

stepped forward to receive the picture, and His Excellency continued.) In the name of the Department of Education I take pleasure to present to the Frederiksted Junior High School, for good attendance, this picture of the National Capitol.

Now I want to say a few words to the fathers and mothers present, and I ask those who are here to carry the word to them that are not here.

Much depends upon the fathers and mothers. If the children will do the work to the school and do it well they must have encouragement. Praise them when they do well, and if they fail to do well do not punish them but encourage them to do better. Find out what they are learning. Go and visit the schools and you will be surprised to find how much it will help you. I am sometime ashamed myself to have my boy come to me with some problem which I have to sit for a moment to consider before I can solve it. We older people are on no equal with our children. It behoves us not to be overproud of ourselves. I have been traveling this world now for one half century and I know so very little of it. So be patient with these children. Help them along. Inquire into what they are doing. Go to the school and see what they are doing. Give them your heart and they will respond to it, and you will be surprised with the result.

Now I know that your program is limited, at least the time is limited and your program is long, and I will not take up any more of your time, but I thank you children again for inviting me to come to your entertainment. I am coming again to see you in your school, and now, before I close I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

VIRGIN ISLAND BOYS' WELFARE CLUB SENT TO AT CHARACTER BALL

ELABORATE AFFAIR STAGED BY MRS. MC
KENZIE A GRAND SUCCESS.

Beauty And Virtue Shone In Splendor.

BY ASHLEY L. TOTTEN.

Perhaps the greatest success made in social affairs among Virgin Island elites who reside in New York was on Thanksgiving night Nov. 24th, when two hundred and fifty-three of the best there are from the islands appeared at the large and spacious hall of the Boys' Welfare Club 8 West 131st St., to take part in a character ball.

With exception of those who were born here, the children of Virgin Island families, every one else was a native of St. Thomas or St. Croix.

Mrs. McKenzie who staged and promoted the affair is all smiles, and is considering the repetition in the very near future, in order to satisfy those who

could not be present and who were eager to have taken part in it.

The dance started at 9 P. M. with a waltz "Memories of Home" played by one of New York's best colored orchestras under the able leadership of Mr. John Richards (Violinist) of St. Croix.

As the guests gathered, it was soon realized that this affair was something extraordinary from every angle.

First of all, there were friends who met each other that could not afford the time to dance.

It was their first meeting in thirty five years.

Then the elaborate display of gowns was an added attraction.

Beauty, the islands best, was seen there, and the young men lined up in full evening dress with which to make the affair complete.

Mrs. Lily Brown of Frederiksted, and, a sister-in-law of Capt. Lewis won the admiration of the house when she appeared representing "Liberty".

Miss Carrie Bernard who is described as being too cute for anything represented an Egyptian lady and so well she did, that the boys are talking about it yet.

Her sister Mrs. Elsa Rutter looked so becoming as "America" that she had to make a series of introductions towing hubby around to keep the boys away.

The same must be said of Mrs. Dora Danielsen (Bølling) who represented Japan.

Mr. Danielsen did not surprise the boys however. They are quite acquainted with her sweet disposition, for which she has won the respect and deep admiration of every one, and whenever seen in public, her neatness and simplicity adds in full measure to it.

Mrs. Lizzie Peebles (Lizzie Brown of Frederiksted) represented France, and when her two dimples appeared on her smiling face, no one seemed willing to give hubby a fair chance to dance with her.

Then there was Miss Kata Lewis, the charming little daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Lewis who is now making her debut in society.

As a Spanish girl Miss Lewis did her part well and must be complimented.

Alva McFarlane came pretty near losing his little beauty whom he married a few weeks ago.

When she appeared on the floor as a Hawaiian Princess, the boys lined up to do the kidnapping act, but a resolution drafted and signed Arthur Barnes, Jolly Dan Moorehead, Knox Heyliger and Arlington Totten was read and adopted, with words to the effect that Alva must be given another chance.

Others seen in the party were Mr. Louis Fair and family, Mr. Henry Foss and Family, Mr. Alex. McIntosh and family, Mr. & Mrs. Edward O'Reilly, Mr. Eugene Bough, Mr. & Mrs. John Armstrong and Mr. Fritz Irwin.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Tokio, Dec. 20th.—The dreadnought "Tosa" was launched today at the Mitsubishi shipyards at Nagasaki. Like her sister ship the "Kaga" launched a month ago, the "Tosa" is slated to be scrapped under the naval limitation plan agreed to at the Washington conference.

Washington, Dec. 20th.—The British delegation has formally asked that a plenary session of the Washington conference be held tomorrow or Thursday in order that Great Britain may present its case for the abolition of the submarine.

Calcutta, Dec. 20th.—Nearly 200 Khilafut volunteers were arrested today. Cases against 263 prisoners were heard by the Court. All but 7 of the prisoners were convicted.

Washington, Dec. 20th.—The Senate late today passed the House Bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for the relief of the starving and distressed in Russia.

Calcutta, Dec. 20th.—Much interest has been aroused by the speech of the Governor, Earl of Ronaldshay, at a meeting of the Legislative Council, concerning the suggestion that a representative deputation visit the Viceroy with a view to arranging a round table conference dealing with the non-cooperation movement.

New York, Dec. 20th.—A meeting of the American steamship owners association, called to plan wage cuts for January 1st, has been postponed. It was announced yesterday pending the announcement of cuts to be made in the wages of British seamen. The United States companies had contemplated a fifteen percent cut, while the British owners are reported to be contemplating a cut of about 40 percent.

London, Dec. 20th.—The Central News Agency in Belfast correspondent today quoted Sinn Fein leaders as saying they had learned that complete amnesty for all political prisoners, including those sentenced to death, would be arranged between the British Government and Sinn Fein effective before Christmas, if the Anglo-Irish treaty were ratified by the Dail Eireann.

Tetuan Morocco, Dec. 20th.—The village of Ayada has been captured by the Spanish forces operating in the region inhabited by the Beni-Arros tribe of Moors. The operation proved difficult, the place being defended by a strongly entrenched enemy force which fought with great obstinacy.

Belfast, Dec. 21st.—Armed gangs operating in the Limavady District of Londonderry, took fifteen men from their homes yesterday, removing them to an unknown destination. The raiders, who were not disguised were strangers to the neighbourhood. The authorities are puzzled by the kidnapping.