

CHURCH AND STAGE

Success of Rev. J. O. Hannay as Dramatist Creates Alliance.

Mr. George A. Birmingham has made his debut as a playwright before a London audience with a farce entitled "General John Regan."

"George A. Birmingham" is the pseudonym of the Rev. James O. Hannay, honorary canon of St. Patrick's and rector of Westport, in County Mayo.

As a writer for the stage, "George Birmingham" has had absolutely no training. He has given us admirably good stage plays since he has been a stranger to the theatrical world.

A friend suggested to him that he should write a play to attempt to dramatize some of his novels, but without success.

I wonder whether you know the story of the prophecy of the four fatal figures four times repeated which is being talked about all over Paris just now.

A friend of Sobern, the elder, the great comedian, told me an anecdote of him the other day.

"I know her way," afterwards related Sobern, "and I did not wait for her to speak."

Don't Smoke in Winter. A physician writing to The Family Doctor (London) says that smoking has a worse effect on most people in winter than in summer.

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IMPERIALIST PIONEER

EX-PREMIER DEAKIN HAS WORK EDIHARD FOR THE IDEA.

Australian Statesman Was Largely Responsible For Bringing the Australian Naval Schemes to Their Present Stage of Advancement.

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The recent utterance of Premier Sir Richard McBride point in this direction.

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AN EASTERN REFORMER.

Madame Badia Is One of Egypt's Strongest Women.

The chief objection to be brought against a western education for Oriental women is that the finished article is not often anything but a hybrid.

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LAW FOR LAW'S SAKE

H. M. LUDWIG HAS NO USE FOR BUSINESS-BARRISTERS.

The New President of the Ontario Bar Association Thinks the Mixture of Law and Business Will Have a Deteriorating Effect on the Bar in Ontario, and Urges Strongly Against It.

"In my opinion—law is a profession and not a sideline to a business. A lawyer has no business in real estate or company management.

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