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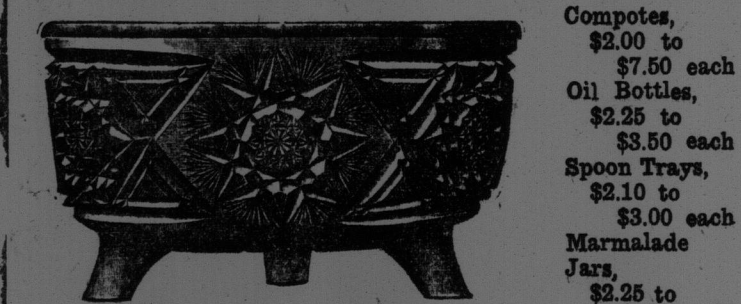
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The Thompson Woods Co. could hardly have chosen a more popular vehicle for their holiday attraction than that which they presented yesterday, "The Charity Ball," one of Belasco's masterpieces and the play which has served to make his name better known than others of his works. The scenes are laid in the Christmas season ranging from the eventful feast-day to two weeks later so that it was an appropriate production for this week. The members of the company were well received by very large audiences, particularly at the evening performance when the attendance was only limited by the capacity of the house. Hearty appreciation of the merits of the piece and the players was shown at both presentations.

While the leading honors go to Mr. McHarry and Miss Brandt in their respective roles of the dignified Rev. John Van Buren and Ann Cruger, it is hardly fair to the other members of the cast to say too much about them because the balance made so strong a factor in the production. Mr. McHarry and Miss Brandt have established themselves firmly in the friendship of St. John audiences, and in yesterday's play they added further to their laurels. The former, as the clergyman, was seen to as pleasing advantage as in many previous roles, though possibly with matinee followers he has had, Miss Brandt easily arose to the demands made upon her in the part of Ann Cruger, a character different in many ways from those she has portrayed previously.

Mr. Weyler received favorable comment for his acting in the role of Judge Fox with a strong tendency towards playing the stock market, while Edwin Dodge was a very popular suitor appearing to the hand of Ann Cruger. Cecil Drummond had a part, in the role of Dick Van Buren, that enabled him to show his talent to good advantage while Messrs. Flemming, Fager, St. John and Cortright are each deserving of appreciative words for their portrayal of their respective characters.

Miss Bridges had a trying and exacting role as Mrs. Van Buren but fulfilled it with her usual cleverness. Miss Davis was winsome and coy as Bess, while Miss Delmore as Phyllis Lee and Miss Derby as Mrs. De Feyster, aided materially in the successful presentation of the piece. "The Charity Ball" was not new to many in the audience yesterday but the presentation was to pleasing effect. The piece lost none of its charm. It will continue until tomorrow evening, with "The Travelling Salesman" being presented as next week's attraction.

John Van Buren . . . Sam A. McHarry  
Dick Van Buren . . . Cecil Drummond  
Judge Fox . . . Rubea Weyler  
Alec Robinson . . . Edwin Dodge  
Franklyn Cruger . . . Kenneth Fleming  
Mr. Creighton . . . Daniel Fager  
Mr. Bess . . . Allan St. John  
Coin . . . Cecil Drummond  
Ann Cruger . . . Francis Brandt  
Phyllis Lee . . . Elizabeth Delmore  
Bess Van Buren . . . Mary Davis  
Mrs. Van Buren . . . Winona Bridges  
Mrs. De Feyster . . . Edith Derby

**MAIL SENT BY I. C. R.**

The royal mail steamer Grampian, Captain Hall, of the Allan line, sailed at No. 6 berth last night with seven saloon passengers, twenty-nine second cabin and 113 third class, besides a large cargo of general freight.

The Grampian's mail matter, seven cartons in all, was forwarded by C. R. H. The Grampian had a fine trip across, leaving Liverpool, Wednesday, Dec. 17, at noon, and arriving at Partridge Island at 7 o'clock last night. There were several concerts on board on the way over. The Grampian's officers are: Chief, Simpson; 1st, Allan; 2nd, Chambers; 3rd, Reid; chief engineer, McFadden.

**LOVE'S OFFERING**

Sweet is the time for joyous folk  
Of gifts and minstrelsy  
Yet I O lowly-hearted one,  
Crave but thy company.  
On lonesome road, beset with dread,  
My quailing lies afar,  
I have no light, save in the East  
The gleaming of thy star.

In cloistered aisles they keep today  
Thy feast, O living Lord,  
With pomp of banner, psalm of song,  
And stately sounding word.  
Mute stand the kings of power and place  
While priests of holy mind  
Dispense thy blessed heritage  
Of peace to all mankind.

I know a spot where budless twigs  
Are bare above the snow,  
And where sweet winter-loving birds  
Flit softly to and fro;  
There, with the sun for altar-fire,  
The earth for kneelings-place,  
The gentle air for chorister,  
Will I adore thy face.

Lord, underneath the great blue sky  
My heart shall praise thee,  
The gold and myrror of meek love  
Mine only offering.  
Bliss of thy birth shall quicken me;  
And, for thy pain and dole,  
Tears are but vain, so I will keep  
The silence of the soul.

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## Christmas Observances

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York

The weather yesterday was ideal for the Christmas celebration. There was enough snow for drifting and this was taken advantage of by a large number. Many people from outside of the city came home to spend the day and the outgoing trains were also crowded on Christmas eve.

