EVIL INFLUENCES OF MODERN STAGE WERE SEVERELY SCORED

Rev. Father Tobin Says Majority of Present Day Plays Are Immoral and Vicious.

The evil influences of the modern stage were severely scored by Rev. Father Tobin in a sermon preached in St. Mary's Church yesterday morning. Father Tobin did not condemn the stage and stage people as a whole, but he declared that the majority of present-day plays are immoral and vicious in their teaching, and that the greater number of stage people are not good company for those who would keep their souls pure.

In the winter, Father Tobin began, people must be careful from a physical standpoint as to what amusements they indulged in, as in the summer amusement is generally sought in the open air, and is healthful. On account of the cold weather, people—young people especially—are prone to give themselves over to indoor pastimes, which not infrequently injure the health—and worse still, damn the soul. A popular means of amusement today is the theater. While it is mainly patronized by young people, very many persons of both sexes whose heads are already silvered, seek amusement in theated is not an institution to be

NOT TO BE WHOLLY CONDEMNED.

Now, continued Father Tobin, the theater is not as an institution to be wholly condemned. The theater, rightly conducted, is the educator of the people. Years ago, the people read books and listened to learned men, to become educated. Now the work of education has passed largely into the hands of the newspapers, and the theaters. And if the teaching of the theater is false, of necessity the educating of the people is false. The question arising, then, is, what is the stage teaching today—what is it doing for the thousands of people who seek amusement in it, and unconsciously are being educated for good or evil by it? Deplorable as it certainly is, it is nevertheless a fact that the stage today is immoral and vicious in its teachings, if the majority of plays be considered. The stage, if it teaches the triumph of right over wrong, the beauties of virtue and chastity over immorality, and the lessons of a noble life, is one of the most splendid institutions of modern society. But if it teaches that crime is to be condoned, and that virtue is something to be laughed at, then it is doing a vicious work, and is pulling down the framework of society.

CATER TO WORST ELEMENTS.

What are the plays which are being presented on the stage today, and what is the condition of society today? It is a well-known fact that commercialism dominates the stage now as never before, and astute and unscrupulous managers cater to the worst elements of society in order to draw the crowds. And if authorities on the subject are to be believed, the great majority of stage people are not of a character that the average man or woman would care to associate with. A certain well-known American manager was asked if a woman could go on the stage and be virtuous, and he replied that such a thing was possible, but not necessary.

Look at the billboards which offend the eye in every quarter of the city. What do we see? Pictures of well-dressed scoundrels robbing banks, with their dead victims lying around, and pictures of scantily-attired females, with brazen faces, in attitudes intended to attract the lewd.

ARE A FEW GOOD PLAYS.

Shakespeare and the other masters taught morals in their plays, and elevated the world. Today the managers will not produce a play which teaches morality, because they feel that it will not make money, and they are after the money, and nothing else. While there are a few good plays, the vast majority ridicule the married state and pander to divorce, the curse of twentieth century society. In many of them people go to see scantily-attired women, who are used to attract youths and men. Theater-goers will tolerate on the stage what they would not dream of permitting in their own homes. They listen to things which should bring the blush of shame to the cheek of anyone in a parlor, but they laugh at it on the stage.

THE PUNISHMENT OF GOD.

Occasionally the newspapers find it impossible to allow the things to pass which they see on the stage, and condemn them in withering criticisms. Occasionally heaven lays a heavy hand on the theater, and knowing what we know of theaters and stage people, and of what goes on in such places, we can only conclude that God is but punishing them for the sins committed. Think of the awful fires in theaters, in which the good and the bad alike have perished, and say if it is not a visitation of Providence. Think of the character of the play which was being produced in Chicago ("Mr. Bluebeard") when the awful holocaust occurred.

"While we must all admit that the hotel and the saloon are doing their share toward corrupting young men and pulling down society we are drawn to the conclusion that the theater is one of the greatest and most menacing evils of the day," said Father Tobin, "and if the people who are making utopian efforts to wipe out the liquor traffic would turn a fraction of their endeavors to improve the theater and its influence upon the public, they would be doing a great deal more for the good of the world than they are doing at present."

