

The Play's the Thing

"In literature her intelligence does not go beyond love passages"—are the words used by Sardou in giving the late Fannie Davenport an idea of the character of La Tosca on the eve of the American production of this great drama. "She is a woman," continued the author, "always a woman—solely a woman, but a woman of that time, of that country, and not at all of your own country." This description of Floria Tosca prepares one for an unusual character, and a little knowledge of the social conditions of the eternal city at the dawn of the present century, will enable one to digest all the better the intensity of the dramatic force which Sardou has given us in his famous tragedy. As a genuine tragedy the presentation of La Tosca at the Grand this week, is assuredly the most artistic production that Toronto theatre goers have been favored with in a long time. Miss Blanche Walsh, who is little known in Toronto, interpreted Tosca and presented a conception of the role which, in a great many respects, equals that of Davenport. Her charming accent, her grace, her true dramatic force, proved at once a revelation and a delight to the audience on Monday evening. The scene in Mario's villa, in the third act, especially affords Miss Walsh ample opportunity to display her force and she does so in a manner which could scarcely be surpassed. MacDowell makes an excellent Scarpia. His work is artistic and finished. All the nice details in the character of the heartless chief of the Roman police are adroitly and at the same time forcibly brought out. The balance of the company is good.

The scenery is elaborate and the production altogether is one which has but few equals on the road at the present time. No student of French literature can afford to allow the week to pass without witnessing at least one of these productions of Sardou.

The "Wages of Sin," which is being presented at the Princess theatre this week, is a four-act melodrama of a very high order of merit. From the average student melodrama receives nothing but ridicule, a state of things which, while very deplorable, is what might be expected from the usual nature of such productions. We know very well that *chicote* of this species of dramatic entertainment is composed of individuals whose tastes lie at the opposite pole to those of College men. The "Wages of Sin," however, is well presented and will be appreciated by those who wish to see the unique spectacle of a melodrama whose incidents do not appeal continually and successfully to one's risibles, the remaining acts go to show how the wages of sin are earned and incidentally confirm the proverb that "The course of true love never runs smooth." In the end the villain is, of course, brought to book, while the curate and the fair Ruth join hands at last. Miss Florence Stone, as the heroine, sustains her part very creditably. Ralph Stuart, as the Rev. Geo. Brand, is quite up to his reputation, which is too well known to call attention here. Mr. Robt. Cummings, in the role of the villain, shows to far better advantage than he did last week in "Ours." The part which portrays a worthless and weak creature rather than a strong and resourceful scoundrel is cleverly sustained. Nettie Marshall as an incipient actress, and Miss Lillian Andrews as Jenima Bloggs, her mother, late of the "coal and tater business," contribute to the fun of the piece, while Mr. Thos Grady is as inspiring as ever in the mirth role of a cockney with sporting proclivities, who is forced "by hard luck" to become a very bungling "knight of the jimmy." The minor parts are in harmony with and sustain the more important roles and the result is a show which is well worth the sacrifice of an evening's "grind."

KNOX COLLEGE

Mr. E. Turkington is pursuing his theological course in the Presbyterian College of Montreal.

Knoxians are glad to learn that Mr. J. G. Cheyne, '02, is able to be "up again," and that he will probably be able to resume his work in a few days. Jim has had a hard time of it this year.

The programs just issued for the students' public missionary meeting to be held next Friday, 18th inst., promise a very successful evening. Rev. Mr. McNair, B.D., of Waterloo, will speak on "The World for Christ."

Messrs. W. J. Knox, M.A., and Hugh Moore, B.A., will hold up the banner for Knox in the intercollegiate debate against Victoria University on 9th of December.

Rev. Prin. Caven was appointed by the senate as their representative to the jubilee celebration in London, given in honor of Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, who has just completed his fiftieth year in the work of the ministry.

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The meeting of the Literary and Scientific Society, on Friday last, was most interesting. The discussion of business items brought out such men as S. E. Grigg, J. M. Cornwall and others, who showed no little skill in fiscal, political and constitutional matters. They proceeded to cut and define even to the splitting of a hair. The discussion turned upon motions relating to a reading-room and a semi-annual levy for the society, which were finally passed.

