WIMAN'S CLERICAL GUESTS.

Ministers Who have Accepted His Invitation to See "Nero."

NEW YORK, Sept 16.—Ever since "Nero" was first performed on Staten Island Erastus Wiman has been trying to get the ministers to come and see it. Imre Kiralfy is immensely proud of "Nero." He says the ballets are the crowning effort of his life. He has dressed his girls in long skirts of the sort known as "burlesque skirts," open to the hip on one side only, and to save his life can see nothing wicked in the spectacle.

"Why should clergymen condemn the ballet?" asked Mr. Kiralfy a few nights ago, after viewing proudly the perfect evolutions of 400 bare-armed and short-skirted sylphs, who pirouetted, waltzed, and kicked to the music of one of the greatest of classic ballets. Manager Jack Hamilton couldn't see why they should. Neither could Assistant Manager Kahn. Neither could Mr. Wiman. So invitations were issued to the clergy of New York, Brooklyn, and suburban towns. Mr. Wiman signed them, and they read, in part, this way:

The closing scenes in the life of Nero have always had a special interest for the Christian world. The final triumph of the cross is a sermon in itself, rising, as it does, amid the strains from the "Stabat Mater" above the ruins of the great city whose terrible destruction is so vividly set forth. If you will do me the favor to accept an invitation to visit this spectacle and notify me on the within postal card, I will gladly send tickets for yourself and family. Transportation over the Staten Island ferry will be included.

Of the 313 who accepted invitations 101 are from Brooklyn, 153 from New York, and the balance of 59 from near-by towns. There are none from Jersey City. Brooklyn ministers asked for 622 tickets, or an average of 6.2 tickets per minister. New York asked for 847 tickets, or an average of 5.8 tickets. Outside towns asked for 322, or an average of 5.4 tickets. A Brooklyn minister, the Rev. H. F. Bernhart of Tompkins street, appeas to have the largest family, for he wanted 34 tickets. New York, however, is not far behind in the request for 30 tickets from the Rev. Charles Scadding of the Church of the Reformation.

The question of motives on the part of the ministers may be helped in solution by a few quotations from letters. The following is from the Rev. George H. Mayer of 73 Second street, Brooklyn, with a request for ten tickets:

My family is large, as you see by the number of tickets requested. If you send tickets we'll all go, and I will invite others to pay their way in. I have read the Rev. C. W. Le Lyon Nichol's remarks on "Nero; or, The Fall of Rome," and believe it is our duty to send our Christian people there to receive two hours' impressive illustrative instruction upon the truths of Christianity.

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Davenport Road....	....	9.20	11.19	1.24	3.04	7.04	....
Bathurst-street....	....	9.22	11.21	1.26	3.06	7.06	....
Dufferin-street	....	9.25	11.23	1.28	3.08	7.08	....
Toronto Junction..	7.40	9.30	11.27	1.42	3.12	7.12	8.30
Parkdale.....	8.00	9.40	11.35	1.52	3.22	7.20	8.40

	A.M	A.M	NOON	P.M	P.M	P.M	P.M	P.M	P.M
Parkdale.....	8.55	10.30	12.30	2.00	5.10	6.30	8.05	10.15	
Toronto Junction	9.05	10.30	12.10	2.10	5.20	6.40	9.08	10.25	
Dufferin-street....	....	10.37	12.17	2.17	5.24	6.47	....	10.32	
Bathurst-street....	....	10.39	12.19	2.19	5.26	6.49	....	10.34	
Davenport Road....	....	10.40	12.20	2.20	5.28	6.50	....	10.35	
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