

The Play's the Thing

The "Circus Girl," which has made such a decided hit in London and New York during the past season, opened a three nights' engagement at the Grand Monday evening before a crowded house. It is quite easy to see why this piece has obtained the great popularity that it has enjoyed ever since its first appearance at Daly's in New York last season. The novelty of the situations afford abundance of scope for the introduction of lively specialties of various kinds, and the many clever people in the cast do justice to every bit of work they have to do. Mr. Thos. Ricketts, as Sir Titus Wemyss, an old English beau on a lark in Paris, did exceedingly clever work, and shared the applause of the evening with Mr. Charles Danky, who elicited the full sympathy of the audience in his wrestling match with "The Terrible Turk" at the Circus. The girls are universally pretty and sing well, especially in the choruses. Miss Minnie Ashley, as Dora, possesses a voice of marvellous sweetness and a charm of manner that one does not often see. Her pantomime work, representing the circus performers, in the first act, and her cute little song, "Just a little bit of string," pleased the audience exceedingly. In fact, she was compelled to respond again and again to encores, which is a very significant proof that she has made a hit in Toronto. The company throughout is good, the music is bright, the costumes and scenery elaborate, and, altogether, the "Circus Girl" is a well worth calling on if one likes to see a good thing.

The production of "My Partner" at the Princess this week is undoubtedly the strongest piece put on at that theatre this season. The play itself is one which abounds in real dramatic interest and has ever been considered the best work of the author, Bartley Campbell. But, besides this, the company this week is exceedingly well cast. Mr. Wright Huntington, who has only been seen in lighter rôles since his connection with the Cummings' Company, has an opportunity as Joe Saunders to display some serious and emotional work that proved quite a revelation to the patrons of that theatre. The scene in which the partners quarrel and separate is one of the best bits of acting seen at the Princess for some time. Mr. Glazier's work here as Ned Singleton, and indeed, throughout the play, contains that pleasing earnestness which characterizes all his acting. Mr. McCullum as the Major has a part that is well suited for him, and Barry O'Neil is seen to good advantage as the villain, Scraggs. Miss Browning is at her best as Mary, the heroine. This is really the first opportunity this talented young actress has had to show her versatility, and her work this week is sure to win her many more admirers. The balance of the cast, Miss Kingsley as Grace, Mr. Shumer as the Chinaman and Mr. Pembroke as Matthew Brandon, aid materially in the success of the production.

The appearance of the Jefferson Company at the Grand, in Rip Van Winkle, the last three nights of this week will doubtless prove a most interesting event for the theatre-going public of Toronto. Since this charming comedy has not been presented in this city within the last four years it is quite likely that there are few students who have enjoyed the singular pleasure of seeing it. And while few have seen the play there are still fewer who are not acquainted with the delightful legend upon which the piece is founded.

It is now some years since "Rip" was first introduced to the American people by Joseph Jefferson, and that he is just as popular today as ever is proven by the fact that the American people will not allow Mr. Jefferson, to give the charming old fellow a rest for even one season. In the production this week appear the three sons of Mr. Jefferson and according to press notices from the East, the cast is an unusually strong one.

Stuart Robson appears at the Grand the first three nights of next week in "The Meddler." This will doubtless be one of the best things of the year.

Miss Bertha Creighton, who was with the Cummings Company last year, is now playing Roxane in a western production of Cyrano de Bergerac.

The Tournament between the Athenæum and the University Chess Clubs commenced last Saturday evening. The official bulletin announces that up to date the score stands 6 to 5 in favor of Varsity. The Tournament with the Y.M.C.A. commenced Tuesday, the 17th inst., while the Open Tournament began upon the preceding day.

Thursday of last week Rev. Wm. Patterson spoke acceptably to the boys on "The Rich Young Ruler." Mr. Patterson is a great favorite with the boys and will always receive a hearty welcome at Trinity. Mr. Newsom, '00, sang "The Star of Bethlehem." We congratulate ourselves in having Mr. Newsom as a fellow-student.

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HOCKEY SEASON OPENED

Varsity Defeats Wellingtons 11 to 4—Lifts From the Game

The first game in the O. H. A. series was played Friday night against the Senior Wellingtons before a crowd of interested spectators. The T. R. C. and Waterloo Match and the Mock Parliament proved a stronger attraction to many. In the game Varsity sprang a surprise upon the Wellingtons, as well as upon their most sanguine supporters. The ice was all that could be desired throughout the whole game. The good condition of the ice in such mild weather was beyond all expectation. Those who were present agreed to a man that it was speedy, clean, gilt-edged hockey, properly so called. There were no delays to keep the interest of the spectators from being most intense. The game throughout was characterized by gentlemanly playing, and there was no need for the ambulance. The decisions of the referee gave the utmost satisfaction, as was evidenced by the absence of any obstreperous kicking, which is a too frequent accompaniment to Senior league Matches. The Wellingtons entered the field a little overconfident of victory, while the Varsity boys were determined to struggle and to keep down the score of the Duke's men.