The first number on the program was a recitation by Miss Gile, '00, entitled "A Welsh Classic." The excellent manner in which the selection was rendered and the humor of the piece called for an encore. Mr. H. Bryant followed with a vocal solo, and was enthusiastically encored. Mr. Bryant possesses a rich and melodious voice, which is also clear and powerful and capable of a great range.

The most important event of the evening was a debate between Class '00 and Class '02, on the Social problem:—"Resolved, that the present unhappy condition of the working classes is due more to the employee than to the employer." Messrs. G. R. Welch and E. A. Brownlee represented Class '02, and Messrs. J. R. Coutts and A. J. Welch '00.

The affirmative admitted the present unhappy condition of the working classes and, considering all feelings of sentiment as foreign to the question, laid down two main arguments in justification of their position on the question: "They attempted to show that the employee was responsible for the causes of his own unhappiness mainly because of poverty, and moral and intellectual incapacity; moreover, this poverty was due to a lack of income caused by keen competition and not by any fault of the employee. The great number of women employees increased the great pool of unemployed workmen which was frequently used as a whip by unscrupulous employers. If the employee would raise his standard of life, his labor would demand more compensation. The second argument used was to the effect that employees have it in their power to remedy the causes of their unhappiness and that because they do not use it they are to blame. This argument was based on the ground that the causes of unhappiness could be removed by the judicious use of the ballot, trade unions, co-operation and profit sharing, and that these means could be utilized if the employee were not in many cases incapable of judicious action. Authorities economic, ethical and philosophical were appealed to in proof of all these statements in eloquent terms by both speakers.

The negative proceeded to annihilate the affirmative in a very deliberate manner and in several cases succeeded in disproving the arguments of the affirmative. In positive argument they stated that there was a false principle behind all the present unhappiness of the working classes, because it seemed to be recognized that profits must precede manhood. Monopolists and capitalists were instanced as controlling legislation injurious to the interests of the employee and destructive to all measures of equality among men. They showed by statistics verging into infinitesimal calculus that the working classes bear the great burden of taxes and that all suffer from an unequal distribution of wealth. They further maintained that three things are necessary for a human being, life, liberty and development of the mind, and that at the present time the working classes are seriously affected and disabled in all these phases of human activity by oppressive measures on the part of employers.

At the conclusion of the debate, while the judge was summing up his points, Mr. C. J. Triggerson entertained the audience with a vocal solo. Dr. Tracy, of Toronto University, then surveyed the vast field of logical syllogisms placed before him during the debate, and considering well all the premises, and excluding all fallacies, gave the decision to the negative. Mr. H. C. Newcombe moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Tracy for his kindness in acting as judge during the evening, and Mr. E. Torr seconded the motion.

The result of this debate leaves the finals to be fought out between class '01 and class '02. Aristotle himself, no doubt, will awake from his realms of shade to listen to this combat. At the Theological Society on Thursday evening Mr. J. F. Evans, B.A., Professor of Elocution at Knox College, gave an address on "Voice Culture," which was appreciated by all.

There is an increasing demand in the college for a new lectureship. The matter has been daily, and almost hourly, before the students since the opening, and the need is apparent. It is to be hoped the Board of Governors will soon take action and immediately establish a lectureship in—Domestic Laundry.

I do not believe in marriage.—Monthorne.

For information re G.T.R. time table for trains leaving on Saturday for Woodstock and all points west, apply to ticket agent, Geo. Wilson.

The German table, under the direction of "Mein Herr" Tapscott, B.A., is making great progress both gastronomically and etymologically these days and, with the exception of a few recalcitrant ones, all are falling into line and in a few months will be quite familiar with the language of Goethe and Schiller.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

At a mass meeting held on Tuesday night of last week, to discuss the advisability of holding the annual dinner, it was of course decided to have one, and the following committee was appointed to make arrange-

ments: Chairman, W. E. H. Carter; Vice-Chairman, T. Shanks; Secretary, Alexander Smith; Treasurer, W. Thorold; fourth year representatives, W. Boyd and W. Grant; third year reps, W. W. Van Every and E. G. Yeates; second year reps, H. Dixon and R. Roaf; first year reps, Messrs. Boehmer and Wilkins.

