

Bilingual Plays Delight Enthusiastic Audience

While English and French joined in heroic combat against a common enemy once more on the soil of France yesterday, their compatriots in Victoria joined hands in a first-class entertainment given at the Little Theatre last night in aid of the little children of France.

From the stirring singing of the "Marseillaise" at the opening to the measured beat of "God Save the King" at the end, there was an atmosphere of national friendliness that added a special quality to the entertainment. Two English plays, "Quality Street" and "Appointment at Midnight," and one French play, "Un Quartier Tranquille," were presented by a cast of top-ranking actors under professional direction.

The French-Canadian Club, l'Alliance France Libre, and the Victoria Little Theatre sponsored the entertainment, which was under the distinguished patronage of His Honor Lieut.-Governor W. C. Woodward and Mrs. Woodward. Mme. L. G. d'Estrube told the guests of the fund which is being collected for the children of France, to be

turned into milk and vitamin concentrates to be distributed through the hands of the Red Cross Society.

"Your individual dollars will travel far and straight over there intact as you gave them, since all expenses for these two evenings are being met entirely by French people who have merely done their duty," she explained. "France has desperately and heroically worked to free herself with her underground and prepared the road for your men," she added.

J. M. Barrie's "Quality Street," directed by Elizabeth C. Smith and Audrey St. Denys Johnson, was the first delightful one-act play. Mrs. St. Denys Johnson took the role of Susan Throssel; Nora Garcin played Phoebe Throssel, while R. Jarvis-Reid enacted the part of Valentine Brown.

The French comedy, "Un Quartier Tranquille," was under the direction of Mme. d'Estrube, and the players were brilliant city students of French and French performers. The cast included Germaine Tremblay, Iva Lisicka, Francette d'Estrube, Irene Goguillon Kathleen Baker and Rebecca Hobbins.

The final play, "Appointment at Midnight," was a dramatic bit done with fine emotional restraint. Noel Cusack gave a memorable performance as the high-strung daughter. Muriel Thompson and Grace Tuckey were clever troupers, while Elizabeth Smith gave a fine performance as the mother, and Edith Gibson, who was responsible for the splendid direction, also took the part of the mysterious illusionist. The latter also designed the circus costumes.

Major L. Bullock-Webster praised the work of the performers and of Mme. d'Estrube and her corps of admirable associates. "This evening will be well remembered by all, both for this delightful entertainment and because it is the evening

The performance will be repeated tonight at the Little Theatre on Rockland Avenue.

Pledge Further Help To French Children

Thirty-six French-speaking guests joined by Belgian, Dutch, Swiss and English sympathizers attended a meeting of the French Canadian Club held at the home of Mrs. C. Goguillon, McKenzie Avenue, when ideas were discussed for furthering the call for immediate help to the children of France. The collection is still open at the Canadian Red Cross, Broughton Street.

A letter to the president from Lt.-Col. Paul L'Heureux, Nanaimo, B.C., was read to the club announcing the formation of a large unit of French-Canadian troops for volunteer service overseas.

Capt. Cimon announced that a service will be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral for French-speaking troops at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, on their national feast day.

Members of the Alliance France Libre present at the meeting expressed their desire to help with forthcoming plans, and Mme. Sander-son-Mongin thanked Mme. L. G. d'Estrube, president of the French Canadian Club, for her devotion to the cause of the children of France. Mrs. A. J. Tullis spoke of the little sufferers that the club is trying to succor and Mrs. H. D. Parizeau furnished advice on coming plans.

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French Club Plans Welfare of Troops

Le Club Canadien Francais de la C.B. has decided to rent a hall at 1602 Redfern Street for the use of its members. The hall will be open nightly and it is planned to offer entertainments as often as possible. Entertainment will be in the hands of the women's committee.

Nine new members were among the forty-nine who attended a recent meeting. A party is planned for club members in the navy, army and air force, on New Year's night