

Winners of Dramatic Trophy

ON page ten of this week's issue we publish a group portrait of the "Amateur Players," of Toronto, winners of the Earl Grey Trophy at Montreal. This troupe presented "Candida" and one performance of this will be given at the Princess Theatre, Toronto, on May 19th, under the patronage of His Excellency, the Governor-General.

In his report, the judge makes the following statement concerning the work of these players: "To find flaws here, criticism must verge upon hypocrisis. The acting was on the highest plane of art, excelling, in my opinion, that of the New York production of the play. The Marchbanks of Mr. Owen was far more truly psychological and temperamental than that of Mr. Arnold Davies, and was quite adequate to one of the most difficult parts of the modern drama."

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The Zoological Province

(Montreal Herald.)

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Thomas the Tab

Thomas the Tabb with whiskers long
Went hunting mice when the draught
blew strong;
He sat him down on the bare stone
floor,
And the draught blew under the
kitchen door.

He sat him down by a mouse's hole,
And he watched for three long hours,
poor soul!
The draught blew sharp and the
draught blew chill,
But Thomas the Tabb he sat there
still.

Those three long hours they were
scarcely past
When the mouse peeped out—at last,
at last!

"In another moment you will be
seized,"
Chuckled Thomas the Tabb, and then
he—sneezed!

Thomas the Tabb, as we proceed
To press, is a sorrowful invalid.
And the mouse observes to her young-
sters bold,
"But he *did* catch something—he
caught a cold!"

—Tiny Tots.

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