

German Youthful Union, - "Der Deutsche Jugend Verein" recently formed in Bendigo for the cultivation of the German language, last night appeared for the first time in public at the schoolroom in MacKenzie Street, which was temporarily changed into a theatre.

There was a crowded attendance, the room not being large enough to accommodate all the visitors.

The overture was ably played by Herr Alfred Lehmann. The first part consisted of three splendid tableaux, viz: "Mr Dack defying his Mother-in-law," "How the corpse of Virginia was found," and "Germania." There were five recitations in German, all well rendered, viz, "The Glove" (Schiller) by Herr Sonnenberg, "The Singer's curse" by Miss Stier, "The German boy," by Master Mitter, "The two French Grenadiers," by Master Holtorf, and "Hurrah Germania" by Miss Mauermann.

An interval was filled up by Herr Buchholz, of the European Hotel, who by special request, played some pleasing variations.

In the second part was performed "Doubly Married". Pastor Leypoldt, having briefly explained the plot and related the principal incidents, Miss Stier, Miss Mauermann and Miss Anna Heinz delighted the audience by their clever acting, ably supported by Herren Fritz Leypoldt, Alfred Lehmann and Heinrich Plambeck.

At the fall of the curtain all the performers were vociferously applauded. Pastor Leypoldt heartily thanked the actors and actresses for their arduous work, mentioning Mrs Leypoldt and Herr Dietrich as having greatly contributed towards the success of the entertainment, and Herr Jess as having liberally attended to the decorating part. Herr Buchholz's general vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.