

FINE PERFORMANCE BY AMATEURS

"The New Country School Ma'm" a comedy-drama in four acts, was presented to a packed house in the school-room of the Queen Square Methodist church last evening by the members of the Epworth League of the church. The performance was a finished one and delighted the large audience. Home-made candy was sold by a committee of young ladies. The proceeds will be applied to the missionary fund.

Mrs. Cecil Mercereau, in the leading role of the school mistress, gave an excellent rendition of the role. She was ably assisted by the following players:

Miss Grace Robertson and Cecil Mercereau, as Ma and Pa Sneedley, the genial farmer folk with whom the teacher came to live; Miss Eleanor Cline, as Maria Jane, their daughter; Bert Hughes, as Ike, their son; McArthur Morgan, as Gideon Longface, the dry old school trustee; Leslie Bewick, at the minister; Mrs. McArthur Morgan, as Bersheba Buck, a very funny character; Miss E. Welsford, as Mary Brown, Ike's best girl; Alfred Stephenson, as James Hughson, a gentleman farmer; Miss Helen Smallie, as Mrs. Crisp, and Donald Blair, as her son, Tommy; Miss Margaret Gilmore and Miss Nellie McCavour, as Maybell Primrose and Birdie Walker, both with an eye on Ike. The play will be repeated this evening.

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LOSE ONLY SON BY DROWNING

Under particularly sad circumstances, Mr. and Mrs. William McFarlane, formerly of this city but now residing at Temiskaming (Que.), lost their only son, Wesley John, aged six years, on Monday, April 18. They are now in the city on a short visit.

Near their home excavations for the basement of a new hotel had been completed and the hole was filled with water. The young lad while playing in the vicinity apparently fell in and was drowned. He had failed to return to his home at the usual time and a party was organized to search for him. Two hours after the hunt commenced his body was found by the chief of police and two of his associates in the water. There was nobody in the vicinity of the scene when the accident occurred. The little boy was a bright little chap and naturally his parents were very much affected by the distressing occurrence, particularly on account of the fact that he was the only child. The sympathy of their many friends here will be extended to them in their bereavement. The body was taken to Montreal on Wednesday and laid to rest in the Mount Royal cemetery.

Mr. McFarlane was formerly an employee of the New Brunswick Power Company here and moved to Temiskaming about a year ago.

THE ITALIAN DISTURBANCES.

(Montreal Herald.)

The Communists of Italy, disciples of the Third Internationale, and the Fascist—the militant Nationalists—are engaged in fierce fighting. The conflict was precipitated by the expulsion of the Communists from the Italian Socialist party at the Leghorn conference. Then the Communists reorganized on the basis of the Third Internationale, which advises revolution by force. With the aid of certain extreme labor unions they have called general strikes and attempted to stir up disturbances in the great centres of industry.

In the present outbreaks, marked by loss of life, the government preserves an attitude of neutrality, but by dissolving the chamber of deputies and bringing on a general election May 15, it has practically referred the situation to the people at the polls. It is understood that their sympathies are with the Fascists whose avowed intention is to free Italy from revolutionists.

The new Italian ambassador to the United States, Signor Rolando-Ricci, made the statement in Boston a few days ago that it is expected the elections will result in a chamber of deputies in which representatives of extreme tendencies will be diminished in number, and the ranks increased of the middle party which associates the cause of law and order with improved social conditions.

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MINSTREL SHOW IN AID OF ROTHESAY COMMUNITY CLUB

Under the auspices of the Rotheray Community Club, an entertaining programme containing some unusual features was presented in Rotheray last evening, in aid of the rink fund.

The first part of the programme presented a scene in a theatrical booking office, in which various applicants for positions in a minstrel troupe perform, to show their stage qualifications. In this part of the programme those who took part were: Misses Gilles, Hevenor, Green and Henderson and Messrs. Simms, McArthur, Dobbin, Green, Dykeman and W. Dooe.

The second part of the entertainment was furnished by a minstrel circle composed of those who had appeared in the first part, with Richard Dooe as inter-locutor and Thomas Stack and Richard Starr as end men. Solos were sung by Miss Hevenor and Messrs. Simms, Dobbin, Dykeman, Starr and Stack. During the evening, also, a reading was given by Miss Purdy, in a Dominican costume which she had brought from the West Indies.

Much of the success of the entertainment was due to the training of Mrs. Campbell who had conducted the rehearsals of the music. Last evening, Mr. Heans was at the piano and the orchestra of the Rotheray Collegiate school furnished music before the performance and during the intermission.

The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Pugsley were among those present last evening.

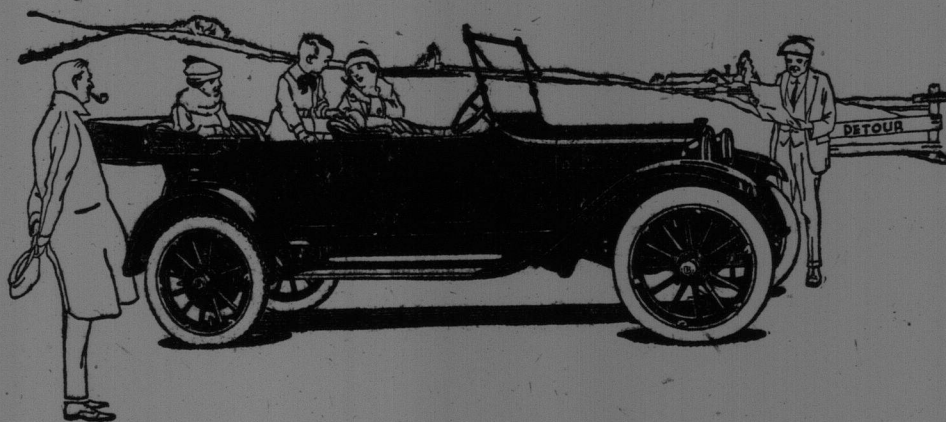
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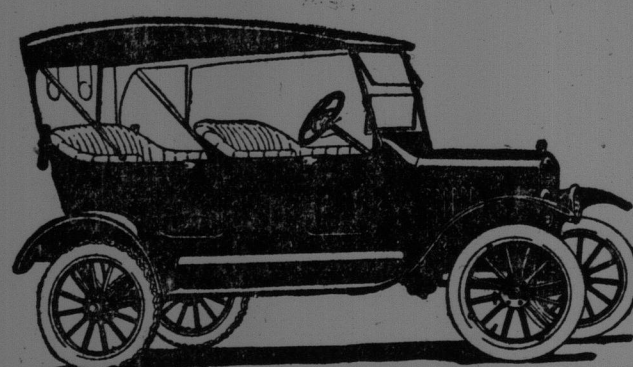
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