It is now in order to buy tickets for the annual dinner to be held in the early part of December. Rush it along! Keep up the reputation of the school!!

At the last Engineering Society meeting, which was very largely attended, the president again exhorted the under grads to read papers before the society, in order to train themselves for their after life public speaking. Mr. Laing then gave a very exhaustive and instructive paper on the preliminary work of railway location. Mr. Allen gave a short and graphic account of the Niagara trip. Mr. Hare then read a very interesting paper on the Niagara Falls Pulp and Paper Mills. Mr. Van Every then gave his paper on the Cataract Power Company's Power House, illustrated with lantern slides. Attempts are being made to recruit a company of engineers from the school. It is hoped it will not fall through, as was the case with a similar attempt made two years ago. That there will be no lack of recruits will be evident to those who remark pugnacity of the first and second years.

Mr. John Patterson, in addition to his regular school work, is attending a course of lectures in Honor Mathematics at the University. He has his work cut out and deserves success.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

In addition to the three delegates whose names were announced last week, two others, Mr. Arkell and Mr. E. James, attended the Intercollegiate Missionary Convention, held at Queen's University, Kingston. Rev. Prof. Dyson Hague was also present and addressed the convention.

The weekly meeting of the Student Volunteer Band was held last Wednesday morning in the library. Mr. Rennie read a most interesting and helpful paper on "Mission Work among the Lepers."

Mr. M. Goodheart's brother was with us in the College last week. The Rev. Mr. Marsh, of Lindsay, also gave his Alma Mater a visit, and incidentally had the opportunity of meeting a number of old friends.

The morning and evening chapel services are stirring up unusual interest this year. The addresses given each morning by Dr. Sheraton are greatly appreciated by all the students.

Evidently, at least some of the under-grads believe that "variety is the spice of life." Not enough is it that football, tennis, boxing and fencing should occupy the spare moments of recreation, but, 'tis rumored that one of the 'freshest' of our Freshmen has conceived the idea, by way of a constitutional, of parading throughout the city arrayed in all the splendor of high rubber boots. Although one cannot but admire his courage, we would advise him not to be too anxious to let the Sophomores know when he intends to surprise the people again with his "feat" in high boots.

The weekly meeting of the Literary and Theological Society was held in the east hall on Friday last. Mr. G. W. Howland, B.A., presided in his usual pleasing and efficient manner. He, as president, and the energetic executive committee, are to be congratulated on the great success of all the meetings, of which the last was no exception to the rule. The following was the program for the evening: Instrumental solo, Mr. Covert; reading, Mr. Howe; vocal solo, Mr. James, jr.; speeches (4 minutes each), "Federation of the English speaking People," Mr. Masters; "The Value of Canada to England," Mr. Gibson; "The Resources of Great Britain," Mr. Patterson; "The Resources of the United States," Mr. Kinder; "Imperial Postage," Mr. Taylor.

PHARMACY NOTES.

Archie Moir, Pharmacy's gold medalist last year, has charge of the dispensary at the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, College street.

Dr. A. Farncomb, of Newcastle, Ont., called at the College Thursday.

Valade played with Osgoode against Ottawa on Saturday.

The boys ought to try and get the recreation room fixed up. It looks rather bare just now and would be very much improved if some exercising apparatus were put in.

The football team seems to be very much afraid of a little snow. On Wednesday afternoon Pharmacy was scheduled to play Toronto Junction, but only one Pharmacy player turned up, while the Junction had every man present.

TRINITY MEDS

Dec. 1st will be the gala night of the college year. The invitations to the annual banquet are out and they are beautiful.

