

MODJESKA HAS-BEEN.

Audience Laughs During Sleep Walking Scene in Macbeth.

OTHER HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS.

As usual on a holiday, the Grand Opera House had large audiences yesterday. Modjeska was the attraction, and, assisted by a fairly competent company, she presented Schiller's historical drama, "Mary Stuart," in the afternoon, and in the evening "Macbeth." Abundant evidence was offered by both performances that the star has long passed her starring days, and her audiences yesterday were quick to recognize that fact. Unlike the great Bernhardt, Helena Modjeska has not gained in ability with the passing of the years, but their passage has made a marked depreciation in not only her looks, but also in her stage methods. A season of one-night stands is also showing in no uncertain way that the once clever actress has fallen upon evil days, as no time last evening did her audience enthuse over her "Lady Macbeth," but on the other hand the performance was marred by a wave of laughter which swept over the upper part of the house during the famous sleep-walking scene. So persistent was the hilarity of a section of the audience that the star was forced out into the moonlight, and the merriment which had made such havoc of the piece soon gave way, however, to enthusiastic applause for the occupants of the stage, and she refused to bow her thanks, but repeated to continue the scene. The incident was a somewhat painful one, but as a rule, however, audiences are not partial to tragedy, unless it is of the tank drama type.

Mr. R. D. McLean made up the whole an admirable Macbeth, his fine stage presence and capital voice contributing much to this desirable end. Mr. Barry Johnston, who, by the way, is a Canadian who has won some laurels across the line, played Macduff, and was very effective in the part. Mr. Slight Modjeska was more pleasing, and Mr. A. M. Mason played the role of Elizabeth. Both plays were well staged and the costuming good.

Sergeants' Mess Concert.

The annual concert of the Sergeants' mess of the 10th Regiment in the Drill Hall last night was quite a success. Nearly 2,000 people were present and a capital programme was rendered. Miss Theresa Rowley, of Toronto, was the soloist, and she made a very favorable impression. The programme included a song by Miss Rowley, "The Soldier's Song," and "The Queen's Volunteers," and "The Daughter of the Regiment," and she was escorted both times. The mess quartet, consisting of Messrs. Woodcock, Skedden, Hayles, and W. D. Crawford, made quite a hit and were recalled. As an encore to "The Village Song" they rendered "Good-night, Good-night," and "The Soldier's Song," which they gave the programme number again. The band of the regiment played their selections and received two encores. Mr. A. M. Mason played the accompaniment.

"A Gold Brick" Show.

The Female Drummer, who held the boards at the Grand Opera House on Monday night, handled gold bricks and green goods. She carried a pretty full line. The features of the show were vulgar and vulgar. Some of the songs were very good, and the latter were very good. There was a good-sized audience present.

The Darktown Swells.

The Darktown Swells Co. played to good business in the Star Theatre yesterday afternoon. The performance was highly satisfactory. The only flat act being given by two white members of the company. Some real songs were sung in the first act. "An Evening in the Parlor," which closes with "The Honorable Dance." The play, musical comedies, were given a good reception, and Cecil and Mavis brought down the house.

Winston Churchill.

The sale of seats began this morning for Mr. Winston Churchill's lecture "The War as I Saw It," to be given in the Grand on Friday night. Owing to certain misunderstandings about a sentimental than of a manly character, Mr. Churchill and his American agent, the people of Canada may have received a wrong impression of the brilliant young warrior and writer who is now visiting the country. Mr. Churchill was prevented from delivering his lecture only, that in the city of Toronto, he sought to make his point by paying a lecture, and gives his lecture entirely gratuitously in Brantford to-morrow evening, and he has arranged that his share of the proceeds should be devoted to the Brantford Memorial Fund.

Notes.

"Arizona," to be presented at the Grand next Monday, is a conspicuous novelty in the way of stage literature. Mr. Thomas has taken the range of the southwest, Uncle Sam's vaivaymen, the neighboring and erudite Mexican, and a bland silent-tongued Chinese servant, for the folk who unwind the skin of as pretty and dainty a romance as has ever been written by an American author. In selecting the artists who are to impersonate these peculiar characters, Mr. Thomas has chosen individuals for their peculiar adaptability to the roles to be invested. Seats will be on sale Friday morning. "Sis Hopkins" will be seen at the Grand Tuesday next.

