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CHURCH AND STAGE GO HAND IN HAND

Miss Helene Lackaye Makes Plea for Co-operation of Pulpit.

The church and the stage should work hand in hand as an educator of the people.

This is the opinion of Helene Lackaye, a former Washington girl, who is leading lady with Max Figman in "Mary Jane's Pa" at the Belasco this week.

"Attacks on the stage in general from the pulpit are to be deplored," said Miss Lackaye. "Because certain performances merit adverse criticism is no reason why the entire stage should be put under the ban. Undoubtedly the great opportunities the stage affords are used for ill, but the theater is not devoted simply to pleasure. Churchgoers attend the theaters in large numbers, and they should work with the leaders of the stage in raising the general tone of certain productions and in eliminating the features they both deplore."

"The occasional attacks are all the more distressing to me because it seems so unnatural. No one should forget that the theater, as we know it today, and as it first came into existence, was a direct outgrowth of the church. It was the priests who in ancient days first realized the appeal and educational value of spectacle and dialogue, and it was undoubtedly from the discovery of the effects of theaterism on human nature that much of the gorgeous ritual and ceremony of the church were evolved. It is time that even we, who have devoted our lives to the art of the theater should be able to defend the stage in its uses, but not in its abuses which it is sometimes subjected to."

DIES OF POISONING AT HOSPITAL HERE

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ALBERT GRIMES

War Department Employee Will Be Buried on Tuesday.

Funeral services for Albert Grimes, an employe of the War Department for more than forty-five years, will be held Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock, at his residence, 1233 O street northwest.

The Rev. J. Henning Nelms, pastor of the Church of the Ascension, will officiate, and the burial will be in Congressional Cemetery. A delegation from the National Union, of which Mr. Grimes was a member, will attend the services and pallbearers probably will be selected from their number.

Mr. Grimes died yesterday afternoon, at his home, after an illness of over three years.

A native of Washington, he entered the service of the War Department at the age of sixteen as a messenger. Through a series of promotions he was transferred to various other branches, and, at the time of his retirement, in 1906, was employed in the office of the chief of engineers.

Mr. Grimes leaves four sisters, Mrs. William H. O'Brien, Mrs. E. S. Doughty, Miss Susan Grimes and Miss Lillian Grimes.

EDUCATOR IS DECORATED.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, has been decorated with the insignia of the Order of the Legion of Honor by the French government, the presentation being made by Baron H. De Saint Laurent, French consul at Chicago.

He explained that it was an appreciation of President Judson's interest in all things French.

MUSICIANS UNITED IN NEW ORCHESTRA

Washington and Heinrich Hammer Symphony Organizations Join Hands.

The announcement made today that the Washington Symphony Orchestra and Heinrich Hammer Symphony Orchestra have consolidated and will, in future, give all their concerts together, comes as a pleasing bit of information for those persons who are interested in seeing Washington represented by a symphony orchestra that will compare favorably with the largest cities of the country.

Heinrich Hammer, whose work is well known, will be the conductor and Herman Rakemann will be the associate conductor and concertmeister, thus placing the organization under two of the leading musicians of Washington.

J. Martin Scranage, manager of the new organization, reports subscriptions for season tickets and guarantee fund have been most encouraging.

In a circular sent out by the management, attention is called to the fact the Philadelphia Orchestra will not pay its usual visits to Washington this winter, and that this is an opportune time to assist Washington's orchestra.

Especial interest is attached to the work of this organization, as it will be composed of fifty of Washington's leading musicians and the forthcoming concerts will give local soloists, who have spent years of study, both in this country and abroad, an opportunity to be heard to the best advantage.

The programs arranged by Hammer are most attractive, and it is believed the response of the public will be generous, as Washington has always supported visiting symphony orchestras in a liberal manner, and it is hoped that the local music lovers will turn their attention to their own orchestra this winter.

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