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## Spring Performance

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Presented at Ladner, March, 7th
At New Westminster, March, 10th
The Annual Tour in May includes Victoria and various interior points.

### THE HISTORY of the PLAYERS' CLUB

In the autumn of 1915 a little group of students of the newly-formed University of British Columbia, aided and encouraged by Mr. Wood, of the English department, undertook to form a dramatic society. Begun with much temerity, very little knowledge on the part of the students of practical play production, but boundless hope, the University Players' Club, as it was then named, while championing the best in dramatic art, did not aim to lead to the professional stage. It desired, rather, to encourage appreciation and intelligent reading of drama, and freedom, confidence and appropriate and graceful action in the presence of a company of people.

Despite this lack of professional ambition—for since its inauguration the society has done its work for the fun and love of it-the Club has made an appreciable contribution, not only to community drama, notably in the case of the Little Theatre, but also to the legiti-

mate stage.

The first play chosen and produced the following spring was Icrome K. Jerome's "Fanny and the Scrvant Problem." Those who saw Miss Todhunter as Fanny, the actress who wishes to keep her family in the background and marries a lord, only to discover that twenty-three of her relatives constitute her servant problem-will readily understand that charming lady's subsequent theatrical success.

With a different, but no less effective appeal, was

the wistful little slavey of Zangwill's "Merely Mary Ann," produced the following year Then came "Alice Sit-by-the-Fire," in Barrie's inimitable April weather style. What memories it brings back of a pretty, pleasure-loving, would-be idolized mother and of her valedictory to her youth.

This was followed in 1919 by that piece of exquisite fooling, Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." Witty dialogue, fantastic deceits and shrewdly sketched satirical characterization marked the play that introduced to the theatre-going public not only Arthur Lord who, since his graduation, has added to his laurels in the Little Theatre Association, but also Derothy Adams, who starred in the next and very different play, A. E. Masons "Green Stockings." Here was a tale with an abundance of plot centering round a high-spirited girl in a state of revolt against the English custom that required an older unmarried sister to wear green stockings at a younger sister's wedding. And the staging and costuming were what Daisy Ashford, of "Young Visitors" fame would term "sumpshus."

Memories of the 1921 performance carry with them a breath of "Sweet Lavender," and recollections of a quaint and childlike wistfulness all the sweeter by contrast with the fascination and charming sophistication of Miss Gilfillian.

Quaint comedy, too, characterized A. A. Milne's "Mr. Pim Passes By," a play of character, memorable for Miss Somerset's Olivia and for Mr. Pim, whose hands played as gently-and aimlessly, with the destinies of a household, as with that old umbrella!

The general public agreed with G. B. Shaw that his "You Never Can Tell," was a "Pleasant Play." Humor, rapier-like brilliance of wit, human emotion, satire, and withal a solid core of serious thought, marked this buoyant play that captivated audiences throughout the province. How could it have done otherwise, possessing the impishness and the tremendous youthful sophistication of those two "bar-barian children with ininproved minds."

Cast in a very different mould was last year's perfermance—Jose Echegaray's "The World and His Wife," a former vehicle of Sir John Martin-Harvey and of William Faversham. This play dealt with a social life in Madrid arising out of subtleties and artificialities only conceivable by an effete and rather over-civilized race.

To mark the 10th Anniversary of the Club "You and I", a comedy of American social and family life, was chosen as the spring production for 1925. "You was chosen as the spring production for 1925. "You and I" won the Harvard Prize in 1923 and was the first of an outstanding list of plays by Philip Barry.

The following year the Club, having already successfully performed one of G. B. Shaw's plays, decided to do another. "Pygmalion" will be remembered as having been quite outstanding enough to commemorate the first presentation in the new University Theatre Point Grey.

In 1927 came "The Romantic Young Lady," a very light comedy translated from the Spanish of G. Martinez Sierra. The Players' Club had the honour of giving

the first Canadian production of this play.
In 1928 was staged the record-breaking "Polly with a Past," by Middleton and Bolton. In twenty towns throughout the province Miss Hope Leeming charmed twenty-three different audiences with her interpretation of Polly Shannon.

"Rollo's Wild Oat" in 1929 has been the Players' Club's only spring production that has not been directed by Professor Wood. Owing to ill health he was obliged to relinquish the duties of Club Director for one year and Mrs. W. A. Ferguson of the Little Theatre took his place.

