

"PRIDE AND PREJUDICE"

BIGGEST attraction in the Academy Award series of dramas produced by the C. P. McGregor Studios is a one hour presentation of Jane Austen's famous novel *Pride and Prejudice*, which will be heard over Station 2ZB on July 15 and 17. The presentation has been divided into two half-hour episodes, and they will be presented on succeeding weeks at 1ZB, 3ZB, 4ZB and 2ZA in that order.

Jane Austen wrote *Pride and Prejudice* in 1796, and it was published some years later. A complicated story of courtship and class distinction, it remains one of the most amusing pictures of the



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vapours and conventions of old-fashioned society ever written. Most secondary school pupils are at some time or another compelled to read *Pride and Prejudice*, though surprisingly, this has taken away little of its charm.

Many of those who have not read the novel will be familiar with the story through the excellent film released in New Zealand some months ago, and starring Laurence Olivier and Greer Garson as Darcy and Elizabeth. The script, which was largely the work of Aldous Huxley, adhered satisfactorily to the spirit of the book, and it will be interesting to see how the radio version compares in this respect.

The part of Elizabeth is taken by Ona Munson, who has herself been seen here in several films. She was Belle Watling in *Gone With the Wind*.



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