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## INTRODUCTION

The play's the thing!

The cultivation of the dramatic instinct is of vital importance to every one. For play is the universal expression of the creative impulse. It is "the purest and most spiritual activity of mankind," declared Froebel long ago, and "holds the source of all that is good."

Yet the important place of the dramatic in the life of the child and youth has, until recent years, received but little attention. Its educational values have been but vaguely understood, and, for the most part, they have been completely neglected.

Rightly directed the dramatic becomes a powerful instrument for developing personality and for the upbuilding of character. "No agency of culture is more truly or purely humanistic," according to the pioneer in modern teaching, Mr. G. Stanley Hall.

### THE EDUCATIONAL THEATRE

The work of the Children's Educational Theatre, chartered in 1912 by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, has demonstrated the values of the extensive use of the acted drama as an effective means of training the emotions of the child, of quickening the imagination, and of directing the will along constructive lines.

Our teaching methods have been almost wholly intellectual. We have failed to take into account the cultivation of the underlying emotions, and the right direction of the will. As Professor Ward has pointed out, such methods are likely to result in a weakened capacity for action in the child.

Of the work of the Children's Educational Theatre Ex-President Eliot of Harvard speaks with prophetic outlook: "Here is the tremendous power over children utilized for their good . . . . I say this power, developed in a very striking way, is one that ought to be at least in every school in the country, and moreover I believe it is going to be."

LIBRARY SETS  
NOTES

## THE DRAMA IN THE COMMUNITY

In recent years the dramatic has been given a more and more important place in the schools, and in community life. There is today a widespread interest in the presentation of plays in our schools and colleges, in the towns and villages, and even in the remote country districts. This revival of the "home-talent" performance is indicated by the formation of "community players" and "neighborhood players" on every side. There is an insistent demand on the part of these amateur groups for plays that will be better than the artificial sensations and the brainless amusement commonly offered by the local moving-picture house and the commercial stage. There is evident on the part of the people a desire for plays that will afford wholesome enjoyment. There seems to be an increasing demand on the part of the community for genuinely constructive recreation in worthy communal expression. These are heartening signs in this post-war period of new social strivings.

To meet this need the University through its Bureau of Extension has established a division of Community Drama to assist those interested in promoting community expression by means of plays, pageants and festivals. This division contemplates the publication of various bulletins designed to be of practical assistance to workers in this important field of civic development.

## SELECTED PLAYS FOR AMATEURS

The present list of plays is designed to be of assistance to amateurs in our schools and colleges and to any organization seeking plays fitted to their requirements. It is not an exhaustive list by any means, but it is hoped that the selections may be found practicable within the limits of the classifications given.

Some of the plays have distinct "literary" value, others are merely dramatic; all have the stamp of successful production by amateurs. Many are included as easy to produce, in the hope that they may serve as stepping-stones to the presentation of plays of distinct excellence. Some of the simpler plays recently produced by various Little Theatre companies are included as expressing something of the insurgent movement



in the theatre today. There has been no attempt to pass judgment upon the merits of the plays beyond suggesting such characteristics as may be of assistance to those looking for a play adapted to their own immediate needs.

#### CLASSIFICATION

All the plays listed as "Long Plays" are for an entire evening's performance. The "Short Plays" are practically all one-act pieces with the exception of a few two-act plays too short to be presented by themselves.

Three one-act plays, carefully chosen and combined, will form a program of interesting variety and freshness, besides being much less difficult to produce than a single long play which must be sustained throughout an entire evening. More than this the one-act plays will afford good acting parts for a larger number of people, and will make possible a much more finished performance.

Following the Short Plays will be found a selective list of plays for children—both collections and single plays.

All the plays are classified alphabetically by titles, and there is also an index by authors of the single plays for the convenience of the reader. There is a further classification of the plays adapted to out-of-door performance, plays especially suitable for girls, plays of classic costume, and more difficult plays especially recommended for experienced players, which, it is hoped will be found of further assistance to the amateur producer in search of a play fitted to his particular conditions.

The addresses of the publishers of the play-books referred to in the list are given at the end. The copies to be used in the production of the play should be ordered from the publishers.

#### PLAY-BOOKS LOANED

The Bureau of Extension will be glad to send for examination copies of any of the plays listed to any citizen of the state. The play-books must be returned within two weeks from the date on which they are received. There is no charge for lending these plays other than that of postage both ways. The Division of Community Drama will be glad to give advice concerning the selection of plays. Such requests will receive the

personal attention of Miss Elizabeth A. Lay. They should convey some idea of the kind of production desired, and the number and skill of the players available.

#### ROYALTIES

It will be observed that royalty charges are required for the performance of some of the plays. A paragraph from the copyright law of the United States is here quoted in order to make this matter entirely clear:

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Amateur players should realize that they are bound both ethically and legally to secure permission for whatever copyright play they may decide to perform and to pay royalty when required. The author may be addressed in care of the publisher whenever his address is not given.

