

HOUSEMASTER

1938

THEATRE CLUB

Success in "Housemaster,"

Despite Handicaps

Despite the handicaps of illness and national emergency which interfered with rehearsals, Teddington Theatre Club opened its season at the Ronayne Hall, Hampton Wick, on Thursday, with a highly amusing presentation of Ian Hay's famous comedy, "Housemaster" Excellently cast, it was enjoyed by a crowded audience.

Mr. W. R. Hazell got a good deal of fun out of the part of Charles Donkin, the housemaster, his drily humorous manner effectively emphasising the points in the neat dialogue. Mr. T. Gwynne Edwards was in contrast as the imperious young "head" and Mr. Edward Sinclair did well as another master. The feminine element was breezily introduced into the school by the Misses Marjorie Moore, Eileen Richings and Gladys Girling, the former with all the mannerisms of the precocious schoolgirl, the youngest of the housemaster's protegées, while the others made her elder sisters vivacious modern girls. A happy band of schoolboys comprised Messrs. David Fowlie, Jack Sinclair, Douglas Drackett-Case, George Wenning and Maurice Goodson; and others in the cast were the Misses Joyce Drackett-Case, M. Eileen Ellis, and Olive Howard, Messrs. R. A. Fraser, Dick Jacques and Claude Broadburn. Miss Chloe Mansfield produced the play.