Father Tobin concluded by exhorting his hearers from attending the theater indiscriminately. People should know the class of play they are going to see before they enter a theater.

"If a play is good, go and see it, and enjoy yourself," he said. "But if it is bad, shun it, as you value your salvation."

DIPHTHERIA PATIENT WALKS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL WITHOUT LEAVE

Is Brought Back Again—Will Have to Answer Charge in Court.

The dissatisfaction of patients in Victoria Hospital with the two-culture rule came to a head on Saturday night, when one of the patients, Mrs. John O'Donnell, of Egerton street, took the law in her own hands and walked out of the institution. She was almost immediately taken into custody, and is now in the diphtheria ward, a prisoner and a patient.

About two weeks ago Mrs. O'Donnell was placed in the hospital by her physician, who certified that she was suffering from diphtheria. That she showed traces of the disease was never disputed by her doctor. A few days ago her physician gave her her discharge, as in his opinion she had overcome the disease. All the time she has been in the hospital she has been able to sit up, and her case was never very serious.

When a physician gives a patient a discharge, it remains with the medical health officer of the city, to say whether she is cured, and under the rules of the hospital two cultures of the throat must be made by the hospital bacteriologist. If they are negative and show no traces of serum, the patient will be discharged. If they are positive, then the patient must remain in the institution for fear of transmitting the disease. The cultures were made and both, according to the hospital reports, were positive. Consequently, Dr. Hutchinson refused to allow the woman to leave the hospital.

Mrs. O'Donnell looked well and felt well, and she became irritable under the restraint. Her physician found fault with the two cultures because on one occasion he had been compelled to wait from Thursday until Saturday for one.

Then Mrs. O'Donnell took the law in her own hands, as she believed she was well and fit to leave the hospital. She simply walked out and was not missed for some time.

When her absence was noticed, Dr. Hutchinson was notified, and he at once swore out a warrant for her arrest and taking a policeman in the patrol wagon and with the ambulance following behind, he went to Mrs. O'Donnell's home on Egerton street. There Mrs. O'Donnell was placed under arrest and taken back to Victoria Hospital, where she was placed in the contagious ward. It was nearly midnight when she reached the institution.

When she is well, Mrs. O'Donnell will be brought before Magistrate Love and charged with an infringement of the health act, the minimum fine for which offense is $20.

It is said that the children of a neighbor of Mrs. O'Donnell's were taken ill with diphtheria and that they were never sent to the hospital, but were treated in their own home. This alleged favoritism is said to have irritated Mrs. O'Donnell, and she intends to bring the matter up when her trial takes place.

CUTS SOLDIERS' PAY

Sultan of Morocco Reduces It From Seven to Five Cents.

Madrid Nov. 20.—Soldiers, at five cents a day, are the result of the frantic efforts made by the Moorish Government to rehabilitate its finances. In an order just issued for the reduction in pay of all branches of the Government service, the military finds itself reduced from seven to five cents a day.

Desertions are very numerous in consequence, as this sum is naturally insufficient for the daily requirements of the soldiers, and the more so as prices are ruling very high through the bad harvests. The camps of the various Government forces at Fez and Tangier are already being reduced in number by these desertions, and the soldiers will be scattered over the country, starving and penniless, and will eventually be driven to gain a living by robbery and other outrages, as they take away their arms and ammunition on deserting.

The salaries of customs officers, secretaries and police officers have all been reduced by half, and it is also rumored that the salaries of the viziers have been totally abolished. If this is so, it will lead to more corrupt practices and extortions on the part of these high officials, already a great burden on the inhabitants of the country. The new regulation is said to be due to the emptiness of the state treasury. Since its issue the Moorish Government has arranged a loan with some German financiers, in the hope of tiding over the present difficulty.

MONUMENT TO HARPER

Magnificent Statue to Commemorate Former Londoner's Heroism.

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—A public monument, commemorative of the heroism of the late Henry Albert Harper, at one time a newspaper man of London, Ont., was unveiled Saturday afternoon by his excellency, Earl Grey. Thousands of citizens were present to witness the ceremony.

