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ACTED AT PEACE DALE
ON
CHRISTMAS EVE
1910



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To
*The Boys and Girls of Peace Dale—
the hope of the future*

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THIS little sketch was prepared very hurriedly in order to give scope to the volunteer efforts of certain of the younger members of the community who had undertaken to provide the entertainment for the Christmas celebration of 1910 of the Peace Dale Congregational Sunday School.

After looking patiently and long for something which they could act for the entertainment of their fellows, they despaired of finding anything they would like.

In their dilemma they appealed to me, saying that their principal desire was to introduce the singing of Christmas carols in some way not too commonplace.

The characters were taken by inexperienced actors who, nevertheless, presented the masque in a very genuine and convincing manner.

TO MIND
ASSOCIATION

The whole time of action was about thirty-five minutes, including the singing of the Christmas carols. I was urged to amplify the action, in order to somewhat prolong the part played by Robin Hood and his men, but, after some effort in this direction, I gave it up, as the principal merit of the masque seemed to me to be its brevity.

Several friends have urged its preservation in print in the hope that it may prove suggestive or useful to others in like predicament.

R. G. H.

Peace Dale, R. I.,

July 16, 1912.

LIST OF PERSONS

ROBIN HOOD

LONG JOHN FRIAR TUCK
WATT WILL SCARLETT

One or two others

WAIT (leader)

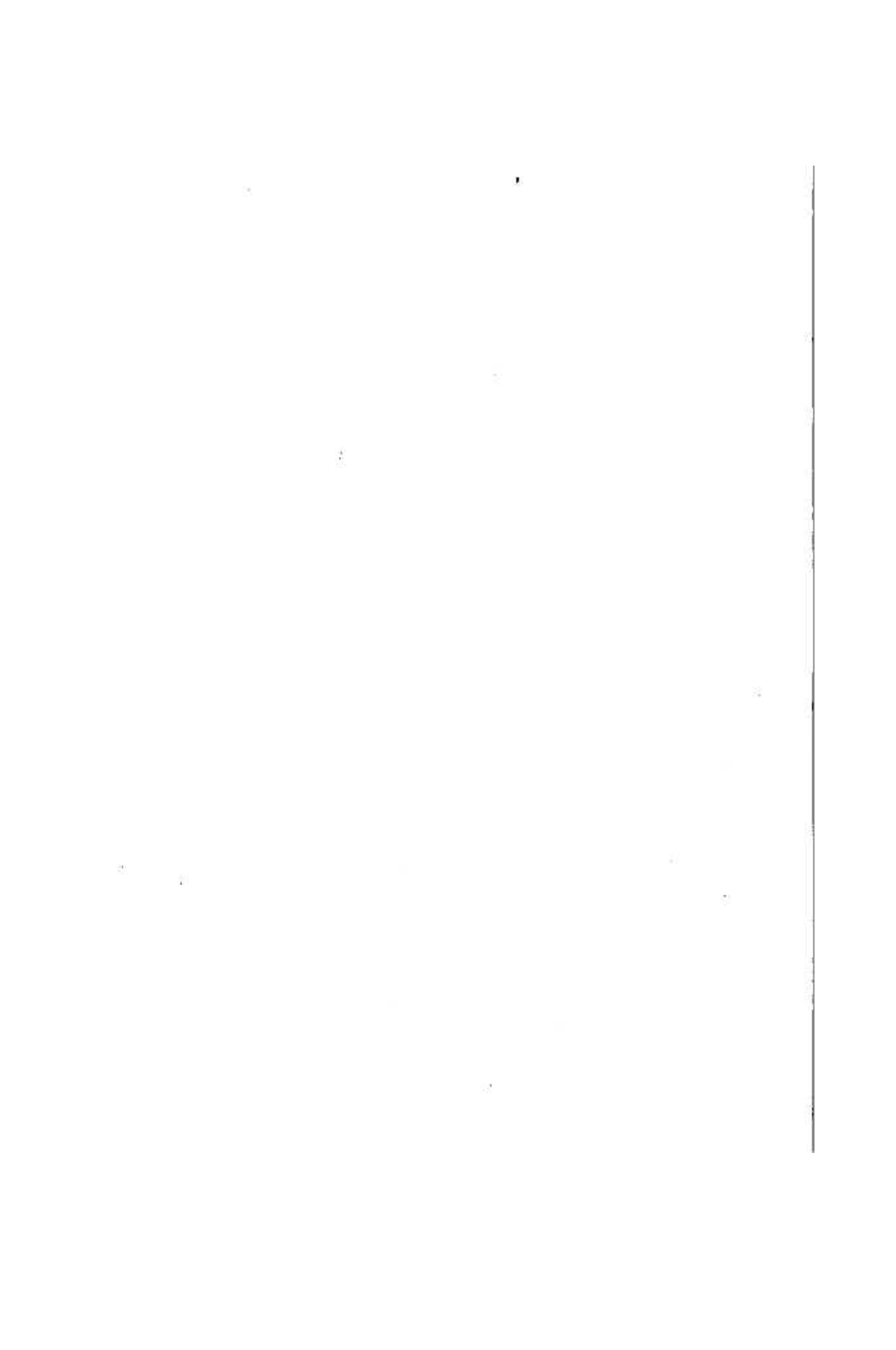
FIDDLER CELLO CLARINET

SINGERS — as many as may be

WIDOW

Eight to twelve children
less than fourteen years old

SANTA CLAUS



C O S T U M E S

Robin Hood— If possible, in a close-fitting green, buttoned to the throat.

Long John— In old clothes, with leggings. With a bow and arrows, one arrow stuck in belt. (None of Robin's men show shirts or collars.)

Watt— Has a bow. Should be a very short man.

Friar Tuck— In a friar's robe, with girdle, holding in his hand a big soup spoon with which he beats time while singing.

Will Scarlett— Also with a bow, but no arrows.

Waits— Waits dressed poorly, as is the custom. Rather ragged clothes.

Widow— With a cap and kerchief and apron. Woollen dress cut full.

Children— Dressed in school clothes, as old as may be.

Santa Claus— Red coat, white trimming. Red cap, white trimming. White beard.