



PROGRAM

CHORUS

March of the Toys Herbert
One Little Candle Mysels and Roach
Jingle Bells Arr. Samuelson
White Christmas Berlin
Mary's Manger Song Pottle

INTERMISSION (10 minutes)

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RICHARD WESTBROCK, Director

Isabel Herbst, Accompanist

Performance By Children's Chorus Fine

Tree tops glistened and grownups listened as the Inland Children's chorus presented its 17th annual Christmas concert in Memorial hall to a near-capacity audience last night.

The performance, which has come to be something akin to a tradition here, was as near perfect as one could expect. The 100-voice group—50 girls in their powder-blue dresses and 50 boys in Eton jacket suits—was a model of beautiful, unified singing under the direction of Richard Westbrock.

The setting was as it has been through the years, whitened cedars pyramided at the sides of the stage, sparkling with hundreds of tiny blue lights, and the chorus tiered against a huge blue cyclorama.

Happy Arrangement

The program opened with Victor Herbert's "March of the Toys," an extermely happy arrangement coming through with staccato precision, "One Little Candle" beamed a message so pertinent to these troubled times. "Jingle Bells" bounced along merrily and the perennial Irving Berlin "White Christmas" glowed with the spirit of the season.

The first part closed with "Mary's Manger Song," sung with the proper spirit of reverence. Isabel Herbst played accompaniments most effectively throughout the program.

The second part was devoted to a quartet of sacred Christmas songs, "The First Noel," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Adeste Fideles." These the chorus sang lustily when required, lightly when desired, following their director's demands precisely.

Lovliest Offering

Then the stage was dimmed and the chorus sang "Silent Night" (in German) as the loveliest offering of the evening.

J. D. O'Brien, general manager of Inland, spoke briefly, stating that "when we started the chorus we had but one purpose, that children might become acquainted with good music through a cooperation of effort."

Then he concluded: "It is regrettable that we do not carry this Christmas spirit through all the year in the hearts of men in all nations.—A. S. KANY.