The monument is one of the finest pieces of bronze statuary in America, and is located on the broad boulevard in front of the parliament buildings at the head of Metcalfe street. The figure is a symbolical one; it represents Sir Galahad, a young knight of the mythical court of King Arthur, who was renowned for his purity, nobility and splendid chivalry. The figure is mounted on a gigantic base, cut so as to represent a huge boulder. On one side is a bronze tablet with the inscription: "Erected by the public to commemorate the heroism of Henry Albert Harper, M.A., who, in an effort to save the life of Miss Bessie Blair, was drowned with her in the Ottawa River on Dec. 6, 1901, in his 28th year."

Just at the base of the figure the following legend is cut into the rock: "Galahad cried, 'If I lose myself, I save myself.'—Tennyson—'The Holy Grail.'"

The monument is the work of E. W. Keyser, a young American sculptor.

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DECLARES WAR ON MANY COMBINES

Crown Attorney Curry, of Toronto, Makes a Sensational Seizure of Books.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 20.—Crown Attorney Curry has declared war on combines of every class and character in the city, and he will proceed against them whenever he is able to obtain sufficient evidence to bring them into court.

His first apparent step in this crusade was taken at 11 o'clock Saturday, when he, accompanied by two detectives, entered the office of Jenkins & Hardy, real estate dealers, financial agents, assignees etc., at 15½ Toronto street, with a search warrant and seized the books and papers of Mr. James Hardy.

Crown Attorney Curry says he is in possession of information connecting Mr. Hardy with various combines, of which he says he is the moving spirit, and he expects to find proof of his asserton in the documents under seizure.

"Canadians have been done out of thousands—yes, hundreds of thousands of dollars—by combines," said Crown Attorney Curry.

"I intend to prosecute all combines which are formed for the object of holding up the prices," said the crown attorney." "As soon as I can get enough evidence to proceed against them they will be brought into court."

"What combines do you expect to obtain information of from the letters in that office?" was asked.

"The sheet metal companies, tinware of all kinds, enamel ware, tacks, nails and brassware; in fact, a number of associations of which Hardy is the secretary," stated Mr. Curry. "They have formed associations to boost the prices. They are illegal, as is any combination which is formed to enhance the value of any article beyond its true price."

BORDEN ON INDEMNITY

Says He Is Quite Willing That Bill Be Brought Up Again.

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 20.—Speaking at Stoney Creek on Saturday, in the interests of E. D. Smith, the Conservative candidate for Wentworth, Mr. R. L. Borden made a statement in regard to the indemnity and pension bills. He said:

"I think the proposition might well be brought up again. I declared myself on it, and I am ready to take full responsibility for everything I said in regard to it when this measure was brought down in the closing days of the session, and at the very last moment.

"I am willing, and I think that it should be reconsidered.

"For example, I think that an age limit should be imposed on the pensions."

Mr. Borden declared his entire readiness to have the indemnity, so far as it related to himself, reviewed by Parliament at next session at the earliest possible instant.

KOREA GIVES IN TO JAPS

Under Pressure Agrees To Be Governed by the Latter.

Seoul, Nov. 20.—The Korean Cabinet has agreed to adopt the proposition for a Japanese protectorate over Korea, made by Marquis Ito.

It is considered that the ministerial majority was sufficient to carry the measure, and after nine hours' debate, all except the Prime Minister, submitted to the pressure brought to bear by the Japanese minister, Mayashi, and by General Hazgawa, commander of the Japanese troops in Korea.

The Japanese prime minister has already instructed the consuls of Japan and Korea to take the most stringent measures to prevent any abuses taking place which might bring criticism upon the Japanese Government, and it is believed, that the Korean people will be much better governed in the future.

SCRAPPED IN A PALACE

Boxing Bout at Buckingham for the Benefit of the Shah.

London Nov. 20. — The prize fight that was arranged between the champion welterweight of the British fleet (a sailor on the battleship Bedford), and the champion of the American fleet (a sailor on the Kearsarge), with Prince Louis. Admiral Evans and the rest of the great naval men as spectators, recalls the fact that there was once a fight between two professional pugilists in Buckingham Palace. King Edward VII., then Prince of Wales, and other high personages made up the audience. It was a part of the entertainment provided for the Shah of Persia, who happened to be a guest of the British Government at the time (early in the eighties), and was assigned to quarters in Buckingham Palace.

