

ST. MARY'S HALL

To-Night! To-Night! at 8.15.

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Of the Two Dramas for the week "Bring the News to Mother" received the most votes.

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LOCAL.

"Short Skirts" featuring Marie Walton did not fall short of what was promised from it, and a highly delighted audience left the theatre last night after two solid hours of interesting entertainment which it afforded.

The truly fine film "Bring the News to Mother" will be shown again at St. Mary's Hall this evening. All who failed to see this grand screen production the first time would really be doing themselves an injustice in passing it over now. See ad in today's issue.

The American schooner "Pocahontas" which used to be auxiliary to the "Virginia" when the latter ran the mails from Porto Rico, is here. It is understood that her mission is to load a heap of old iron, junk machinery, which has been lying on the

public wharf for several months. If it is a fact that this rubbish whose presence has only contributed to spoiling the appearance of the landing place is really to be removed, this would be indeed a stride forward in brushing up the looks of the waterfront which has never been in such an unsightly condition as during the last two years or more.

The S. S. "Parima" from New York via St. Thomas arrived at Frederiksted this morning. The postmaster advises that the mail for Christiansted should not be looked for before the regular dispatch from Frederiksted comes in this afternoon.

AN ANSWER TO THOSE WHO CRITICIZE OUR NATIVE MUSICIANS AND THEIR ABILITY TO PROMOTE AN ORCHESTRA ON THE ISLANDS

BY ASHLEY L. TOTTEN.

Do you remember way back when the Danish Military Band would go on the wharf and play for one hour every Sunday afternoon?

And later in the days of Capt. Ditlevsen when they would send a section of soldiers with their rifles and bayonets to protect the ten little musicians from harm, as they played for one hour once a month at nights?

Well, times have changed since then.

The band in those days consisted of two leading cornets and a few other instruments such as the Tula, Tenorhorn, Althorn, Valve Trombone and Drums.

The leader had his funny way about starting to play a number.

Ain, To, Tray, Feeya! he would say, and then came what appeared to be, an over exerted energy on his part while emissions from the other instruments sounded like Voo-ta-Voo-ta-Voo-ta-ta.

The public however, appreciated this to be a very high degree, and perhaps much more than they are inclined to appreciate our native musicians of today.

If Magnus Svendsen and Lirholm were alive, they would have an opportunity to see how much service they rendered to humanity, when they assumed the initiative and started training natives to play brass instruments, despite the criticism and abuse which their own countrymen showered on them.

There are people on the islands who remember when such numbers as "Dutty Mother Passing" and the Tivoli March were great, and the men who played then were great musicians.

What do these people think about the kind of music that our boys are playing today?

If it is possible for native musicians to make themselves familiar with band music, why is not possible for them to promote an orchestra?

In an orchestra, there is but one little difference.

Good violinists who must acquire the art of playing in the various positions, a good pianist who can read and play music arranged for orchestration, and with brass and reed instruments in low pitch is all that is necessary. Start out with this and the rest will come in time.

The same brain that has been developed into the knowledge of playing band music will also be of service in orchestra music. The same brain that trained bandmen will of necessity train an orchestra. Some of the greatest orchestras here in New York sounded like a riotous outburst of indignation only four years ago.

But, fortunately for New York there is a greater tendency on the part of the public to encourage, and not discourage.

Criticisms are more of a constructive nature.

Our island St. Croix has thrown bouquets after bouquets at strangers whom they honored as great musicians, and who really knew as much about the art as Andy's fat cook.

But whenever some one starts out for the specific purpose of placing St. Croix on equal footing with the outer world, then all the big crabs begin to drag the smaller ones back in the barrel. Start anything, and to the selfish and malicious, it is stupidity.

It would perhaps interest you to know that some native boys who played fiddle in St. Croix some years ago, are violinists in New York today.

An orchestra or concert band made up of Virgin Islands in New York could hold an audience anywhere in America today. Had these boys remained at home they could not boast of earning eight to ten dollars every night. Criticism would have killed their ambition. If just a little less doubt would be placed on the ability of our native musicians, and everyone do less knocking, and more pushing, an orchestra as good as is heard anywhere, will certainly loom up in St. Croix.

ST. THOMAS NEWS.

This morning shortly after 10 o'clock a sad accident occurred up town at the home of one of our well-known cake makers—"Bellerita."

It appears that she was lighting an alcohol stove when it exploded, catching her clothes afire and seriously burning her chest, face and head.

Hearing the commotion, the Chief of Police, Guggenheim, ran from the station to the scene of the accident where he applied first aid until the arrival of the doctor.

The sufferer was taken to the Municipal Hospital.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, 9th May.*

Miss Isabella Ritter succumbed early this morning at the Municipal Hospital