The committee are working already, tooth and nail, and with Pres. McGibbon at the head they are going to draw the old college coach to victory again. Last year Trinity had by far the best college dinner in town and this year it's going to outshine anything they ever had. That's what the committee say, but they must have the solid backing of the boys; it is their right, and the boys will give it, too. Make the tickets go like hot cakes and the committee feel good.

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It is whispered they are arranging a good program as well. Now, there's only one thing in the entertainment line better than a good program, and that's a good dinner, and we shall have both. A dainty dish! Ha! Ha! Then remember Dec. 1st, and stand by Trinity colors. Let Trinity show the town, as we have always done, that we not only have them but will follow where they lead. Our committee will deck the banquet hall at the Rossin House with black and red: We will be there to salute them as they deserve and drink again to the glorious record of our Alma Mater.

Once more our reading room is in full swing and early or late diligent students may be seen poring over the sleepy pages of the latest copy of 'Puck.' All the best magazines, medical and otherwise, are found upon our tables, so that the room is a favorite place for passing an odd half-hour.

Lately a subscription list has been opened for the express benefit of our gymnasium. Already results have followed and two punching bags have been added—not before they were needed however. Let the good work go on.

The boys of the final years are glad to see again their old chum Drinnan. All remember the way he guarded the interests of his year, when we all sat on the stairs, two years ago, and welcome him back to the fold again.

Livingstone, '00, is missing from his accustomed corner. They say he is looking after the business at home in Listowel while his dad hunts big game in the northern woods. We hope the boss may soon come back, for Livy is needed in his corner to keep some of the boisterous naughty-naughts quiet in the Dean's lectures.

The police again! This time one of our fourth year men has run agog! It happened late at night! But there are policemen and policemen! A silver-tongued on our side and a fellow-feeling on his did it, and Davy is himself again! What is stronger than the bonds of College friendship?

The dinner isn't the only rain-drop! Arrangements are being made for the Literary Society concert, which will probably be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8th. Every one remembers the good time we had last year in the Normal School theatre, and the committee hope to make it just as pleasant this year. Further particulars later. In order to thoroughly enjoy the concert, however, a man must have attended the dinner.

"Jimmy" Moore has come back unscathed from the heat of battle in South Ontario. Has it taken him a week to recover his equilibrium? Oh, no! But a protest is to be entered, and it looks as if our big contingent from this fiery riding will have another chance to mix the drinks—politics with medicine. Whatever comes, we are glad to have Jim back.

The front hall, which has been the scene of so many glorious "scraps" in years past, again resounded on Tuesday evening, Nov. 8th, to the joyous shrieks which always accompany these expressions of inter-year friendship. Sad to say, this one did not terminate as happily as usual, for Mr. Boyer, '09, is carrying around a fractured clavicle as a result of the pushing. Too bad! but clavicles will break, and it might have been worse. Long live the scrap!

We are pleased to welcome into our college brotherhood Mr. Harry Windle, of Pontypool. Mr. Windle is a grad of Queen's, a gold medalist in classics, and now enters old Trinity as a freshman—just the good sensible decision anyone would expect from such a fellow.

The meeting of the Y.M.C.A., Thursday morning, was one of more than ordinary interest. The address was by Rev. W. W. Weeks, of Walmer Road Baptist Church, and quite charmed the boys. Mr. Weeks was very earnest in his plea for a high ideal and noble purpose in the life-work of the student; he spoke as student to student and was eagerly listened to by all present. We shall not forget him. The meeting closed with a solo by Mr. Newsom. "Thy will be done." More of the primary men might turn out to the meetings if they could realize how interesting they are.

Meeting of Medical Society on Tuesday, Nov. 15th. Program as follows: Bone lesions complicating typhoid, Dr. H. Parsons. Hypertrophic cirrhosis of liver, Dr. Page. Post-partem hemorrhage, Mr. S. Foote.

We are anxiously waiting for the snow to depart, so that we may have a chance to meet our friends of the Toronto School on the football ground. Our team, as always, is made up entirely of Trinity men. We sport no "ringers."

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