

QUEEN ESTHER.

Cantata given by Ladies of Lewis & Clark Club Friday and Saturday Nights was a grand success.

A large crowd pay homage to King Ahasuerus, Queen Esther and their Royal Subjects.

King Ahasuerus and Queen Esther, with their royal retinue have come and gone. Independence had the honor of entertaining these favorites of sacred music Friday and Saturday nights. The populace paid homage by turning out in liberal numbers in honor of the occasion.

The affair, known as the cantata of "Queen Esther" was planned and successfully carried out by the ladies of the Lewis and Clark club. Prof. A. H. Newton was general director in the preparation. It was given at the opera house and it is not exaggeration to say it went with a swing not usually characteristic of amateur productions.

Queen Esther, the heroine of the play and central attraction was fitly represented by Mrs. E. E. Paddock, whose graceful movements and queenly bearing enabled her to act the part with becoming ease. Her appeal to the king had in it true dramatic fervor and it was sung with dramatic action as well.

Jay Powell of Monmouth, acted the all-powerful role of King Ahasuerus and right acceptably did he fill it. Mr. Powell has a rich bass voice of filling quality and the audience hung upon his solos.

It fell to Pearl Hedges to take the part of cruel Haman and his treacherous character contrasted with real pathos was well brought out, the entrance and farewell kiss of the innocent child, Ailene Stark, being particularly affecting.

Miss Sadie Craven, in the role of Zeresh was, vocally and dramatically all the part demands and the ease and naturalness with which she acquitted herself are beyond criticism.

Mordecai, the hero of the story was well sustained by Prof. Newton.

Miss Edna Burnett, as the prophetess and Mordecai's sister, surprised her friends and won deserved praise for realistic acting, beautiful voice and fine stage presence.

Willard Craven as scribe and high priest, Roy Hawkins as Harbonah, Herald, Hegai and Frank Masterson as beggar, sang and acted their parts in a clever manner. It is but justice to say the production, altogether was beyond what might be expected of amateurs. The marches were given with a military exactness not to be expected of only a few weeks training.

The dancing of the girls showed the handiwork of a master in the training, and the choruses, so imperatively important a feature, of a cantata were strong and vigorous.

Mrs. May Bowden Babbitt performed both evenings.

Others who contributed to the success of the Queen Esther cantata were.

MAIDS OF HONOR.

Nola Owen, Frances Cooper, Crissie Bramberg, Geneva Wilcox, Alma Walker, Grace Walker, Kate Kelso, Maggie Sperling, Rowena Sperling, Jean Sharman, Roy McCandless, Cecile Wilcox, Grace Wallace, Viva Morrison, Mildred Owen, Emma Henkle.

ROYAL GUARDS.

Mrs. J. D. Whiteaker, Mrs. Geo. Burton, Miss Edith Owen, Miss Florence Burton, Miss Lora Wilkes, Miss Hazel Kennedy, Miss Viola Reed, Miss Grace Wallace, Mrs. A. S. Locke, Miss Edna Burnett, Miss

Olive Hastings, Miss Myra Kimberlin, Miss Nina Bateman, Miss Kate Kelso, Miss Opal Hart.

TAMBOURINE DRILL.

Nola Owen, Frances Cooper, Crissie Bramberg, Geneva Wilcox, Nellie Damon, Loy McCandless, Kate Kelso, Maggie Sperling, Jean Sharman, Inez Stark, Emma Hinkle, Cecile Wilcox, Grace Wallace, Viva Morrison, Mildred Owen, Alma Walker, Grace Walker.

SEMI-CHORUS.

Loy McCandless, Nellie Damon, Topsy Mattison, Beula Bramberg, Vale Hiltibrand, Alma Walker, Lavilla Cooper, Leona Sperling, Genevieve Cooper, Vivian Whiteaker, Inez Stark, Grace Walker, Marie Jones, Cora Walker.

PRINCESSES.

Miss Owen, Miss Hastings, Miss Kimberlin, Mrs. Burton.

CUP BEARERS.

Nola Owen, Kate Kelso, Nellie Damon, Topsy Mattison, Loy McCandless, Inez Stark.

KING'S GUARDS.

Edwin Wallace, Carl Percival, Dean Walker, Dale Pomeroy.

QUEEN'S TRAIN BEARERS.

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U. S. LOUGHARY,
County Clerk.

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