

DIVORCE THEME OF OPERA HOUSE PLAY

Owen Coll Shares Honors With Leading Man in Presentation.

Owen Coll, a St. John actor, shared with James G. Coots, leading man of the F. James Carroll Players, the honors in the presentation of the strong melodrama, "The Divorce Question," presented last night in the Opera House. The play is by far the heaviest one staged by this company, but none before was more successfully handled. From the opening of the prologue to the last curtain the large audience watched and listened with intense interest as the players depicted the evil arising from the abandonment of children through the divorce of their parents. The play was a strong, vivid presentation against selfishness, immorality, worldliness and pride; its lessons were well brought out and the company was afforded a fine opportunity to display its dramatic talent. The story tells how a boy and a

girl, left in the care of poor relatives after the divorce of their parents, are ill-treated and thrown upon the world. They fall to the lowest depths and in the home of Father Jerome, played by Mr. Coll, they meet their parents, both again married. The clergyman urges that the father and mother again take their children under their care, but their present positions are a deterrent. The girl dies of a broken heart and the boy is arrested for the murder of a man who has insulted his sister.

Mr. Coots, as Dopey Doe, a drug victim, gave a clever impersonation of a character which called for much difficult acting. His climaxes were especially well worked and there were many times throughout the show when he had his audience in tears. Mr. Coll's appearance was particularly adapted to the part he played and his rendition was compelling and complete. Miss Preston, as the forsaken daughter, had a comparatively small part, but she filled it well. Myra Marsh and Clyde Franklin, cast in the roles of the separated parents, gave excellent dramatic presentations which measured up well with previous performances. A small vein of rich humor was injected into the piece by James Swift in the part of Patrick Kelly, genial Irish caretaker of Father Jerome's home.

Virginia O'Brien and Carleton Pickney, portraying two misadventured juvenile characters, contributed much to the success of the piece, as did also Paul Broderick, cast in the role of the argumentative lawyer, Eugene Lawrence. The play consists of a prologue in which all the characters appear before the front of Father Jerome's church, and three acts, all staged in the library of the priest's home. The lighting effects were well worked and a suitable orchestral and organ programme was given. The cruel long hours of labor to which Chinese children in factories were subjected were described by Rev. Lou Buckley, national boys' work secretary of the Y. M. C. A., in an address given yesterday before the Rotary Club in which he gave an outline of the recent world convention in Austria of the Y. M. C. A. workers among boys. He attended the conference as one of the two Canadian delegates.

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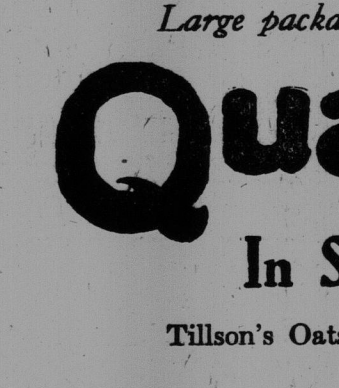
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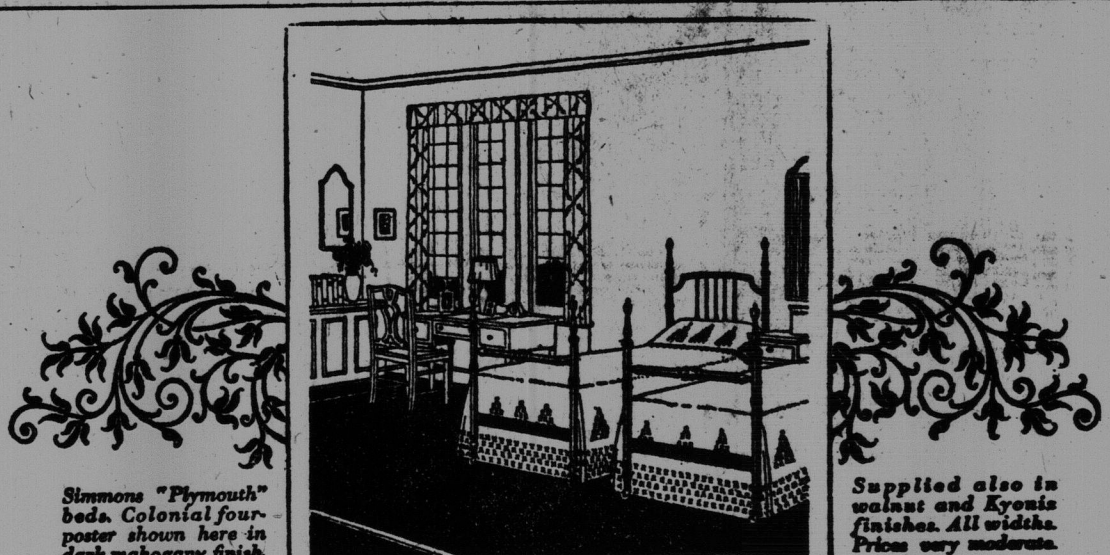


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