

ACADEMY COMMENCING

NEXT TUESDAY, APRIL 15

MATINEES WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.

Third Annual Engagement of

THE

GIFFEN COMPANY,

The Organization that has Revolutionized the Amusement Business of Richmond, in

THE THRILLING COMEDY DRAMA,

"The Girl I Left Behind Me,"

By DAVID BELASCO and FRANKLIN FYLES.

THE COMPANY:

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Evening performances will begin at 8:30 sharp, matinees at 2:30, and patrons arriving after the rise of the curtain WILL NOT BE SEATED until after it has fallen on the act in progress.

PRICES EVENINGS, 25, 50, 75c. MATINEES, 25, 50c.

WOMEN WILL GATHER

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET HERE FRIDAY.

NOTED SPEAKERS COMING.

Bishop Granbery, Dr. J. A. Baldwin, and Prof. Graham Taylor to Be Among the Number—History of the Society.

The women of the Methodist Home Missionary Society of the South will be here in full force on Friday for their annual convention, which is to be held in Centenary Methodist church on Friday and Saturday of this week and Sunday Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, of next week.

THE PROGRAMME.

8:45 A. M.—Scripture lesson and prayer, by Miss Bennett, G. S. M.; roll call; address of welcome in behalf of Richmond M. H. M. S., Mrs. W. J. Maybee; address of welcome in behalf of church and city, Dr. Tudor; address of welcome in behalf of State, Mrs. Young, Lynchburg, Va.; response, Mrs. Robert Somerville, Greenville, Miss.; address to the board, Miss Belle Bennett, president, report of Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Kirkland, Nashville, Tenn.; report of General Secretary, Mrs. R. N. MacDowell, Nashville, Tenn.; announcements of standing committees; presentation of papers to be referred to committees; announcements.

12 M.—Prayer service, Miss Mary Welin.

12:30 P. M.—Adjournment.

2 P. M.—Committee meetings.

4 P. M.—Devotional exercises; music; presentation of the work of the board with stereopticon; adjournment.

SATURDAY.

8:45 A. M.—Scripture lesson and prayer, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Little Rock, Ark.

9:00 A. M.—Report of superintendents and editors.

12 M.—Prayer and Bible reading, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Louisville, Texas.

12:30 P. M.—Adjournment.

2:30 P. M.—Committee meetings.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon, Bishop L. C. Granbery.

8:30 P. M.—Address, "Factory Problems of the South," Dr. L. A. Baldwin, Covington, N. C.

MONDAY.

8:45—Devotional exercises, Mrs. R. C. Neely, Waynesboro, Ga.

9:00—Reports of superintendents of schools.

10 A. M.—Paper on City Mission Work, Mrs. F. C. Pavilla, Norfolk, Va.; reports of City Missions; announcements.

12:30 M.—Prayer service, Miss Allen, Macon, Ga.; adjournment.

2:30 P. M.—Reports of committees.

4:00 P. M.—Committee meetings.

8:00 P. M.—Devotional exercises; address, "The Social Incarnation," Professor Graham Gayton, Chicago, Ill.

WEDNESDAY.

8:45 A. M.—Devotional exercises, Mrs. S. A. Babcock, Jonesboro, Ark.

9:00 A. M.—Reports of committees; election of superintendents and editors; fixing place of next meeting.

CONSECRATION SERVICES; adjournment.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.

The Woman's Home Mission Society, Inc.

came an organized force in 1856. Miss Lucinda B. Helm, of Elizabethtown, Ky., was instrumental in the formation of the society. The local work of the church had been done by "aid societies," composed of the best women in each individual charge. But when the General Conference organized the Home Mission Society, to these "aids" was given the inspiration of an enlarged outlook and a connective policy was adopted. The first connective enterprise undertaken was the building of parsonages for the itinerant preachers along the frontiers and destitute sections of the South. The need of these homes for the preachers was evident and the effort to supply them in domestic arts, through this department \$41,825 have been expended in sending relief to the families of those ministers who serve charges that are unable to provide adequate support. These supplies are sent in boxes prepared and shipped by the good women of the auxiliaries.