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HAD MANY VISITORS.

Non-Coms. of the Artillery Held a Reception.

Yesterday afternoon the sergeants' mess of the Fourth Field Battery were at home to the friends at their quarters in the Drill Hall, and from 3 to 6 o'clock entertained over two hundred visitors. It was the first affair of the kind the non-coms. of the artillery have held, and it proved a great success. The mess room was well supplied with refreshments, and a gratifying feature of the afternoon was the large number of old members of the battery who put in an appearance. Many of the non-coms. of the Thirtieth Regiment and several of the infantry officers also called to tender New Year's greetings to their comrades of the big guns. The guests were received by Sgt.-Major McDonald, assisted by Quartermaster Sgt. Homer Farley, Sgt. Small, Quartermaster-Sgt. Farley, Provost-Sgt. Shaw, Sgt. Matthews, Warren and Stacey.

The non-coms. of the battery are doing yeoman service in making the artillery branch of the local militia popular among young men, and the large representation from the corps in the Drill Hall, and the large number of real soldiers.

HOGMANAY "AT HOME."

Sons of Scotland Dance Out the Old and in the New.

BIG CROWD AT THE ARCADE.

The twentieth century Hogmanay "at home," held in the Arcade Hall on New Year's eve by Camp Hamilton, No. 21, Sons of Scotland, was a record breaker. Perhaps it was the largest assembly of the kind ever held in that hall, and it was a distinctly Scottish crowd. There were very few of any other nationality present. Not only so, but the bulk of the Scotch, the artists were Scotch, the refreshments were Scotch, the dances were Scotch and it was altogether a Scotch night.

The hall was prettily decorated, and the floor was a large yellow flag, with a lion rampant emblazoned upon it that looked suspiciously like Mr. Frank G. Bruce's pet animal. These motives were around the walls, "May ye Spair Aon a Hignamy With Sons of Scotland," "The Sons of Scotland Greet the 20th Century," "A Guid New Year to ye," "We'll Hae Naught But Heilan Bonnets Here," and "Welcome to Our Hogmanay." Chief Geo. Matheson occupied the chair. The programme was opened with the singing of "The Lord of Tulloch" by Wm. Hendrie, J. Fotheringham, G. Matheson and W. Drever. This was followed by a song by Mr. G. Davenport, a recitation by Miss Macdonald and a song by Miss Lee, who received and responded to an encore. Misses Pearl and May Campbell danced some Triubins and these, too, with Miss Aggie, danced an encore. Misses Pearl, May Campbell and Miss Aggie, danced an encore. Misses Pearl and May Campbell danced some Triubins and these, too, with Miss Aggie, danced an encore.

At the close of this part of the programme coffee, cake and other refreshments were served to all.

The floor was then cleared, and the clapsmen with their wives and sweethearts danced out the old and in the new year and century. There were sixty couples in the grand march, with lots more looking on. Mr. John Fotheringham was master of ceremonies.

The committee responsible for the affair was Geo. Matheson, W. Davenport, Geo. H. Milne, Robert Lyall, Miss Milne, Capt. Hendrie, Peter Betram, and Ashmore. The ladies who assisted were Mesdames Milne, Phillips, Davenport, McGregor, McTavish, Robertson, Betram and Miss Milne and Miss McGregor. Camp Hamilton is to be congratulated on the success of the affair.

AN ANTI-TREATING LEAGUE.

Local Business Men Talk of Forming One.

Being impressed with the opinion expressed by the Crown Attorney, in his contribution to the Times' symposium regarding the evils of the liquor habit, three prominent business men entered a downtown hotel together Monday and called for drinks. To the astonishment of the proprietor each paid for his own drink and the proprietor was called upon to change a \$10, \$5 and \$1 bill to get his money for the drinks. Thereupon he became suspicious of his customers and insisted that they were perpetrating a practical joke on him in order to deplete his till of his cash.