Such a cursory summary of the plays produced gives but an inadequate conception of the achievements of the Players' Club during the past fifteen years.

The first of these plays, to revert rather suddenly, was produced in Vancouver, in Victoria and in New Westminster. In 1920 the Club fared forth into the Okanagan and two years later extended its itinerary into the Kootenays, so that now the current play appears annually in at least twenty cities and towns in British Columbia.

Part of the success of the performances has undboutedly been due to Mrs Suttie, who has always helped in the important matter of make-up, and has been a

gracious chaperon on all the tours.

Apart from its purely dramatic efforts, the Club has endeavored to interest the province as a whole in the possibilities of its University by promoting a more intelligent understanding of its hopes and of its aims, by clearing up existing misunderstandings due to lack of information and by coming into personal contact with prospective university students.

Financially, too, this organization has more than justified its existence for its records show that during the war over \$6,000 was raised for war purposes, while more recent profits have been devoted to educa-

tional and university interests.

It is a far cry from the little group that inaugurated the Players' Club, to the efficient organization whose representatives now tour the province yearly. But this progress would have been quite impossible were it not for the untiring efforts of the director, Mr. Wood. His keen foresight, coupled with his minute sense of immediate detail, his dramatic flair, his power to recognize even latent histrionic ability, these, with his endiess capacity for taking pains, have made Mr. Wood the ideal person for the position and the one to whom, primarily, the Club owes what measure of success it has enjoyed.

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## "Friend Hannah"

A Comedy in four acts by Paul Kester, author of "Sweet Nell of Old Drury," "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall,"

"Lady Dedlock," "The Woman of Bronze," "Beverley's Balance."

This play is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French of New York

The play is staged under the direction of Mr. F. G. C. Wood, Associate Professor of English

### Characters:

Margaret Lightfoot (Hannah's Mother)	Elizabeth Magee, Arts '32
Thomas Lightfoot (Hannah's Uncle)	Alex G. Smith, Arts '30
Betty Trott (Maid of all Work)	Ann Ferguson, Arts '31
Hannah Lightfoot	Sheila Tisdall, Arts '31
Isaac Axford (Hannah's Cousin)	Sydney Risk, Arts '30
The Prince of Wales (Afterward George III.)	John U. Coleman, Arts '30
Edward, Duke of York	Richard Lendrum, Arts '31
The Duke of Chandos	D. Hamilton Brock, Arts '30
Lord Bute (Prime Minister of England)	St. John Madeley, Arts '32
Augusta (Princess Dowager of Wales)	Betty Buckland, Arts '31
Robert Clegg (A Post Boy)	James A. Gibson, Arts '31

### Scenes:

Act I.—The garden at Margaret Lightfoot's in rural England, 1760.

Act II.—The parlour behind Thomas Lightfoot's Shop. In London, a few weeks later.

(During this act the curtain will be lowered for a moment to indicate the lapse of an hour)

Act III.—The parlour of Hannah's house, near London. Two months later.

Act IV .- The Garden. 1810.

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Miss Betty Somerset, Arts '24 (Mrs. Jack Clyne), 50 performances.

Mr. Sydney Risk, Arts '30, 47 performances.

Mr. Jack Clyne, Arts '23, 44 performances.

### Previous Performances

1916-"Fanny and the Servant Problem," Jerome K. Jerome, 4 times.

1917-"Merely Mary Ann," Israel Zangwill, 4 times.

1918-"Alice Sit-by-the-Fire," Sir James M. Barrie, 4 times.

1919-"The Importance of Being Earnest," Oscar Wilde, 3 times.

1920—"Green Stockings," A. E. W. Mason, 10 times. 1921—"Sweet Lavender," Sir Arthur Pinero, 12 times.

1922-Mr. Pim Passes By," A. A. Milne, 17 times.

1923-"You Never Can Tell," G. B. Shaw, 15 times.

1924-"The World and His Wife," J. Echegaray, 18 times.

1925-"You and I," Philip Barry, 20 times.

1926-"Pygmalion," G. Bernard Shaw, 18 times.

1927-"The Romantic Young Lady," G. Martinez Sierra, 18 times.

1928-"Polly with a Past," George Middleton and Guy Bolton, 23 times.

1929-"Rollo's Wild Oat," Clare Kumner, 20 times.

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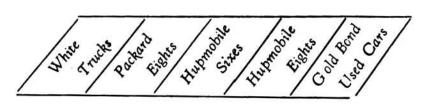
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