

## Entertainment at Rosedale Aids Loyal Protestant Home

Loyal Orange Lodge No. 2841, Rosedale, held a most interesting entertainment on Friday, October 21, in the community hall. The program was varied and attractive, ranging in interest from a realistic one-act play presented by the Little Theatre Association, to the strains of "Springtime in the Rockies" and the "Irish Washerwoman" rendered by youthful violinists. Vocal and instrumental selections alternated with solo dancing and humorous readings held the attention of a large audience till a late hour, insuring a substantial fund to be divided between the Rosedale L.O.L. and the Loyal Protestant Home.

Miss F. Williams, P.G.M. of the L. O. B. A. and a director of the Home, spoke briefly. She asked the support of all protestants in keeping open a home where the only requirement is that the child shall be protestant and needy. Less than ten per cent of the children in the home have relatives who are members of the Orange or True Blue orders. On citing cases of children now in the home, she told of one, a little girl, who lost both parents at once (a case of murder and suicide)—the grandparents refusing to have anything to do with the tiny human derelict. She is now a happy and healthy child in a fair way to becoming a good citizen. In other cases one surviving parent, unable to take care of the children and earn a living for them, has been able by placing the children in the home to tide over a difficult period without breaking up the family. In many such cases the home has been re-established later on, while in the case of many other institutions where the child is committed by a court order it is lost entirely to its own family.

Last of all she mentioned the case of 34 Doukhobor children, all under 7 years of age. "Now," said Miss Williams, "perhaps you think they shouldn't be in a home of this kind at all. If so forget them and think of the 53 of our own race and blood. We are not asking for donations for the Doukhobors—the government pays for them—but while we have them we are doing our best to make good Canadians of them. It is on behalf of the children of our own nationality that we need your aid." She then spoke of the immediate needs of the home—150 sacks of potatoes are required for the winter; vegetables and fruit of all kinds. It takes four quarts of jam for a meal—when they have jam. Clothing and shoes for boys between five and ten years old are urgently required though there are children from 2 to 14 years of age in the home—mostly boys.

The Orangemen and women of Chilliwack will be gathering a shipment of goods for the home during the first week in November when all donations will be thankfully received. They may be handed to any member of the order or left at the home of Mrs. Isaac Nixon, Nowell street.