The customers explained that they were in on the anti-treating platform, however, and also that they proposed to secure the co-operation of many friends in the formation of an anti-treating league here.

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SERVICES IN MANY CHURCHES.

Many thousands of people spent the closing moments of the nineteenth century and the opening of the twentieth in the worship of God in the various churches of Hamilton. There were watch-night services in most of the Protestant churches, and midnight mass in St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Church. Special interest attached to the service in Central Presbyterian Church, to the one in Christ Church Cathedral, where Bishop DuMoulin delivered a discourse, to the one in the Church of Ascension on account of the new year being the jubilee year of the church, to the mass in St. Mary's Cathedral where Bishop Dowling presided, and to the congregation of Scotch pious people, who in their own special interest in the service in their own church.

Christ Church Cathedral was filled.

Bishop DuMoulin was assisted by Rev. Canon Biard, rector, and Rev. Canon Forrester. The tolling of the bell and the earnest prayer of the Bishop marked the death of the century.

So large was the crowd at St. Mary's Cathedral that many had to stand.

The service began at the midnight hour, but long before that time all the seats were filled. Rev. Mr. Mahoney and the choir of the parish assisted Bishop Dowling, who gave an earnest address, and the music was sublime.

At St. Patrick's Church there was also a very full house and an impressive service.

Rev. Father Doyle sang the mass, and the full choir sang the Christmas music splendidly. Rev. Father Coy gave the address, a very appropriate one, and at the close the choir and congregation joined in singing the century thanksgiving hymn, "Holy God, we Praise Thy Name."

Church of Ascension congregation turned out in large numbers and had a good meeting.

The rector, Rev. Canon Wade, was assisted by Rev. E. H. Howitt, and Rev. Jos. Fennell. There were 281 to take the communion. The choir was present and the music was excellent.

At St. Thomas' Church the service was most touching.

Rev. C. J. James, who recently suffered the loss and bereavement of the loss of his wife, was deeply moved, and his feelings were reflected upon the large congregation. The music was very good.

James Street Baptist Church people had a series of meetings on Monday night.

At 9:45 the young people had a meeting in the basement, and at 10:45 a song service was held in the same place with Mr. Jas. Somerville in the chair, followed by devotions led by Mr. Harold Copp. At 11:15 a public meeting was held in the church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Gilmore. The closing minutes of the old year were spent in prayer, and the new century was begun with songs of praise.

At Centenary Church Rev. G. F. Salton conducted a well attended service.

Wesley Church service was largely attended. Rev. W. F. Wilson, the pastor presiding, and giving an address. Rev. J. K. Unsworth, of First Congregational Church, and several of the prominent members of the church also spoke.

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BRIGHT NEW YEAR'S CALLERS.

Zion Sunday School's Annual Visit to the Girls' Home.

For several years past the little folks of Zion Tabernacle Sunday School have made a visit to the Girls' Home an important item in their celebration of New Year's Day, and as they always take with them a goodly supply of candy, fruit and picture cards, they are always sure of a warm welcome from the fatherless and motherless inmates of the big institution. Yesterday the turnout of the Sunday school children was unusually large, and as soon as the Home they proceeded to fraternize with the scores of children under Matron Tennant's charge, in the true holiday spirit.

Rev. T. Albert Moore and Mr. W. J. Kerr, the veteran superintendent of the school, were with the visitors, and contributed short, cheery addresses to the morning's proceedings.

Choruses by the school and by the children of the Home added to the brightness of the programme, which concluded with the presentation of the cash surplus of the Sunday school collection, taken up for the purchase of the candy, oranges, etc., to Mrs. Tennant for the funds of the Home. Included in this purse was the receipt of a collection taken up in Kerr & Coombe's factory.

A Word or Two to Hamilton in Sight of the Two Centuries.

Dear happy home of happy hearts, I wish you a New Year O'erflowing with what'er imparts Prosperity and cheer.

