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MERRIE



ENGLAND

BRIGHOUSE AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY.

Affiliated to National Amalgamated Operatic and Dramatic Association.

FOUNDED 1923.

3rd PRODUCTION.



Written by BASIL HOOD.

Composed by EDWARD GERMAN.

Produced under the Direction of RICHARD ANDEAN, Esq.

Musical Director—F. W. GADSBY, Esq.

ALBERT THEATRE, BRIGHOUSE, NOVEMBER 16TH TO 21ST, 1925.

Six Evenings at 7-15. Saturday, Nov. 21st, Matinee 2-15.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Reserved--Dress Circle, 4/6; Stalls, 3/-; Side Circle, 3/-; Balcony, 2/-.

Unreserved—Area, 1/6. Early Doors, 2/-.

Plans of Seats and all particulars can be had from Messrs. Thornton and Boothroyd, Ltd., 4, King Street and 24, Briggate, Brighouse.

Telephone: 268.

The Committee wish to express their appreciation to the Directors of the Albert Hall, Co., Ltd., for kindly allowing the use of the Theatre.

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ABOUT THE SOCIETY.



It is not three years until February next since our Society came into existence. It was felt at the time by those interested that circumstances were ripe, and that there was ample scope in Brighouse for such an organisation. All the optimism felt and expressed at that inaugural Meeting held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Feby. 13th, 1923, has been fully justified and borne out by subsequent happenings.

Our first production, the ever popular "Gondoliers," was a great success both artistically and financially. Stimulated by such encouragement and support, last November we produced as our second venture, "The Mikado," which proved another triumph in every respect.

Difficulties, with which only those behind the scenes are cognisant, have been surmounted by an enthusiasm which begets its own reward, and which has enabled Local Charities in two years to benefit to the extent of £344 13s. 10d.

At the concluding performance of "The Mikado," our Chairman, Dr. J. Wood, announced that efforts were to be made to obtain a refund of Entertainment Tax. After prolonged negotiations the Society's claim was successful, and the refund of £129 16s. 7d. is included in the amount allocated to Charities.

An innovation for the Town of providing a Poor Schoolchildren's Holiday at the Seaside was inaugurated during the Summer, and 40 children returned delighted with their experience after a week's stay at Rhyl.

We enjoy our work, call it a hobby if you like, but we aim at providing intellectual and instructive amusement in the production of Operatic works, and to assist deserving Local Charities. How far we have succeeded in the former is well-known, and what we have been able to accomplish in the latter direction, thanks to public support, is proved by the following grants already made:—

Brighouse Nurses' Endowment Fund	...	...	£100	14	6
Poor Schoolchildren's Holidays	...	...	83	19	4
Huddersfield Infirmary	...	...	50	0	0
St. John's Ambulance, Brighouse	...	...	40	0	0
Poor Children's Clothing & Clog Fund	...	...	25	0	0
British Legion Local Distress Fund	...	...	15	0	0
Halifax Infirmary	...	...	10	0	0
Bradford Eye and Ear Hospital	...	...	10	0	0
Brighouse Joint Hospital	...	...	10	0	0
			£344	13	10

The Officials and Committee desire to thank the public for the generous support given to the Society since its formation.

The large number who have worked so hard and rendered assistance to the Society, make it impossible to mention individuals, but the Committee desire to convey their thanks to everyone who has in any way assisted in the production of "MERRIE ENGLAND."

