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## Priestley's Play at Museum Theatre

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J. B. Priestley's, "An Inspector Calls" put on boards by the Stella Maris College (in aid of the National Defence Fund) at the Museum theatre on December 17, 18 and 20 revealed the good standards of performance attained by amateur theatrical troupes in the City. It was a team effort with the handful of characters performing equally competently. The well-known play of the Birling household in Brumley, an industrial city, on whom "a detective calls" after a puzzling series of events was handled with finesse and dexterity. It was characterised by good stagecraft and the drama and suspense were maintained till the startling climax.

Avoiding the pitfalls of overacting and oratorical flourishes, a well knit quality was maintained from start to finish. The direction was marked by deft touches. One set was used throughout the play.