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ANNUAL RECITAL BY MRS. TUCKER

Monday Music Club Members Are Privileged Last Night to Hear Her in Program of Much Merit.

THE OLD FOLK SONGS

Mrs. Tucker's Second Group Comprised All of These Songs of the Old Days of the South.

So far as the audience was concerned, boundary lines were lost sight of, geographical distances were set at naught, and even the hands of time were turned back. It was not a formal recital at all, it was just a few friends and neighbors, with a stranger here and there, who happened to drop in to the "big house." The stage melted into the big drawing room of the old southern mansion, and neighbors, friends and strangers, who happened to drop in, applauded, laughed and even felt their throats getting choky as they caught the spirit and the mood of the daughter of the "big house" who was so charmingly entertaining them. There was the charm, the graciousness, the hospitality of the old south that Hopkins Smith has so delightfully woven into all of his stories, and that some few in the audience who claimed Dixie for a birthplace, know about first hand.

Mrs. Collingwood Tucker gave her annual recital before the members of the Monday Music club last night. The auditorium was filled from the front row to the back with the friends of Mrs. Tucker, whom she delights every year. Mrs. Tucker's appearance was the signal for applause, and as the ripple died away, the audience didn't have to wait long for something characteristic of their entertainer.

"I'm always so glad to see so many of you out. I wonder each year if you'll ever come to hear me again."

On this score Mrs. Tucker need have no worry. Keokuk will come as long as she will entertain them.

The Program is Different.

The program was different from the usual program. The first part was composed of a group of wonderfully attractive little songs. One of these, of course, was by a Keokuk composer, Maurice Klein. And his right ear must have burned furiously, even out in little old New York, at the complimentary things Mrs. Tucker was saying about him, and at the compliments a Keokuk audience was paying his composition. In fact, the audience liked it so well, they asked Mrs. Tucker to sing again "Night Has a Thousand Eyes." Mrs. Tucker never sang better in her life than she did in Roy Lamont Smith's "My Wee Bird," a dear little lullaby, and Jessie L. Gaynor's "The Top."

As long as Mrs. Tucker used a dinner smile, in speaking of her program, perhaps she won't object to the use of another. Did you ever go to dinner at the home of one who is noted cake baker, and a good cook, generally, but especially good as a cake maker? And didn't you enjoy every course, but down in your heart, weren't you hoping that the cake would be served soon? That was just the way with Mrs. Tucker's program last night. You enjoyed to the utmost the first part, but you did so hope that the cake would be served soon, and when it was, then you were happy.

The Darky Folk Songs.

The second part of the program comprised the songs which Mrs. Tucker gives better than anything, the old darky folk songs. Mammy, the dear, black faced, but white souled, ample lapped old lady who guided her mistresses' children with devotion, was surely given her due in Natalie Whitte Price's song, "Mammy's Lil Soldier Gal." One could just see the dear old soul as she begged her charges not to cry, and as she urged her on to better things. And the choky feeling that came with the last verse was a real tribute. The interpretation which Mrs. Tucker gave this song was wonderful. Perhaps it was no better than that given Katherine Shockwell Hazard's "Lil Boy," in which by the range of her voice, Mrs. Tucker portrayed the little boy who has done his chores, answering his mistress as she asks him about his work, while he walks farther away and over the hill. The "yeth ma'm" with its whiny, plaintive note of the negro was irrefragable. Mrs. Tucker heard both composers in Chicago interpret these songs, and she pays them the highest compliment, saying how beautifully it is done by them. She modestly declares that she can't do it nearly as well as they can, but Keokuk will reserve its judgment.

The Song From the Valley.

"Why Adam Sinned" and "The Ole March Win," were delightfully interpreted. And then there was the old folk tale of the Shenandoah valley, "Ain't it Hard," which is given with the plaintive note of the negro song, the inflections and the little trip in the rhythm.

Mrs. Tucker sang two spirituals. "I Wanter be Ready" was the spiritual with a swing, and "Life that for a moment made one forget the purpose of the words in the swing of the tune. It was "religion" of the camp meeting type sure enough. The other one, "Steal Away," was of the somber, truly deeply spiritual type.

"Who Stole da Lock" had the audience swinging in their seats. And

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The Modest Artist.

It was another triumph for Mrs. Tucker, just as all of her recitals have been. But she refuses to take it to herself.

"It's just you people that have helped me to do all this," she repeats, "I couldn't have done anything that I have done if dear old Keokuk people hadn't just taken me into their hearts, and stood back of me."

And dear old Keokuk which has given the nation cabinet members, authors, composers and engineers, is proud to honor Mrs. Tucker.

The Accompanists.

With Mrs. Tucker on the program last night was Mrs. Harriet Baxter Gott of Fort Madison, who played two flute solos, "A Nocturne" and "Flower Song." Mrs. Gott is not a stranger to Keokuk audiences, and her playing is always delightful. She appeared at her best last evening, and was forced to respond to encores, which she graciously gave. The flute is not an easy instrument for a woman to play, but Mrs. Gott plays it most delightfully.

