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J. W. White is in Toronto on business.

Harry Serling is spending the day in Detroit.

Wm. Lapp, of Lorne avenue, is in Strathroy to-day.

H. Macdonald was in Detroit yesterday on business.

M. Campbell was in Detroit yesterday on business.

G. W. Sulman was in Detroit yesterday on business.

A. B. Caracollen, of Wallaceburg, was a city visitor yesterday.

Mrs. J. O'Keefe is spending a few days with friends in Toronto.

Ed. Morrell, of the G. T. R., is confined to his home through illness.

Wm. Graham, of Kent Bridge, was in the city yesterday on business.

James Dunlop, the young son of J. P. Dunlop, is confined to his bed through illness.

Roy Johns has returned to his home on Lacroix street after an extended visit in Guelph.

Steve Mulachern, who has been for some time in W. N. W. returned to his home in Raleigh yesterday.

A number of young people from the city attended the assembly in the Blenheim Opera House last evening.

Cooking Sale and Chrysanthemum Show, Crump's Old Store, by Christ Church Senior Guild, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9th and 10th.

Mrs. (Reg.) J. M. Nicol, of Wallaceburg, returned to her home last night after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Coitart, William street.

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THE CHILDREN'S DRAMA

The concert given last evening by the pupils of the Separate School, was indeed a most enjoyable event. Every number on the program was faultlessly rendered, and excellent order prevailed from start to finish. There was not a single hitch in the entire performance, and the concert was pronounced by an enthusiastic audience as the best that ever took place in St. Joseph's Hall.

The drama, "Through Fires of Sorrow," was an entrancingly interesting feature of the occasion, and all who took part therein deserve high praise. The manner in which they succeeded in working on the feelings of the audience and calling forth tears or laughter, according to the sentiment expressed, evinced true artistic ability and careful training. So well did little Mary McDonald personate the innocent little maiden cruelly and unjustly driven from her home, that hearts were touched and eyes were wet as though the spectators were witnessing a scene in real life.

Little Blanche Taylor, as Sally Ann Tompkins, was inimitable. So true to life was her acting that it was remarked by many that she could, if she would, make a fortune as a little Arab. She excited much laughter as did also Aunt Betsey (Irene Jacques) and the good-hearted policeman (Will Egan).

Did time and space permit, all would receive special mention, as all acted their parts more than well. The little tots in the Song of the Handkerchief and The Trades' Drill were very entertaining. The Dress Drill was a charming sight, and the perfect harmony of movement of the little girls elicited much admiration.

The Salutatory was given as by an eloquentist by the Gold Medallist of the evening, Charles O'Gorman, and the instrumental solos by Blanche Taylor and James Dunn were splendidly rendered by the youthful pianists, as was also the pretty, evincing duet by Terrence and Bertrand Robert.

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