Not only one new year, but tens of years that gleam and glow—With all the joy poetic pens Can paint, or skies bestow.

A hundred years ago where was the city now we see?

Not even in memory, because "Bright boys" had then to be—Bright boys like Brown, Buchanan, Hope, Wood, Williams, Hendrie, framed With patriotic power to cope With all for which we're famed.

Great Gurney, Gilson and "the Johns."

The Turnetts and the Turners, MacInnes, Sanford—Janitas done—And other brilliant burners, All shine in memory or maid: The monuments by which We recognize how much they did To make us great and rich.

With pride we view the past and what Our mighty men have done To render it a better fat And famous round the cap.

Let now the blissful bard survey The dust for Nineteen One—Nay, rather, for the century gay, Which has to-day begun.

He sees success and joy ahead For Hamilton, unmatched By either what's alive or dead Or ought that head has hatched. Before the century new expires A million martyrdoms Shall gather gaily round the fires That warm the city then.

The city's commerce, now not small, Shall then extend around Not only this wide world, but all Creation framed or found.

Enough: nor had nor prophet can Exaggerate the grand And glorious prospects that we scan For us and for our land.

But citizens, remember this, As proudly you press: That nought gives lasting wealth or bliss But God's own righteousness.

Revealed and ruling in the realm, In township and in town, Controlling him who holds the helm As well's the calmest clown. So, let us in this great "True North" With confidence proceed To win whatever wealth or worth Is wealth or worth indeed; And Canada, with Hamilton, Mid joy and jubilation, Shall hold its own till Time has flown To crush or crown creation.

Nothing can constitute good breeding that has not good nature for its foundation.—Bulwer.

The word which has once escaped can never be recalled.—Horace.

NEW YEAR'S S. S. RALLY.

Methodist Children Gathered at Centenary Yesterday.

BRIGHT SPEECHES AND MUSIC.

Yesterday morning the children of the Centenary Sunday School of the city held a mass meeting in Centenary Church to celebrate the advent of the new year. The attendance was large and the proceedings proved very interesting. Mr. W. W. Main, Superintendent of Simcoe Street Sunday School, acted as Chairman, and on the platform with him were met of the Methodist ministers of the city and superintendents of the schools. The musical portion of the service was led by a massed choir, under the leadership of Mr. H. S. Martin, and songs were sung by Miss Clara Carey and Mr. George Robinson.

In his opening address the Chairman spoke of the success of his own school during the year just closed and dwelt on the necessity for earnest effort by officers and teachers, assuring them that such could not fail to be rewarded with large and successful classes.

Brief reports of the work of the year were given by Mr. Jos. Greene for Centenary; Mr. H. A. Martin, for Wesley; Mr. W. J. Kerr, Zion; Thos. Morris, Jun. for First Methodist; J. H. Piper, for Hannah; Thos. Lovejoy, for Emerald; and E. M. Furniss, for Gore Street Sunday School.

Rev. T. Albert Moore followed with a brief address on the subject of the Sunday School of the 19th Century, in the course of which he referred to the commencement of the Sunday School movement about 1780, by a philanthropist who desired to benefit street waifs, and the speaker described the wonderful strides made by the movement in this century. In 1800 there were less than 100 Sunday Schools in North America, and now the number had not only grown up into the thousands, but the Church of Christ as a whole had come to recognize the great power for good wielded by the Sunday School, a delightful change from the feeling of antagonism which existed in many churches a few years ago.

Rev. W. F. Wilson spoke on "The Sunday School of the 20th Century." The greatest work of the new century would be the salvation of the children, because it would be by saving the little ones that the usefulness of the fall would depart and all the nations of the world be made Christian in the truest sense of the word. Sunday School work would, in the speaker's opinion, be given a very important place in the scheme of church work during the century; that Sunday Schools would be made attractive and their officers and teachers would be among the most intelligent and best trained of Christian workers. The Sunday School would receive more sympathy and co-operation from the clergy and also from the home.

Rev. Mr. Parr, Rev. Mr. Jackson and Rev. Dr. Clark assisted in the rally.

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