Schools among the Cubans in Florida, the Japanese and Chinese in the West, and in the mountains of Kentucky, have been established. More than 500 pupils fill these schools at the present time. Rescue work in various forms is entered. At Dallas, Tex., the society has a large plant where forty girls are not only saved from their evil course, but where instruction is given in domestic arts, such as sewing, cooking, and laundering, and are thus prepared to maintain themselves, and to take a place in the world through regained self-respect.

CITY MISSION BOARDS. A number of "City Mission Boards" are incorporated in this work, and by the personal contact of their missionaries, they are reaching a large class who never come near the churches. Kindergartens, day nurseries, mothers' meetings, industrial schools, and house-to-house visiting constitute the prominent features of this work at Nashville, Tenn.; Norfolk, Va.; and Atlanta, Ga., small "settlement homes" have been established where the missionaries live among the people they help.

There are 1,642 auxiliaries to this great organization with a membership of 29,064. This year the collections for the connective work amounted to \$1,585.55, while for the local enterprises, more than \$90,000 had been expended.

Our Homes, the paper of the organization, has a circulation of 6,887. Miss Mary Helm, of Elizabethtown, Ky., is the gifted editor. The officers of this organization are: Miss Belle H. Bennett, Richmond, Ky., president. Mrs. John D. Hammond, Nashville, Tenn., first vice-president. Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Georgetown, Tex., second vice-president. Mrs. R. W. MacDowell, Methodist Episcopal Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., general secretary. Miss Emily M. Allen, Macon, Ga., recording secretary. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Methodist Episcopal Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., general treasurer.

SHOOT FOR INSURANCE.

Trap Enthusiasts Competing for a Thousand-Dollar Policy.

The Richmond trap-shooters have something in the way of a prize offered this year to shoot for which is already attracting much attention on account of its being unique. Mr. M. D. Hart, of F. W. Danner's Agency, offers a \$1,000 twenty-year dividend policy in the Equitable Life to the shooter making the highest season's average.

Conditions governing the awarding of this prize will be the same as those of last season, when a high-grade Parker and a Smith gun were shot for. If the shooter who wins the Equitable policy is unable to pass a satisfactory examination the next highest man will be given a chance, and so on until awarded.

CHARLOTTE CITIZENS WILL DECIDE BY MASS-MEETING

Whether the New Constitution Shall Be Proclaimed or Submitted—Upholding the Governor.

EUREKA MILLS, VA., April 12.—(Special.)—A mass-meeting of the voters of the county has been called for next court day—May 5th—to take some action in regard to the new Constitution, whether it shall be proclaimed or submitted to the people for rejection or adoption.

Delegate Eggleston wishes an expression of the voters on this important matter. Your correspondent has interviewed a number of representative citizens on this subject and finds a large majority are in favor of proclaiming the Constitution.

They are of opinion that the new instrument is a vast improvement on the mongrel production we are living under. It is feared if the Constitution is submitted it might be defeated. DELIGHTED WITH THE DOG LAW. Our people are delighted that a dog law has been passed, and are of opinion that with a healthy public sentiment to endorse it, the law will be of great benefit to the State.

Public sentiment has undergone a vast change in regard to a dog tax. The restrictive bill, as passed by the Legislature, was not at all popular in this county, the changes made in some Congressional districts being too radical and unnecessary.

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The "perfect man" is considered to be one of the strongest cards possible to offer, and in presenting this feature Mr. Wells has not made the rest of the bill weak.

Sandow is without a doubt the best developed man in the world, and he is not only a strong man, but he is also a strong actor, and the strongest have never accomplished some of the feats in heavy-weight lifting that this modern Samson has made easy. The stage setting used by Sandow is one of the most attractive ever seen on a stage in vaudeville. It represents a Roman theatre, and there are a number of attendants in costume that make the stage picture most effective.

