

5 Stars in Repertory first-night

IT would be hard to choose the star of the Brisbane Repertory Theatre's "Lace On Her Petticoat," which opened most successfully at the Albert Hall last night.

Perhaps, most bouquets should be awarded to Gloria Birdwood-Smith for a most admirable production of Aimee Smith's play.

But at least five of the seven players took turn in dominating the stage.

"Lace On Her Petticoat" tells of the ill-fated friendship between the daughter of a milliner and the daughter of a marquis.

And the audience

Youthful Beverley Bates and Olga Massey take these parts with great sincerity. Gerry Greet, as Mrs. Oliphant, gave a memorable performance.

Joyce Elliott and Eddie Bourke were convincing in the roles of Faith McNairn and Hamish Colquhoun.

Lighting and properties were excellent, but the audience did not just know when to laugh or cry.

Such audiences must prove a nightmare to the producer. Only when the final curtain rang down did last night's near - capacity audience really show their appreciation.—P.D.S.