

FOR MISSION TO SEAMEN

Two amusing comedies were presented last night at Christ Church Memorial Hall, South Yarra, to raise funds for the Victorian Missions to Seamen, and an appreciative audience witnessed a one-act play, *Tilda's New Hat*, and a three-act play, *Sweethearts*, by W. S. Gilbert.

The production was arranged by Mrs. W. T. Rowe, and the organising carried out by members of the auxiliary for the mission. Lady McPherson was president of the play committee, and ticket secretaries were Mesdames Noel Puckle and Russell Gourlay.

Special guests during the evening were Mrs. F. W. Head, and the chaplain of the mission (Rev. C. G. Lavender) and Mrs. Lavender, and they were received by Lady McPherson, the secretary of the play committee (Mrs. J. Thomson Tall) and members of the auxiliary.

Mr. Daryl Lindsay made a special drawing for the front of the programmes, picturing a member of a merchant vessel on the bridge of his ship in a gale, and a lucky number on the programme received a prize. The programmes were sold by Misses Ann and Fairlie Gordon, Margaret and Alison Knox, Anne Macindoe, Joan Coulson, Sheila Mackintosh, Mesdames C. Macrae and R. Morell.

Flowers were sold by Mrs. E. R. White, assisted by Mesdames W. Miller, H. W. Parbury, Misses Mary Cooper, Mollie and Jean Turnbull, and Meta Power. Lady McPherson supervised the sale of sweets, assisted by Mesdames Charles Cunningham, N. Hamilton, H. L. Quick, H. Clegg, H. Durrant, Misses Anthea Cunningham, Marion McPherson, Ella Payne, Alice and Esther Carse and Ruth Coleman.

The ushers were Mrs. Aubrey Gibson, Mrs. Alison Syme, Misses Lynette Dickenson and Sheila Helpman.

Members of the cast of *Tilda's New Hat* were Beatrice Rowe, Barbara Dougharty, Jocelyn Brown and Timothy Rowe, and playing in *Sweethearts* were William Curtis, Ian Sprague, Noela Adams, Jocelyn Brown.

Members of the city branch of the Mental Hospital auxiliaries will hold an Australian tea this afternoon in the Housewives' Lounge, Howey-court, Collins-street.