#### THE CAROLINA FOLK PLAYS

A number of requests have come for copies of the original folk plays of Carolina life written in the University course in Dramatic Composition, English 31, and produced by the Carolina Playmakers in the "Play-House" constructed as a model community stage in the auditorium of the public school at Chapel Hill.

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# LONG PLAYS

## FOR A FULL EVENING'S PERFORMANCE

Plays marked with an asterisk are especially adapted to high school production.

The costuming is modern except when otherwise indicated.

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**ALABAMA**—Augustus Thomas. Melodramatic comedy of Southern life, difficult in technique. 4 acts. 8 men, 4 women. Settings elaborate: 1 interior, 3 exteriors. Dramatic Publishing Co. 50c. Royalty \$25.00 payable to American Play Co.

**ALEXANDER AND CAMPASPE**—John Lyly. A poetic Elizabethan romantic comedy of Greek theme, pretty and effective for a cast of girls especially. Suited to out-door performance. 5 acts. 25 men, 3 women, citizens, etc. Greek costumes. Settings: scenes in Athens. Scribner. (Mermaid Series.) \$1.00.

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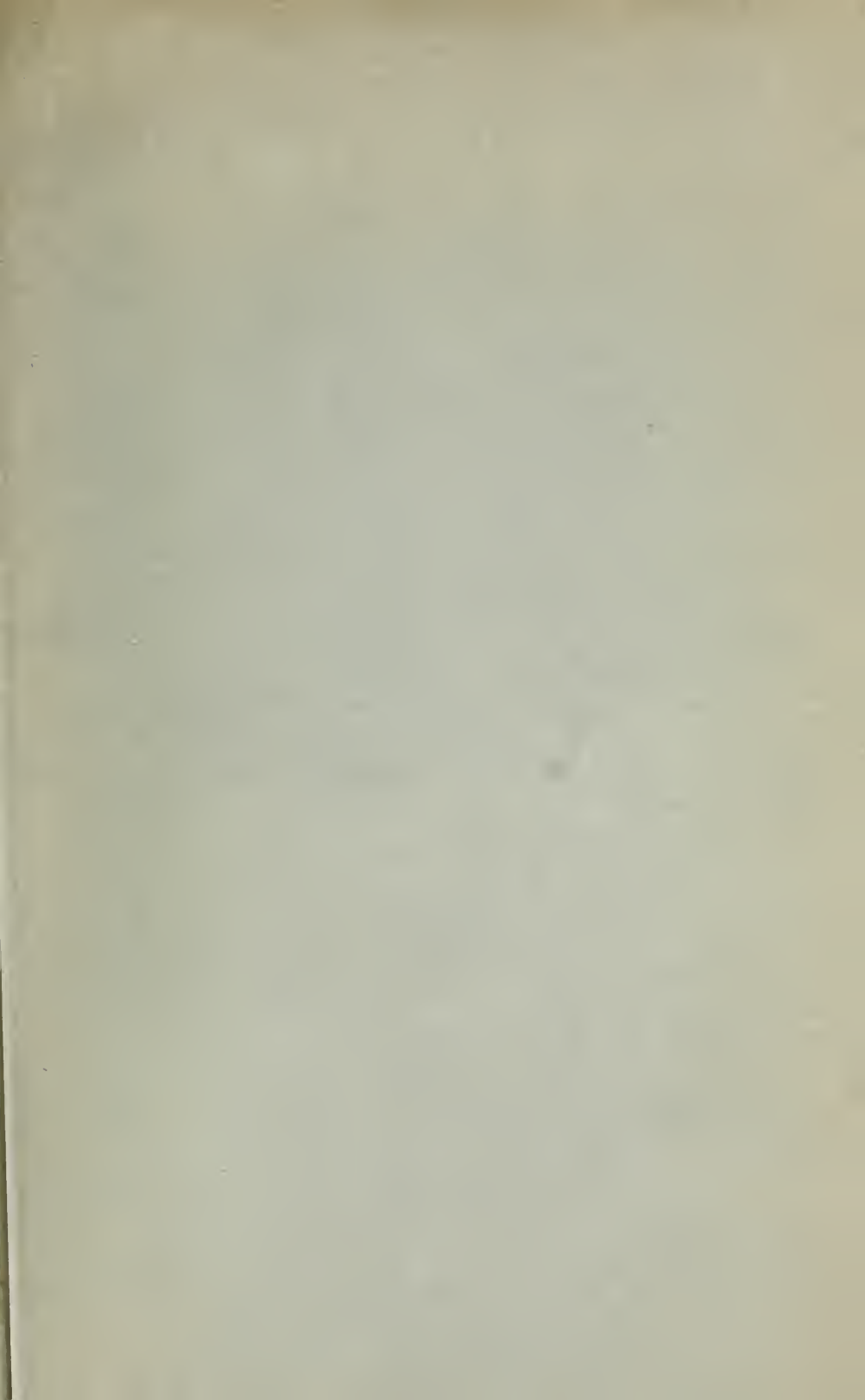
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