

£200 loss likely on 'Me and My Girl'

DESPITE an excellent Show, it is estimated that Chelmsford Operatic Society have lost in the region of £200 on "Me and My Girl," which finished on Saturday.

Mr. A. Sievewright, the hon. secretary, said yesterday: "We shall certainly lose a lot of money. Reason? Lack of attendance. Roughly 4,000 people saw the show, some 1,500 fewer than we had expected.

"For 'The Dancing Years,' the previous production, 5,200 people attended and we lost £150 on that."

A six-month-old white puppy with black ears nearly stole the show on Saturday at the end of the last night of "Me and My Girl."

The puppy was presented to the leading lady, 18-year-old DAPHNE ARMSTRONG, who made a successful début in musical comedy as the Cockney girl-friend. It was a gift from fellow members of the cast.

A capacity audience saw the show on Saturday evening and obviously enjoyed it. The finale was given five curtains before the applause died away.

There was great applause at the appeal by Mr. David Smith, president of the Society, when he called for greater public support of the "live" theatre.

He said that it was becoming increasingly difficult for operatic and dramatic societies to put on shows with the present rising costs and lack of public support.

Whatever the difficulties and whatever competition the theatre faced to-day they should never be discouraged by it.

Producer ROBERT VERNON said: "I am extremely proud to have been responsible for putting on this production—my tenth for this Society. The result has been magnificent. All credit goes to members of the cast. I wish the Society every success and happiness for the future."