

DRAMATIC CLASS TO STAGE AMBITIOUS PLAY

The dramatic class of the London Conservatory, which did such fine work last year in dramatic production, will stage the most ambitious production it has so far undertaken when "Maggie Pepper" will be presented next Tuesday evening. Many Londoners no doubt remember the Rose Stahl production of "Maggie Pepper" when it was here some eight years ago.

The scene of the play is Holbrook & Co.'s department store which is being managed archaically by a certain John Hargon during the absence of Paris of the owner, young Holbrook. Holbrook returns and is impressed by the cleverness of Miss Maggie Pepper, the assistant head of a department. Holbrook overrules Hargon and takes charge, availing himself of Maggie's ideas; he builds up the business and inaugurates an era of prosperity such as the store has never known.

The play abounds in excellent studies of types. The character studies are excellently portrayed by the students taking the various parts. The seat plan is now open at the office of the London Conservatory. The play will be presented in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium under the auspices of the Alumni Association next Tuesday evening, February 4.

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Last of War Benefits Best of Eight Offerings.

RAISED LARGE AMOUNT

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London has flocked to the Majestic Theatre this week to witness three daily performances of the last of the tabloid musical comedies staged as war benefits for many worthy causes by S. J. Meredith and company, and has accorded to the clever producer and his loyal and talented support an ovation such as must have made them feel that their worthy efforts have not gone without the warmest appreciation. With the co-operation of Manager T. W. Logan and a company of the brightest young minds in the city, Mr. Meredith has written and produced no less than eight benefit playlets since January, 1916, pieces that from every angle have shown merit to lift them beyond the banal designation of "amateur theatricals." Words and music, direction, settings, costumes and management have been worked over and perfected, the little company has shown a devotion and aptitude to the tireless leadership of its producer, such as to make the flawless and traceless continued for weeks

FUR SALE This Week Hudson Seal Coats Beltz & Co.

was in the hands of Messrs. Fletcher, Maloney, Dean and Leckie. The singing of Carman Learn with Miss Skinner was most pleasing.

The other speaking parts were artistically taken by Misses Florence Line, Rita Brown and Madge Wood.

Mr. Meredith has never been supported by a more capable or handsomely-governed chorus than the one made up by Mrs. Clay Gibson, Misses Wood, Colbert, Blanchard, Vincent, Sutherland, Grimshaw and Lewis.

T. R. Meredith was in charge of the management and did a great deal in the training of the company. A great share of the hard work of the production was his and the talent for production he displayed had much to do with the smoothness and general excellence of the performance.

R. E. O. A. WANT FLAX FACTORY FOR LONDON

At the Real Estate Owners' Association meeting last night the following resolution was passed: "It has always been a matter for regret to this association that the flax industry, which is so important in Western Ontario, should never have got beyond the preparatory stage, and the association believes that steps should be taken to start in London a factory to complete the manufacture of flax, which is now shipped to United States and England, and comes back to us as a finished product."

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Plans For Membership Campaign Outlined.

WANT 100 NEW MEMBERS

Fred J. Darch, Supreme Secretary, Formerly of London, One of Speakers.

The Masonic Temple was crowded to capacity and many were turned away last night when the Independent Order of Foresters gave a complimentary concert. An excellent program was given by the Elgar Ladies' Quartet, which was enthusiastically received in every number. Donald McGregor and Harvey Lloyd, both of Toronto, received a great ovation when they made their appearance, introduced by Chairman J. H. Laughton, high chief ranger of the I. O. F. in Western Ontario.

Donald McGregor in a fine baritone voice sang several of the old Scotch favorites, and was in each case compelled to respond to an encore. His rendition of "In Flanders Fields Where Poppies Grow" was especially good. Harvey Lloyd appeared on the stage several times in costumes evoking rounds of applause from the audience. He introduced a number of new comic and popular songs, dressed in a suitable costume each time.

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