GOSSIP OF THE STAGE

No event of the theatrical year has been so eagerly looked forward to as the return of the Giffen company, which, during its two former seasons, established itself as no other organization did before or since. It was certainly, however, an instance of "ad astra, ad astra," for a more difficult road in the beginning was seldom travelled by any enterprise formerly in the credit of Richmond.

The Giffen company, which has been almost a local institution, The Giffen company stands for much more than the mere name of the organization; it is the synonyme of new ideas in the dramatic arts, and a company of high-class plays, unusually competent players and elaborately artistic productions. In the general idea conveyed by the three words, it is doubtful if the personal equation as applied to individual members of the company would have been during the first season with its several strong favorites, but the much greater success of the second season's company proved to the public that the general effect, the play, the production and the direction were the items of most importance. No promise ever made by Mr. Giffen to the Richmond public has failed to be borne out, and when it is promised that the present company is the largest, strongest and best yet brought here, the statement can be given full and absolute credit.

Aside from personal satisfaction and pride, it would have been a business mistake for Mr. Giffen to have returned the season with a company of less quality in advance of those of the former seasons, considering the general public interest and confidence.

THE PRESENT SEASON. Just what position the present season is to occupy will be determined next Tuesday night, but in the language of the sporting world, "pools are safe." It is an easily substantiated fact that the business of the season must be considerably the largest and most profitable, since the expenses have undergone a heavy increase.

In order to establish the company securely from the first, "The Girl I Left Behind Me" was selected as the opening play for the reason that it is a strong, stirring and attractive drama and besides, presents every member of the company to splendid advantage. It will serve to prove the individual and collective value of the organization as few other plays could do. Written by Franklin Fyles, dramatic critic of the New York Sun, and that master craftsman, David Belasco, the play has had a record of success that is really remarkable.

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It is military in its atmosphere, but not sectional, the scenes being laid in the Indian country of the Northwest, and an Indian uprising provides its most thrilling incidents. It is the first play of the kind ever presented by the Giffen company, but it should prove to be the most interesting Richmond has yet seen at the hands of the popular organization.

Interest as to its acting possibilities will probably be centered, in advance at least, in the roles to be assumed by the season's favorites, Miss Scott, Miss La Verne, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Jennings. It may be said at the outset that they are all excellent.

Miss Scott will play "Wilbur's Ann," a product of the Northwest, and will have plenty of opportunity for the display of her ingenious comedy talent. Miss La Verne as Fawn Afrat, an Indian girl, will appear to excellent advantage in the part, and will give a dramatic standpoint.

Mr. Hawkins will be called upon to extract all the comedy possible from the role of an Irish orderly, a part "just in his line." Mr. Jennings, as Scar Prow, an Indian chieftain, has a role which is one of the most striking of the play.

Miss Illington, as Kate Kennon, could not appear in a more satisfactory opening role than that of the "perfect man" of the season's favorites, Miss Scott, Miss La Verne, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Jennings. It may be said at the outset that they are all excellent.

Miss Brown will play a bright comedy part with a touch of seriousness, one well suited to her personality. Miss Jackson will play the second wife of the "perfect man," the new leading man, should be carried to the top wave of popularity by the role of Lieutenant Hawkesworth, for a more grateful one was never written, and it fits him like the proverbial glove.

Mr. Bennett is splendidly provided for as Lieutenant Parlow, a heavy role of great strength and consistency. Frank Roberts, a bright, experienced actor, will play the role of the "perfect man" and should give the role just the proper note of dignity and impressiveness.

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Miss Percy Haswell, who has been appearing in Baltimore all this season at the head of her own stock company, will soon visit Richmond to present several plays at the Bijou Theatre.

The opening play of the Haswell engagement will be the ever-famous comedy by J. M. Barrie, "The Little Minister," in which Miss Maude Adams achieved such a signal triumph. This will be the bill during the week of April 23, with the usual matinee, and at the usual Bijou scale of popular prices.

