

MORE BLIND THAN SHE, MISS KELLER SAYS

All Are Sightless Who Do Not
Open Their Eyes to Fellow-
Men and Know Their Rights.

SPEAKS FOR THE SOCIALISTS

Her Debut as a Lecturer—Rich Will-
ing to Give Poor Everything
Except Their Rights.

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MONTCLAIR, N. J., Feb. 6.—Helen Keller, the famous blind and deaf girl, made her debut as a public speaker in Montclair to-night at the auditorium in the Hillside School, her audience numbering nearly one thousand. Miss Keller lectured under the auspices of the Montclair branch of the Socialist Party. She is a Socialist and she expressed radical political views.

Those in the rear of the hall heard Miss Keller with difficulty at times owing to her lack of emphasis, but she made a strong impression.

Previous to Miss Keller's address Mrs. Macy, her teacher, and companion, gave the life history of the blind girl and described the methods whereby she had acquired an education and the power of speech.

"I am going to try to make you feel that no one of us can do anything alone, that we are bound together," said Miss Keller. "I do not like this world as it is. I am trying to make it a little more as I would like to have it. Perhaps you are thinking how blind I have been. You have your eyes, and you behold the sun, and yet you are more blind than I am. It was the hands of others that made this miracle in me. Without my teacher I should be nothing. Without you I should be nothing. We live by and for each other.

"We are all blind and deaf until our eyes are open to our fellowmen. If we had a penetrating vision we would not endure what we see in the world to-day. The lands, the life, the machinery belong to the few. All the work they do gains for the workers a mere livelihood. Strange that we do not see it, and when we do we accept the condition in blind content. We fail to understand that if the workers were adequately paid there would be no rich people.

"The rich are willing to do everything for the poor except give them their rights. They say the workers are not thrifty enough, and does not save, it is thrifty enough, and does not save it is because the greatest part of what he produces goes to some one else, who does the saving.

"It is the labor of the poor and ignorant that makes us refined and comfortable. I am no pessimist. The pessimist says that man was born in darkness and for death. I believe that man was intended for the light, and shall not die. It is a good world, and it will be much better when you help me to make it more as I want it."

STUDENTS ACT IBSEN PLAY.

Seniors of Academy of Dramatic Arts
in "The Pillars of Society."

Senior students of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts appeared yesterday afternoon at the Empire Theatre in Ibsen's "The Pillars of Society." The occasion recalled the fact that the same play was presented by the school about twenty-five years ago, when it constituted the first performance of an Ibsen play in this country, it is claimed.

Among those in the cast yesterday were Edward G. Robinson, Giles Low, Griffith Lusky, Langdon Gillet, Samuel Lowett, Donald Cameron, William Stief, Willard Webster, Joseph H. Graham, Raymond Bramley, Ellen Langdon, M. Vryling Putnam, F. Eleanor Vliet, Elsie Howard, Mary Keener, Ardelle Cleaves, Virginia Norden, Madeline King, and Carree Clarke.