Sharp at 8.30 the referee blew his whistle and the teams lined up as follows: Varsity.—Goal, Walkie; Point, McKenzie; Cover-point, Darling; Forwards, Shepard, Snell, (captain), Broder and Isbester.

Referee, Brown; Time-keepers, Parry and Olcott.

Wellingtons.—Goal, Loudon; Point, Smart; Cover-point, Morison; Forwards, Weller, Chadwick, Donaldson and Hill. Both teams in the first half entered into the game with a dash and spirit that gave the couple of hundred of spectators an opportunity of witnessing hockey of the fastest and cleanest kind. The playing of both teams in this half was brilliant, excellent combinations being worked by the forwards, and the stick-handling was clever. When the referee's whistle blew for half-time, Varsity had notched three goals and the Wellingtons one.

In the second half Varsity's supporters were afraid their lack of practice and training would be in evidence, but were agreeably surprised to find that they not only kept up the pace, but even improved upon it. The clock-work combination of the forwards and the stone wall defence of the backs were especially noticeable. The Wellingtons, however, of whom so much was expected in the second half, on account of their season's training and their many years of play together, displayed a marked falling off. Snell and Shep worked the combination superbly, and were ably assisted by Broder, the "find," and Isbester. The Duke's men seemed to lose heart and hope and were "tuckered out" by the fast pace they were compelled to keep up. Occasionally they regained their spirits and made some brilliant rushes, which were rendered ineffectual by the magnificent work of Darling and Mackenzie, supplemented by the alert eye of Bob Walkie.

The defence work of Smart and Morison for the Wellingtons was good, while that of Loudon in goal was all that could be expected. But this, their first appearance in the senior league, demonstrated that the company was too fast for them. The winning shots were:—Broder 4, Snell 3, Shepard 3, Isbester 1, Hill 2, and Chadwick 1.

A FEW LIFTS

Varsity's prospects for the championship were never brighter. Every man seems fitted for his place.

Age never touches "Shep." His speed was never faster, and was equal to any exhibited in the city.

Snell is even in better trim than last season. His quickness in stick handling is Herman-like.

Broder, the find, is a Morrisburg boy, and as good as any they turn out from that hockey factory.

"Isie" carries his weight well, after the game he pulled in his belt six pegs. What will he be like at the end of the season?

Darling, an old U.C.C. boy, had a smile of grim satisfaction when the game was finished.

The question of what would happen when an irresistible force met an unmovable body, was solved by Referee Brown. MacKenzie and Donaldson were sent to the boards.

A game is being arranged with the Peterboro team for Wednesday, to take place at Peterboro.

There is talk of a game between the T.R.C. and Varsity. This ought to draw a large crowd and give a great deal of excitement.

The return match with the Wellingtons is likely to come off Friday at the Mutual St. rink.

Three of the team which played the Wellingtons are freshmen. '02 will have a strong team in the Jennings' series.

The soft weather has delayed the games in the Jennings' series. All applications for ice and entrance into the series are requested to be sent in without delay, in order to arrange the schedule at once.

The second team is likely to be a strong one also, and has a game at an early date.

All who play or ever did play hockey are requested to turn out to give the boys a practice.

VARSITY'S SKATING RINK

The Weather Has Been Unfavorable So Far—Arrangements for Evening Skating

It would seem that the fact that Prof. Wiggins has resigned his position as Prognosticator Extraordinary to the Dominion Government, accounts in some measure for the perverse fate which seems to be relentlessly pursuing the promoters of the skating rink. The Hockey Club, undaunted by the ill success of the rink of two years ago have energetically taken the matter into hand and have carried through the arrangements in a manner which only the weather prevents from being ideal. Messrs. R. Y. Parry and Harry Gooderham devoted the major part of their Christmas vacation to superintending the building and flooding of the two rinks which at present make such a picturesque appearance on the rear campus. They are not at all discouraged, however, and have every hope that, when the weather decides to behave itself, the success of the rink is assured. It is understood that the rinks afford more skating space than any in the city, owing to their length and the fact that it is possible to join the two into one. The hockey club has appointed a genial caretaker to look after the comfort of the patrons of the rink, as well as the palatial appointments of their "commodious club houses."

