

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS

At the Princess

Maude Adams in "Chanticleer." Opinions may differ as to the success of the individual impersonations, but there can be little disagreement as to the entire success of the performance as a whole at the Princess last night, when Edmond Rossam's play, "Chanticleer," was presented for the first time to the Toronto audience. There is some naive magical quality of nature in the play, as a whole, as a whole, as a whole...

At the Royal Alexandra

"With Edged Tools." Few dramatized novels repeat the success of their originals. That, no doubt, is due in part to the differing conditions to which the drama and the novel must conform. But in the case of "With Edged Tools," presented at the Royal Alexandra last night before a crowded audience, the improbability was very successfully overcome. That is largely due to the nature of Mr. Henry Seton Merriman's novel, which lends itself easily to dramatic treatment. A story combining romantic episodes and clever dialog can easily be placed on the stage with even more than its first appeal.

Many can play with edged tools to their own detriment, but in this case the plot turns on the girl without a heart. Out for her own advantage in life and carrying on numerous flirtations, she first engages herself to the son of a wealthy baronet and immediately thereafter to a man who has made his fortune in South Africa. Chance throws the two together in a quest for a marvelous plant named "sunias," which takes them into the wilds of tropical Africa. Hence all the episodes which in these particular acts keep the audience in a constant thrill of excitement.

Were the play criticized from a strict standpoint, it shows might be picked in its development. But that is after all, a defect in the vast majority of dramatized novels. From the modern standpoint it is sufficient if the interest at first aroused is carried continuously thru the stage presentation. And certainly on that score no fault can be found with the production at the Royal Alexandra. It certainly kept the audience who followed the course of the story with that undivided, and therefore the best, attention, which only really dramatic situations could give. A girl skilled in flirtation, who first engages herself in a moment of genuine feeling, to a lover whose nature, and immediately afterwards to another admirer of strong personality. Throw the two men together, thru the intervention of the villain of the play, lead up to the meeting of the hero with his real affinity and rectify everything in the last act and there is the plot of "With Edged Tools." Unveil the duplicity of the flirt and replace her with the real love of the hero for the girl whose father was killed by a man, and there is the plot and denouement of the play.

At the Grand

"The Rosary." "The Rosary," an effective drama which was first seen here at the Grand last season, opened a return engagement at that popular playhouse last night. The piece, from the pen of Edward E. Rose, seems to be as popular in its appeal as ever, for a large audience followed the development of the story with manifest interest and approval. The production this season maintains a high standard and the acting of the several members of the cast is of marked power and sincerity.

Harrington Reynolds heads the present cast as "Father Brian Kelly." Mr. Reynolds makes the priest a thoroughly lovable old gentleman, Irish to the marrow of his bones and honest and kind to the depths of his heart. A resonant voice of considerable strength is this actor's most engaging quality, and to this he adds an easy stage bearing and an acute sense of proportion and emphasis. The rest of the cast are able and give a splendid performance. Edwin Vall plays the part of Bruce Wilton, and Eleanor Knight the dual role of Mrs. Wilton and her sister, Alice Marsh. Billy Champ furnishes most of the humor of the piece as "Skeeters Martin," and he is assisted by Duane Lee as "Lesure Watkins." Mabel Howard is the niece of Father Kelly (Kathleen O'Connor). Edgar Murray is the Charley Harrow of the play, and Walter Fenner appears as the shadow of evil in the play "Kenward Wright."

"The Rosary" will play to large audiences this week, judging by the enthusiastic display last evening. The regular matinees will be given on Wednesday and Saturday.

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SERIOUS BLUNDER IN BUILDING OF SCHOOLS

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Trustee Fairbairn also favors the plan mentioned in The World recently, of employing an inspector of caretakers and school grounds, who will be empowered to employ and dismiss men. In this manner he hopes to relieve Mr. Bishop of a great deal of work, and give him more time to devote to other important matters. It is very likely that the board of education will adopt a standard plan for future school buildings, so that fittings may be made to pattern in order that construction may not be delayed thru lack of material.

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