

Mr. Junkin's only reason for transferring Senator Cox's stock was that he did not consider it in the interest of the Manufacturers' Life to have a president of two other companies—The Canada Life and the Imperial Life—also holding so large a block of Manufacturers' Life stock. He said that transfers of the stocks from Geo. Goodenham to Mr. Cox and from that gentleman to Messrs. Strachan and McQuig was at the same price in each case, with the exception that five per cent. interest was being paid and the regular dividends.

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SHOCKED AT PRINCE'S SUNDAY TRAIN

Lunenburg, N. S., April 26 (Special)—At a recent meeting of the Lunenburg, Mahone Bay and Bridgewater branches of the Lord's Day Alliance a strong resolution was passed protesting against the running of the special train which leaves Halifax Saturday night at 12 o'clock with Prince Arthur and suite for Port Medway, where he will indulge in salmon fishing on Monday. They deplore the running of a pleasure train on the Lord's day and feel sure the scheduling of the train was not arranged by desire of his royal highness.

Copies of the resolution were sent to the superintendent of the H. and S. W. Railway and to Lieutenant governor Fraser.



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REV. DR. CROSEY HAS LITTLE CHANCE OF EXONERATION

Batavia, N. Y., April 26—The trial of Rev. Algernon S. Crosey, of Rochester, before an ecclesiastical court of five rectors of the Protestant Episcopal church, is nearing its close. Dr. Crosey stands charged with heresy and a violation of his ordination vows, the evidence against him being a book of sermons printed over his name and the Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal church. The prosecution abruptly ended its case today. The defence endeavored to present the testimony of a number of prominent clergymen as to whether or not Dr. Crosey's sayings constituted heresy, but the court ruled the testimony out on the ground that no man could qualify as an expert in doctrine and on the further ground that the witnesses were called to express opinions on subjects which were before the court for decision. The lawyers for the prosecution and defense will sum up tomorrow.

The quarterly meeting of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Sunday School Association executive was

held last night in room 11, Ritchie building. T. S. Simme presided and reports on the future and the general outlook were presented by the field secretary. The programme for the provincial convention is in course of preparation. It will be held in this city Oct. 23, 24 and 25 and promises to be of great interest.

Some dissatisfaction is said to be felt among the aldermen that invitations have not been sent to them to attend the dinner to Prince Arthur at the Union Club. Certain members of the council have been invited but not the majority of the members. The aldermen contend that many who had no claim compared to the one they possess by right of their position have been asked.

St. Rose's Dramatic Club entertained the patients in the Provincial Hospital last night with the one-act comedy, The New Man. It was well put on and was keenly enjoyed. There were also songs by Miss Hayes and J. J. Calnan and some good step dancing by Mr. Humphrey and his two sons.

Mrs. Robert O'Shaughnessy has gone to Montreal to join her husband.

IMMENSE AREA SWEEPED AT 'FRISCO

Oakland, Cal., April 26—The Oakland Tribune today says:

"An engineer states that the area devastated by the fire in San Francisco approximates 10,000 acres, or about fifteen square miles. There are few cities in the world where so much valuable property is contained in an equal territory. With this fifteen square miles were nearly 100 banks, some of the finest buildings in the world, thousands of mercantile and manufacturing establishments and more than 230,000 inhabitants, besides 30,000 transients.

"Notwithstanding the enormous and widespread destruction, the homes of 150,000 people are still standing and practically uninjured. There still remain the great shipyards at the Potrero, the Pacific mail docks, the stock yards at South San Francisco, the docks and manufacturing along the waterfront from Mission Creek to Hunter's Point, the mint, post office and a large retail district on Fillmore and Devisadero streets."

Japan Gives \$200,000.

Tokio, April 26—The Emperor of Japan has donated \$100,000 for the relief of the people of San Francisco and the business men of Tokio and Osaka have contributed a like sum.

Santa Rosa Has Big Casualty List.

Santa Rosa, Cal., April 26—The latest figures show 41 dead, 63 injured and seven missing here. The entire business section of Santa Rosa and many residences were destroyed. Cut off by the disaster from communication with the rest of the world, Santa Rosa knew nothing of the destruction of San Francisco until the arrival from there of a train load of 1,000 refugees, begging for help that could not be given them.

Salvation Army Lost All.

New York, April 26—General Ballington Booth and Mrs. Maude Ballington Booth yesterday received a telegram from Col. and Mrs. Duncan, in charge of the work of the Volunteers of America in San Francisco, stating that the loss sustained by the Volunteers was virtually total. So far as known, all of the principal of the volunteers were safe.

New York Responded Nobly.

New York, April 26—A little less than \$400,000 was contributed here yesterday for the relief of San Francisco sufferers, which means that the total subscriptions are just short of \$3,000,000. The contributions to the stock exchange fund were made public yesterday, showing a total of \$149,000.

Governor Indignant.

San Francisco, April 26—Governor Pardee visited San Francisco today and attended a conference of Major-General Greely, Mayor Schmitz, Dr. Devine, of the Red Cross, and members of the citizens' committee. Governor Pardee brought up the request of Mayor Schmitz and his committee for the withdrawal of the National Guard from San Francisco.

Governor Pardee spoke highly in favor of the National Guard and referred to the splendid service performed in the war with Spain. He said he regarded the request for withdrawal as a reflection on a well organized and highly efficient body of men. The governor said that he was indignant over the attitude taken against the guard and the charges preferred against them. In fact, he said, he was so indignant that he thought it best not to make any further remarks.

Mayor Schmitz immediately replied that he and his committee had not made any charges against the guard. On the con-

Provincial Hospital Commissioners.

There was a meeting of the Provincial Hospital Commissioners in this city yesterday. The commissioners also inspected the institution and expressed pleasure at the improvements being carried out.

The commissioners passed the by-laws of the institution which have been revised and will be printed. Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Hon. C. H. LaBille, Hon. Francis Sweeney and Hon. W. P. Jones returned here last night. Hon. L. P. Faris will return home Saturday morning by boat.

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