Manager Wells has also arranged with Miss Haswell to follow "The Little Minister" with William Gillette's successful comedy, "Because She Loved Him So," which has been presented in Baltimore by Miss Haswell, during the present season, with great success. Miss Haswell's Richmond engagement will be brief, but interesting.

The Bijou Comedy Company has done one thing for Richmond—it has developed quite a number of stage-door Johnnies. We could get along just as well without them, but then they are a natural result of the great strides Richmond has taken in the past two years in the theatrical world. Their presence indicates that we are moving forward in the theatrical world, just as the dirty water of a stream shows that the mills above it are active. The stage Johnny is something that we must tolerate, for we cannot get rid of him.

A PAPER ON NAPOLEON. To Be Read by Mr. S. L. Kelley Before McGill Union.

The programme of entertainment for the members of the McGill Catholic Union at their rooms on next Monday evening, April 14th, will consist of a paper on Napoleon by Hon. S. L. Kelley. The well-known qualifications of Mr. Kelley as a brilliant speaker and entertainer will no doubt attract a large attendance of members on this occasion.

Much interest is being manifested by the members of the union in the well selected and highly entertaining programme given for them under the auspices of the present energetic and hard-working Literary Committee.

The Committee on Outing appointed at the last business meeting of the union has in hand the perfecting of arrangements for an annual outing on Whit Monday. These annual outings are a source of much pleasure and enjoyment to the members, and the outing this year promises to eclipse all previous ones.

It was a Great Success. The organ recital at the Third Presbyterian church was given Thursday evening before a very large and appreciative audience.

The music under the direction of Messrs. Webb and Phil Powers, was excellent. The organ programme given by the Music Committee drew this publicity to express their thanks to these gentlemen as well as to the efficient Grace-Street choir and Misses Mamie Harrison and Mabel McBain for their kind support.

French and German programmes given by the church and congratulations on what it had accomplished.

Barton Heights Notes. Mr. William D. Long, who is employed on the steamship Louise, at Newport News, Va., who has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Long, of North avenue, left yesterday.

Dr. D. A. Davidson, of Barton avenue, who has been attending the Baltimore Dental College in Baltimore, Md., is now spending the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson.

Dr. R. W. Miller and wife, have returned from a bridal tour North, and have taken up their new residence on North avenue and Batley street. They will be at home to their friends after May 18th.

Rev. W. T. Crismon, of Barton avenue, has returned home, after an extended trip North and West Virginia, and will conduct services to-night at the Epiphany Episcopal church.

Rev. W. T. Handley, will conduct regular services to-night at the Baptist church at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Harry Faulkner, of Lamb avenue and Dew street, has returned to his home, after a very successful business trip to Amelia county.

Rev. Frank Wells, of Ashland, Va., will conduct services to-night at the Methodist church, beginning at 8 o'clock.

B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) is now recognized as a certain and sure cure for Eczema, Itching Skin, Humors, Scabs, Scabs, Wettery Blisters, Pimples, Aching Bones or Joints, Boils, Carbuncles, Prickling Pain in the Skin, Old Eating Sores, Ulcers, Cancer, etc., etc.

Botanic Blood Balm is taken internally, and cures the worst and most deep-seated cases by enriching, purifying, and vitalizing the blood, thereby giving a healthy blood supply to the skin. Cures after all else fails. Here is proof: These two pictures represent the effects of Botanic Blood Balm on JULIA E. JOHNSON, Stafford Post-Office, S. C., for Itching Humors, Pimples, Eczema, and Aches and Pains. She suffered for thirty years with impure blood, tried everything without success, but Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) made her blood pure and rich, healed every sore, and stopped the aches, itching, and pains, and gave her skin the rich glow of perfect health. Botanic Blood Balm will do the same for any sufferer from impure blood.

A RICHMOND CURE. Mrs. Mary Edwards, No. 400 West Marshall street, Richmond, suffering with itching eruptions, her blood was thin, and she was all run down. B. B. B. stopped the itching, healed the sore, and built her up, making her blood redder and more nourishing.