The incident was kept a secret for many years, and never was published in the London papers. The scene was described by one of the editors of the London Lancet, now dead, who was present in the capacity of surgeon, in case his services might be necessary.

The Shah was very anxious to see a fight with fists. He had never seen anything of the kind, and, of course, it would make a great scandal if he went to places where such exhibitions occurred. Hence the master of ceremonies applied to the police, who found two professionals willing to spar for the sum of £25 each and £25 more to the winner. The police got ropes, stakes and all the other paraphernalia. The surgeon was summoned in case either of the men happened to be badly punished. The Shah and his suite, the Prince of Wales, now King Edward, and several other members of the royal family and household were present. Both men put up a good fight and in the tenth round one of them was knocked out and lay insensible for several minutes. The Prince of Wales then declared the bout at an end, awarded the prize and passed the word around that nothing was to be said concerning the encounter.

The Murray Shoe Company's samples purchased by W. B. Lawson at low prices, include two hundred pairs of men's patent colt shoes, regularly sold at $3.50 and $4.00, which are in this lot offered at $2.97. Call and see them at 138 Dundas street.

Only 1,400 Russian pilgrims went to Jerusalem this year, as against the usual average of 8,000.

The question is often asked by travelers, "Where is the safest seat in the train?" The answer is given by an engineer who, after scientific calculation and protracted experience, asserts that the safest seat is in the middle of the last car but one.

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Real Estate Changes.

The London and Western Trusts Company has recently disposed of the following properties: Lots 40 and 41, west side of Eramosa road, Guelph, to G. D. Hardey. Parts of 13 and 14, west Maitland street, London, to I. Quick; parts of 7 and 8, west Newport street, Brantford, to E. Fisher; 424 Maitland street, city, to J. W. Chantler; 134 and 136 Mercer street, Windsor, to R. B. Cruise; block of lots in Glencoe, to A. McCallum; lot 11 north side of Murray street, Sault Ste. Marie, to David Donald. All the above property of the Birkbeck Loan Company. Lot 10, west side of Richmond street, city, to N. A. Roberts; lot 18, east Nelson street, city, to J. McCartney; Nos. 319, 325, 327 Rectory street, to J. W. Chantler; 728 York street to Mary Sagar; lots 30 and 31 Roskeen street, Parkhill, to Jabez Mason; lots 40 and 41, south side John street, Harrison, to Anson Spotton; part 24, first range N. L. R., Caradoc, to S. F. Nichols; south half of 24, concession 13, Enniskillen, to James Jackson; lots 37 and 38 west Center street, Petrolea, to Eliza Loxton; lot 6, first range, Southwold, to W. Corman; lot 45, Napier street, Delaware, to C. H. Lockwood; Tallman Block, corner of George and Talbot streets, St. Thomas, to J. Shepherd; lot 3, north side Talbot street, St. Thomas, to Thomas Henry; southwest quarter of section 36, 13-25 west meridian, Manitoba, to S. Miller. These are properties of various estates in charge of the company.

The latest adjunct to glass novelties is the glass umbrella, which is covered with "silk" spun from glass. These umbrellas, of course, will afford no protection from the rays of the sun; but they posses one obvious advantage—namely, that they can be held in front of the face when meeting the wind and rain, and at the same time the user will be able to see that he does not run into unoffending individuals or lamp posts.

A WIDE SPHERE OF USEFULNESS.—The consumption of Dr. Thomas Eclectric Oil has grown to great proportions. Notwithstanding the fact that it has now been on the market for over thirty-one years, its prosperity is as great as ever, and the demand for it in that period has very greatly increased. It is beneficial in all countries, and wherever introduced fresh supplies are constantly asked for.

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Kidney disease comes on quietly, it may have been in the system for a long time before you suspected the real cause of your trouble. There may have been backaches, swelling of the feet and ankles, disturbances of the urinary organs, such as, brick dust deposit in urine, higly colored, scanty or cloudy urine, bladder pains, frequent urination, stone in bladder, etc.

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