

"MESSAGE FROM MARS"

WAS PRESENTED AT GRAND BY LOCAL TALENT.

Amateur Production of This Strong Play Delighted a Large Audience —Entire Production Given With a Polished Touch.

When the curtain dropped for the last time at the Grand on Tuesday night, in the play, "A Message From Mars," presented by local talent, purely amateur, the audience had every reason for giving the members of the company three hearty curtain calls, for the work of everyone in the cast was well deserving of the praise bestowed upon them. This is the play which will be entered in the competition, at Ottawa, for the prize offered by his Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught for the best amateur production.

The different members undertook their parts in a very able manner, and gave a true version of the message to be conveyed in this strong play. The Kingstons carried off honors, and should make a strong bid for the much-coveted prize. It was presented in a most pleasing manner and provided a fine treat.

The start of the play is too well known to require introduction. It centres around the life of one Horace Parker, who lives simply for self, with no thought; whatever of the comfort of others—a man who had everything that riches could buy, and who did not "care a button" about the welfare of others. His one hobby was that of the study of astronomy, and it was not until he had a dream and received the message from Mars, from the lips of the special messenger, that he was able to see what should be his true purpose, in life, and that he should care for the welfare of others, and not be thinking of self all the time.

Sizing up the entire production, reference should be made to the clear and distinct manner in which all the lines were spoken. It had the polished touch to it, such as would characterize a company of professionals.

The work of Capt. Philip Prudeaux, as "Horace Parker," was especially good; and sharing honors with him were Mrs. Prudeaux as "Minnie Tempier," with whom he falls in love during the story; Prof. W. Greaves, as "The Messenger," and Mrs. Colville as "Mrs. Parker" (Aunt Martha). The work of Prof. Gummer, as the trump, also calls for special mention.

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Assisted by Prof. Colville, Mr. Donnelly, L. Corp., Kirby, Staff Sergeant Gray, Private Boys and Miss Hilda Kent and Miss Madeline Higgins.

Bancroft in "The New Boy."

C. James Bancroft will be the attraction at the Grand next Saturday matinee and night, in Arthur Law's famous farce, "The New Boy." Mr. Bancroft has just made a successful trip to the Pacific coast with "The Private Secretary," and his return in "The New Boy" will be welcome news to the theatregoers that love good clean comedy. In Archibald Renwick, in "The New Boy," Mr. Bancroft has one of the best parts that he has ever played and the press in the city, where he has produced "The New Boy," claim it an equal to "The Private Secretary." Mr. Bancroft prides himself on always having a clean show, and those that have seen him will vouch for that, and whenever you see the name of C. James Bancroft on the bill boards or in the newspapers you can always depend on getting a first class performance and a good clean attraction.

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THE TITANIC DISASTER

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Bravery of the Men.

New York, April 17.—The collision of the Titanic with an iceberg is now known to have been a head-on crash that occurred while the liner was proceeding at little less than her best speed. She was a day ahead of her schedule, and it is considered probable that an attempt to make a record-breaking voyage was the hope of her crew when she entered the ice field.

Keeping in line with the expansion all over Canada, the number of telephones in the city will, when those on order have been installed, have increased about thirty-five or forty percent within the past few years. A couple of gangs of men have been busy in the city during the past few months, and the new phones are being installed just as quickly as the cables and lines are being erected. The storm on Monday evening did quite a lot of damage in the city and rural lines, which kept the repair men busy for a couple of days.

The increased demand for "Central,"

wanted to be another sign that business is increasing and the city is on the

verge of that long-wanted boom.

Improves on Nature's Handwork.
Luther Burbank, in Christian Herald.

I have heard of thornless blackberries having been discovered in North Carolina and along the eastern coast, but unfortunately, the berries were not of any use for food.

I have also heard of thornless blackberry.

It is now productive, delicious to eat, large and in every way valuable for food and absolutely smooth like the twig of an apple tree.

There are seedless apples in existence,

not fit for human food. The bush was to-day, but none of them are of any commercial value.

There was once a so-called stoneless plum, but it was

an ill-shaped thorny one and the fruit

not larger than a large bean and was

absolutely useless.

Now there are growing on my farms

splendid prunes and plums which are

nature-given. Nature gives us a hint and

it is man's business to carry out the

work to produce results.

Centenary of the Moscow Campaign.

One hundred years ago Napoleon set

out on his campaign to Moscow, and

it is perhaps only natural that Mos-

cow and Russia generally should

be eager to celebrate the centenary of

the invaders. Already preparations

are being made in Moscow to open the

1912 museum, and an immense number

of objects relating to the campaign

have been collected.

The centenary has already been cele-

brated by a concert, which revived the marches and

military airs of both armies, and some

of these, according to the Debats, are

most interesting still, as likely to recall the

events of that year, will be the visits

that are to be paid to the battlefields

and the ceremonies that are to take

place there.—Westminster Gazette.

The Late Mrs. McConvile.

Ann McConvile, aged seventy years,

widow of the late Thomas McConvile, and

she was Mrs. Prudeaux as "Minnie Tempier,"

with whom he falls in love during

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The provisional school closed at the arrears, Tuesday evening. During the evening the instructor, Sergt.-Maj. Higgins was presented with a case of pipes by the officers taking the class. Maj. Kay, who conducted the course, and who has been attending a staff course at the R.M.C., will leave for London, Ont., Thursday.

Seven Million Letters Lost.

New York, April 17.—Postmaster

Morgan stated that the White Star

Liner Titanic had on board 3,500 sacks

of mail. It is not likely, he said,

that the mails were saved, because

during the few hours that the vessel

fought after running into the iceberg

she must have been an exciting

scramble among those on board the

stricken liner to launch and man the

lifeboats.

As the standard ocean mail bags

hold about 2,000 letters, it is estimat-

ed that in all about 7,000,000 pieces of

mail matter have been lost.

Flags at Half Mast.

London, April 17.—The crowd gath-

ered round the White Star offices have

increased in density every moment

throughout the morning. Lines of au-

tomobiles and carriages containing in-

quirers are so extended that the late

comers have been unable to get with

in several blocks of the offices.

On all the steamship offices and on

many public buildings flags are flying

at half mast.

Coughs: Will Lose His Eye.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ind., April 17.—Paul, the

one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam

uel Dodgett, living near St. Paul, will

lose the sight of one of his eyes, a re-

sult of whooping cough. A violent

coughing spell caused a blood vessel in

the retina to burst.

Pruning the Appendix.

New York, April 17.—One scant hope

that is clung to by White Star offi-

cials came from a deduction that the

Titanic drifted some thirty-four miles

between the time she struck the ice-

berg and the time she sank.

There was a chance that some of the

lifeboats or life rafts that were low-

ered the first night have drifted away

and not been reached by the Car-

pathia.

Although admittedly only a straw,

it was clinging to by those having rela-

tives whose names were not included

in the list of survivors which was sent

to this city.

To Stop Record-Breaking.

London, April 17.—Sydney Buxton,

president of the board of trade, was

asked in the House of Commons, Tues-

day afternoon, if he would take steps

to prevent liners proceeding to New

York from taking the northern route

route for the purpose of breaking re-

记 records, and whether he could

state the number of lifeboats carried

on board the Titanic as compared

with the number of passengers. Mr.

Buxton said he must have notice of