The services in the churches were well attended. In the Anglican churches the holy communion was celebrated at all the morning services and music in all was of a special nature.

In Trinity church the music was excellent, a special feature of which was the solo, "Rejoice Greatly," by Miss Louise Knight. In St. Paul's and St. John's (Stone) church also the music was very beautiful.

A joint service of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches was held in St. Stephen's church on Christmas morning. An able sermon was preached by Rev. Ralph Houghton, pastor of the Congregational church, and Rev. F. Thompson and Rev. Gordon Dickie assisted.

In Exmouth street church a joint Methodist service was held and attended by a large number. The sermon was preached by Rev. H. E. Thomas.

In the Cathedral midnight mass was celebrated by Rev. D. S. O'Keefe. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc was present in the sanctuary. The large building was filled to the doors. Bishop LeBlanc celebrated pontifical mass at eleven o'clock on Christmas morning and there was pontifical respect in the evening. Midnight mass was celebrated in St. Peter's also.

Yesterday's spirit of goodwill towards men was extended by the public to the various institutions about the city and gladness brought to the hearts of many of the inmates by the good things provided. The prisoners of the county jail each received a bag of nuts, candy and fruit, while Christmas dinners were given in the Salvation Army Metropole, the School for the Deaf, Lancaster, the Boys' Industrial Home, East St. John; the Municipal Home, St. Patrick's Industrial school and Wiggins' Orphan Asylum, and in many of the places where there were children. Christmas trees were provided. The Salvation Army's efforts went a long way towards providing good cheer for the city's poor.

One hundred thousand of New York's poor were treated to Christmas dinners yesterday, 5,000 being given by the Salvation Army, 1,000 by the Volunteers of America, and 5,000 by the heirs of "Big Tim" Sullivan.

The celebration of Christmas Day was carried out in Rideau Hall, Ottawa, yesterday in real English fashion. A big Christmas tree was given by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia and every member of the household received a present.

In the Lyric Theatre Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Spencer were presented with a handsome silver tea urn and mounted address by the theatre staff.

The presentation was made by Miss M. Godfrey, the pianist, and S. C. Hurley, manager of the house, read the address. Gilmour Armstrong, treasurer of the theatre, was presented with a shavering set and address. In return, Mr. Spencer remembered the members of the staff with pieces of gold. In the Empress theatre the manager, W. C. Smith, was presented with a handsome dressing case by the members of his staff. He reciprocated with suitable gifts to the staff.

Good fellows got together in the Gem theatre on Christmas Eve, when Fred H. Trifits, of the Gem, and the staff gathered to exchange greetings. Mr. Trifits was then addressed by the gathering by H. W. Burnham, director of the orchestra, and presented with special orchestral greetings which took the concrete form of a splendid oxidized brass desk set with fittings complete.

Mr. Trifits was then addressed by Thomas Daley, operator, on behalf of the general staff at the rear of the house, and presented with a fine silver chafing dish. Replying to the kindly sentiments expressed by the donors of the remembrances, Mr. Trifits voiced great satisfaction at the spirit of co-operation which always marked the efforts of the staff in the every day work at the Gem, and at the close of an appreciative talk, presented the members with gifts of gold.

Mrs. Hendry, matron of the Y. M. C. A., who is about to sever her connection with that institution, was gratefully remembered on Christmas morning by the boarders. The token of appreciation was a beautiful sterling silver traveling set and the presentation was made by W. B. Robertson, who voiced the kindly sentiments of the young men towards Mrs. Hendry for her thoughtfulness in regard to their comfort, and gave expression of the deep regret which they felt at her resignation.

The children of St. Peter's Sunday school treat of sweets yesterday morning after the children's 9 o'clock mass and the little ones received generous supplies of candy, fruits and other good things. In the Cathedral last night the altar boys presented Rev. William Duke with a purse of gold, a box of cigars and a mass offering. The presentation was accompanied by an address read by Henry Cronin. At the palace on Christmas eve Rev. M. O'Brien, superintendent of the boys' Sunday school, was presented with a purse of gold by the children of the school.

Remembered by Chief.

The permanent men of the fire department met with a pleasant surprise yesterday morning, when they each received from George Blake, chief of the department, a box of cigars and a necktie. The permanent men of No. 5 house received an unusually large basket of assorted fruit from Miss Bessie Farrar, Main street, in remembrance of the day. James Hatfield, driver of No. 2 Salvage Corps, was presented with a substantial check by the members of the corps. At the Grand Union hotel, William

McQuade, the proprietor and manager, received from the staff a nicely fitted traveling companion, accompanied by an address. He gave to each member of the staff a piece of gold or some other suitable present.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Green, of the Clifton House, are thankful to their employees for the gift of a handsome heavily weathered oak Morris chair with black leather upholstery; also to the guests of the Clifton for two richly framed pictures and a blooming potted plant. The Clifton was in gala attire yesterday, and was real home-like in appointments and decorations; the dining room was attractively hung with evergreens, holly, mistletoe and Christmas bells, and the tables covered with snowy linen were tastefully set.

G. D. Wanasaker, manager of Wanasaker's, Ltd., received from his staff a handsome smoking set, and the assistant manager, C. W. Wanasaker, was presented with a silver mounted dressing case. The male employees of the restaurant were given turkeys and the others were made presents of appropriate articles.

Wednesday morning, Bernard Stafford, on behalf of the employees of A. L.

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