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Convincing evidence of the popularity of our line of Pianos is shown by the increasing demand. Two CARLOADS from our factory this week will contain some new styles, different from anything ever shown in Richmond.

Call and let us show you good Pianos for little money! Out-of-Town parties correspond with us—we pay careful attention to inquiries by mail.

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THE EARTH TREMBLED

SEVERAL DISTINCT EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT IN GILES COUNTY. WEDDING IN PEARISBURG.

Miss Sarah Mason Becomes the Bride of Mr. Charles Sydney Angell—Fire at Newport Causes Great Damage—Industrial and Personal.

PEARISBURG, VA., April 12.—(Special.)—After last Saturday evening and Sunday morning several distinct earthquake shocks were felt here.

On Thursday night there were also four such shocks. These serve as an unpleasant reminder of the seismic disturbances four or five years ago.

An occurrence of more than usual interest in Pearisburg this week was the marriage on Wednesday afternoon of Miss Sarah Mason to Charles Sydney Angell, of Tidewater, W. Va.

The Presbyterian church, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, was crowded with friends, who assembled to witness the happy event.

To the strains of the wedding march from "Lohengrin," very sweetly rendered by Mrs. Bernard Mason, the bridal party entered in the following order: First, the ushers, C. L. King, James Angell, John French and Howard H. Ben came the attendants, Miss Sue Reynolds, of Bristol, with Edwin Minter, Miss Lura Angell, of Bluefield, with Clay Mason, Miss Mary Baskerville, of Dublin, with Dr. Charles Easley, Miss Helen Mason, with Mr. Smith, Miss Elsie Pearson with C. H. Wright, Miss Alice Williams with Hoge Mason.

These were followed by the little flower girls, Susie Easley and Mary Francis Mason, bridesmaids, Misses Angell, French and Reynolds, and the bride, who, attired in a dress of white silk, wreathed with smilax, were indeed a picture of loveliness and innocence.

Then came the bride with her maid of honor, Miss Elsie Mason. They were followed by the groom, with Mr. Arch Becker, of the coal fields, as best man.

THE BRIDE'S GOWN. The bride, who is one of Giles' fairest daughters, was most becomingly attired in white silk mousseline over silk, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses.

The maid of honor was gowned in pale blue point d'esprit over silk. The bridesmaids wore white point d'esprit with black lace and blue ribbon trimmings.

The ceremony, performed by Rev. Bowling Hobson, was simple but very impressive. Mr. and Mrs. Angell left immediately for Charleston.

Miss Nellie Peck, daughter of Colonel J. B. Peck, has been appointed by General James McGill one of the Division Maid of Honor to the Confederate reunion to be held at Dallas, Texas.

Mr. P. Farrier and family, who spent the winter here, left the first of the week, Mr. Farrier having purchased an interest in Eggleston Springs, the famous summer resort, where they expect to spend the summer.

Mrs. John S. Dowdy, the wife of our arm and shoe superintendent, died at her home near Newport this week.

Small-pox has broken out again in Pearisburg, two cases having developed during the past week.

THE FIRE AT NEWPORT. The disastrous fire which occurred at Newport, Giles county, last week was a very heavy loss to the business men of the town, every store and hotel being destroyed. Most of them carried considerable insurance, and will rebuild at once.

HOUSE CLEANING. LOVES ONE OF ITS TERRORS. WHERE THE BOOKS ARE KEPT IN A GLOBE-WERNICKE 'ELASTIC' BOOKCASE. IT GROWS WITH YOUR LIBRARY. Can be moved one unit at a time without disturbing contents. EVERETT WADDEY CO. Furniture Dep't.

A FULL CARLOAD OF DESKS, Roll and Flat Top, OPENED LAST WEEK. Every Quality and Price. ap 8-Tu Th & Sun-t.

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CHRONIC BRONCHITIS, KIDNEY TROUBLES, AND CATARRH OF THE BLADDER. SANTAL MIDY CAPSULES.

SANTAL MIDY CAPSULES. REALS IN A HOUR. (See 8-Tu & Sun-t)