The piano accompanist was Mrs. John Rankin Irwin, who by her sympathetic understanding, added greatly to Mrs. Tucker's work, and to Mrs. Gott's.

Dr. John W. Marsh played the cello obligato for one of Mrs. Tucker's songs, "Somewhere a Voice is Calling." Miss Marie Moseley was to have played violin obligato for "Roses in June," but was unable to be present, and Mr. Eugene Carter very acceptably played the score.

CITY NEWS.

Register tomorrow.

—Society's regular hams, choice roasts and baby beef, Markley's.

—Attend dance and card party to be given by the L. O. O. M. at their hall Thursday evening, March 2.

—Keokuk camp, J. W. A. No. 622 will hold its regular meeting tonight at Woodman hall. All members are requested to be present.

—The board of the United Charities will hold its regular March meeting on Thursday evening, March 2, at the Y. W. C. A. at 5 o'clock.

—Register tomorrow.

—There will be a neighborhood prayer meeting Thursday morning from 10 to 10:30, at the home of Mrs. Henry Schaefer, 1112 Concert street, lead by Mr. Ed Laubersheimer.

—The Nauvoo Rustler offers the following political comment: Sheriff John C. Scott will be a candidate for reelection for sheriff of Lee county, Iowa. John has made a splendid sheriff and should be re-elected.

—Register tomorrow.

—Through a similarity in names, some confusion has resulted from an item published last night. Miss Marie L. Hayes resides at 1707 Ridge street and many of her friends have confused the name of Marie L. Haynes, who yesterday filed claim for damages against the city with that of Miss Hayes. Miss Haynes who filed the claims, resides on Exchange street.

—Register tomorrow.

—Thomas F. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Gray, is confined to his home with an attack of inflammation of the eyes. Mr. Gray is a high school senior, and one of the prominent men of the school. His many friends will hope that he will have recovered sufficiently to return soon to his studies.

—Register tomorrow.

—Practically one-third of a million men in Iowa are subject to military duty if the country should be called to arms against an unfriendly power. The report of Adjutant General Lozan shows that there are 321,568 men in the state who could be called out. The military age is from eighteen to forty-five years inclusive.

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Register tomorrow.

—Eastern Star: Regular meeting of Elmira chapter No. 40, O. E. S., Thursday, March 2, 1916, at 7:30 p. m. By order of the W. M., Louie P. Hahn, secretary.

—Regular meeting of Keokuk aerle No. 682, F. O. E., tonight at Eagles hall, 523 Main, at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers always welcome. Chas. A. Noakes, secretary. Business of importance.

—Friends and relatives here have been notified of the death of Charles Stewart at Grandeur, Wyo. Mr. Stewart worked here during the construction of the water power and later went west. He is a brother of John Stewart, who is employed in the rebuilding of the Keokuk and Hamilton bridge.

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John J. Nodler, a life-long resident of Keokuk, who has been in the grocery business here for thirty-five years, passed away at his home, 52 North Fourth street, at 9:10 o'clock last night. Mr. Nodler was one of Keokuk's best known business men and a public spirited citizen and his death has been noted with regret by his many friends and associates here.

He entered the grocery business with his mother Mrs. T. Nodler, when he was sixteen years of age and at her death six years ago, became owner and proprietor of the business which has been a Keokuk institution since the year 1857.

Mr. Nodler had been ill at his home for three weeks and his death was caused by abscess of the brain. During the three weeks of his illness he was not confined to his bed all of the time, but was able to be about the house. He became unconscious, however, yesterday and remained in that state to the hour of his death at 9:10 last night.

Was Born in Keokuk.

The decedent was born in Keokuk on April 3, 1855, the son of . . . and Mrs. J. B. Nodler, pioneer residents of this city. His whole life was spent here. He received his education in the Keokuk common schools and in the high school.

When he was sixteen years of age he left school and entered the grocery business with his mother and had been connected with the T. Nodler store to the time of his death. When his mother died six years ago he took over the business and had been proprietor since that time.

His marriage to Mrs. Mary Weisman occurred on Feb. 27, 1911. His wife survives. There are no children. The only other survivors are a brother, Edward S. Nodler of this city and three nephews, John B. Nodler of Keokuk, Arthur E. Nodler of Indianapolis, and Walter J. Nodler of Vermillion, South Dakota.

Mr. Nodler was a devout and conscientious member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic church and his life was guided by Christian influences. He was also a member of St. James branch of the Catholic Knights society. He possessed a charitable nature and was always willing to contribute time and money to affairs of public interest. His generosity was well known and he never turned aside a plea for assistance.

Death Deeply Regretted.

His many friends remember him as a quiet and refined man whose honesty and whose goodness were proverbial. His death at the prime of his life has been deeply regretted here and the family has the sympathy of the whole community.

The funeral will be held from St. Francis de Sales church tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The T. Nodler grocery store will continue as formerly, it was stated today. The business was founded in the year 1857 by J. B. Nodler, father of the decedent. He died here in 1875.

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