Arrangements are being made with the Toronto Electric Light Company for a supply of electric light's, which will be put in at once, and thus add considerably to the pleasure of evening skating. Benches will also be placed around the rink for the accommodation of the skaters. The price of season tickets has been fixed at one dollar, and of single admission, ten cents, a figure which is so low as to be almost nominal. These can be secured at the Gymnasium between the hours of 11 and 1 a. m. and 4 and 6 p. m., or from the janitor at the main building. Situated as it is within easy reach of the colleges, the rink should be well patronized during the spare hours between lectures, as well as in the afternoons and evenings.

The Hockey Club deserves the hearty co-operation and support of all in their enterprise, and the rink, so soon as the weather permits, ought to be crowded with skaters.

TRINITY MEDS

The term so far has not been marked by any startling events, for it takes more time than this for the most of us to catch up in the sleep record the amount of time lost during the Christmas holidays. Some of the boys are not caught up yet, for Purvis, '09, leans harder on his post than ever, and Giles Collison yawns prodigiously.

The week has been one of reunion and handshaking, each day seeing new seats filled up and old faces back again, most of us have had a very pleasant vacation, and as one looks out upon the healthy countenances of all, the solution of the problem concerning the amount of turkey and plum-pudding lost to human sight during the last three weeks becomes impossible. Christ-mas-tide brings good cheer to most men, and no one enjoys the festivities with all their well laden tables, more than our Meds, who promptly forget all of Dr. Forthingham's dietetics, trusting to their good digestive powers and the therapeutical measures one may so easily fall back upon.

The term has opened well, with a week of good lectures, and we all look forward to a prosperous session.

We also sympathize with Dr. Bingham, who has wrestled hard with "Madame la Grippe," and congratulate him on his victory. Yet we shall not be quite satisfied until the merry doctor fills the same space he used to, and exerts the same pressure on our platform as of yore.

Roy Thompson, '00, is playing a star game at hockey these days.

They say that Jimmy Moore, '99, couldn't have got back before Thursday even if he had wanted to,—but Jimmy says that's not right. Anyway the boys gave him an ovation.

Nelson Davey, '00, is spending these days in the big buildings in Queen's Park. Ontario is safe with Nelson at the helm.

We notice with regret the death of our friend Hiram Walker.

Alf. Scully, '99, has been toying with la grippe, too, and was badly bitten, but we rejoice that he is again able to lift his voice above the din and pipe his notes as only he can pipe them.

Ambrose Stanton, '99, had a hot time during his vacation. The biggest part of his native city went up in a great conflagration. Our president should be more careful where he throws his burnt matches.

George Burleigh, '00, missed his 9 o'clock lecture on Friday morning. George, you must go to bed earlier!

Tuesday night the Dean talks on Medical Education in Ontario at the Medical Society meeting.

Dr. W. T. Stuart is taking Prof. Kirkland's place on our staff, most acceptably.

We notice that J. J. Walker, '00, has lost that tired feeling which bothered him before Xmas.

Herbie Prust, '00, wanted at the Telephone.

"The wind did not blow through my whiskers."—John Adam, '00.

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A student of the Toronto Medical University, writes that he was among the few who received the highest honors at the holiday examinations.

No wonder George thinks this a wonderful first year. This young hopeful is evidently bent on doing his best to advertise the School (to say nothing about spreading his own fame). It will be another case of:

"And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew, That one small head could carry all he knew."

The boys, one and all, report a good holiday, and fortunately there is an almost unanimous report of failure to get any studying done. This is as it should be; holidays are meant for rest and change. There is lots of work to do now, and those who made proper use of their holidays are in good shape to do it. However, we were sorry to see Jack Campbell and Alex. Davies detained a week by la grippe, but pleased to know they are almost themselves again. "Rusty" Gordon was well when he returned, but last Thursday and Friday he complained of "pains all over." It was feared he would have to quit work and his friends feared results, thinking such a course would really be harder on him than grippe. But by the aid of quinine and seven mustard plasters the "pains" were conquered, and our friend is working harder than ever.

"Fitzpatrick" Coates has headed several unsuccessful trips to the General Hospital to get tickets signed up. But, like his friend Fitzsimmons, he is a determined fellow, so we predict that Medical Superintendent O'Reilly will soon be found in.

UNIVERSITY MEDS

The men of the second and first years are back in full force, with many good resolutions. Of course these are reasonable, but we fear they were made only to be broken—as usual.

"George," in replying to the presentation speech before Christmas, said amongst other things: "I will say this, you're second year men will have to work harder after the holidays or ye'll get plucked." Doubtless this remark went right home. If one may judge by the studious faces seen around the west wing these days, there is a general concurrence of opinion that "Life is real, life is earnest."

In a letter addressed to "The President of the Freshmen Year, Toronto Medical University," there was found this clipping from the Grafton (Ohio) News: