### CHURCH AND STAGE.

luccess of Rev. J. O. Hannay Dramatist Creates Alliance. Mr. "George A. Birmingham" ha made his debut as a playwright before a London audience with a farce entitled "General John Regan." This is not his first attempt on the stage, for a year ago a comedy of his was produced at Dublin with great success. "George A. Birmingham" is the seudonym for the Rev. James O.

Hannay, honorary canon of St. Patrick's and rector of Westport, in County Mayo. He was born and reared in Ulster, has always belonged to the Protestant Church, and is, not-withstanding, an ardent Home Ruler and an enthusiastic Gaelic Leaguer. It is as an author thet "George Birmingham" is known in Great Britain and this country. He has given us admirable fiction in "Spanish Gold," "The Major's Niece," and "The Northern Iron" whilst he is also seen in the Major's Niece," and "The Northern Iron" whilst he is also seen Iron". ern Iron," whilst he is also responsible for a most diverting book entitled.

'The Lighter Side of Irish Life." As a writer for the stage, "George Birmingham" has had absolutely no training. Beyond visiting the theatre on a few occasions in his college days, and attending a few Bernard Shaw plays since, he has been a stranger to the theatrical world. He confesses he is absolutely ignorant of stage technique, and yet his play his been very favorably received by the critics. A friend suggested to him that he should write a play, so he attempted to dramatize some of his novels, but without success. Then he recalled the plot of a short story which he contributed to a magazine many years ago. On the idea of this short story he built his play. He took three nights to write it, then he revised it, and after handing it over to his wife to type he despatched it to Mr. Chas. Hawtrey, who at once made an offer for its production.

The Prophecy of 1913.

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, asks John N. Raphael in The Bystander? The prophecy was made in 1829 by Mademoiselle Lenormand, a French "wise woman," of the pres-ent Kaiser's never-to-be-forgotten grandfather, William the First of Prussia asked Mademoiselle Lenor-mand in 1829 when he would take his first command on the battlefield. "Put down the figures of this year," she said, "and add them to the date like this, 1829 plus I plus 8 plus 2 plus 3 equals 1849." You may remember that in 1849 William the First of Prussia marched against the Duchy of Baden. What will be the most important event in my career after this one?" asked William. "Put down 1849 and add the four figures composing it to it in the same way," said the prophetess. The result was 1871, when the King of Prussia became Emperor of Germany. "And the date of my death?" he asked. "Take 1871 and use the same key to your destiny in the same manner," said Mlle. Lenormand. He added 1, 8, 7 and 1 to 1871 and the otal 1888 was the year of his death. "And when," he said, "will Germany have to fight with all her strength to defend what we hope to conquer for her?" Mlle. Lenormand pointed to the pencil and the figures 1888. "Three eights are 24," she said, "and 1 makes 25. Add 25 to 1888." The result is 1913. Are you superstitious?

Taming the Shrew.

her to speak.

"Before you utter a word, Miss Keene, I said, 'let me turn down the

gaslight.' "I turned it down as I spoke.
"What is that for?' she cried,
amazed as well as enraged.

"Because, I answered, 'I can bear to endure whatever you have to say, but I cannot bear to see those beautiful eyes blazing with passion and that lovely face distorted with wrath. Go on, now, and say whatever you please.'
"She was immediately mollified,
and we were friends again."

Don't Smoke In Winter.

A physician writing to The Family boctor (London) says that smoking has a worse effect on most people in winter than in summer, and he advises all smokers who find their health and mental faculties impaired in winr for no apparent reason to accept bacco as the explanation and to cut down their smoking during the colder months. Tobacco, he says, is a poweriul drug, and cannot be consumed in large quantities without producing a certain effect on the heart. It must be remembered that during the winter the heart has a great deal more work to do than in summer, for the cold-causes the blood vessels to become small and pinehed. It is thus less able to bear the extra strain put upon it by smoking.

A Blow to Chevalier.

Mr. Albert Chevalier, the famous interpreter of "coster" life, had a somewhat disturbing experience in the early days of his career. He was giving a performance at a West End Coronation Amnesty. On the occasion of a coronation, the royal clemency is usually extended to some classes of offenders. When our present King came to the throne all deserters from the army or navy were pardoned, and allowed to come back to their homes if they had left the giving a performance at a West End theatre, but the audience failed to Just as he was nearing the end of his performance there was a terrific round of applause, and he thanked his stars that success was his at last. He was

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EX-PREMIER DEAKIN HAS WORK ED HARD FOR THE IDEA.

Australian Statesman Was Largely Responsible For Bringing the Australian Naval Schemes to Their Present Stage of Advancement-Paid For British Squadron to Pro tect Island Continent.

It is more than ever easy for Cana dians to say that Canada leads all the overseas dominions in the matter of Imperial relationship and defence. In Australia there may be a different opinion, says Canadian Courier. The present Australian High Commission er, Sir George Reid, in Canada a few months ago, may think differently. So may Premier Andrew Fisher, who rode with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the coronation procession. And Mr. Al fred Deakin, Premier before Sir An drew Fisher, may have his own ideas about the significance of a Vancouver conference for the purpose of study ing what may be done to organize a Pacific Imperial squadron, both Canadian and Australian, for the defence of Imperial interests on the Pacific



HON. ALFRED DEAKIN. The recent utterances of Premier Sire

Richard McBride point in this direc-But whatever statesmen may or may not think of the concert, it is certain that Australia, who, twelve years ago, emerged from her "penal twilight," has done Imperial things which she began to do under the energetic Premiership of Mr. Deakin before the present Labor party got the ascendancy in the Commonwealth. In Australia the naval and military service is far in advance of anything we have in Canada. Only a year after the creation of the Commonwealth-in 1902-an agreement was made by both the Imperial Government and the Commonwealth for the maintenance of a naval force from 1903 to 1913. Australia made no contribution; the pay-ments were for a squadron of British ships to be stationed in Australian waters. A more recent feature of their program is the building and maintenance of certain ships to form an Australian squadron of the royal navy, under the command of the Commonwealth, in times of peace, and old-fashioned type, occupied with her part of the eastern fleet of the royal vy in war. In military matters Australia, during the leadership of A friend of Sothern, the elder, the great comedian, told an anecdote of him the other day. Once, when he der the present Labor Government, was a member of Laura Keene's company, Miss Keene, whose temper was temperstrous and violent, took offence and became exceedingly angry with him. It was evening, and she had summoned him to come to her room, intending to vent her rage in a tirade sition in Australia, knows how ad-"I knew her way," afterwards relatived Sothern, "and I did not wait for ber for Ballarat in the House of Representatives; several times member of Federal Council for Australia chairman of committee of public ac-counts, and for twenty years consecu-tively member of the Parliament of Victoria.

A Piscatorial Bishop.

parish work commenced when he was appointed to a living in Leicester. He then proceeded to the important

living of Aston, Birmingham, after

which his promotion was rapid. He

was appointed an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral, then Suffragan

to the Bishop of Worcester. From 1894 to 1903 he was Bishop of Coven-

try, from whence he was appointed

about to take an encore, when the manager seized him by the arm and

pulled him into the wings.
"Done well, haven't I?" asked Mr.
Chevalier. "Hear the applause?"

you," replied the manager. "It's the

Prince of Wales who's just come in."

Look Before You Shoot, The true sportsman may be defined as one who looks before he shoots.

"You silly ass, they're not clapping

to Manchester.

When Christmas is over and the New Year is dawning, the London West End clubs collect donations from their members for the servants' anmual tip. At the leading club thousands of pounds are given. The Carlton Club, if not the richest institution of its kind, is usually the most generous, and averages a couple of thousand pounds for its staff. The National Liberal collects almost as much for its suggestions. The Rt. Rev. Edmund Arbuthnot Knox, Bishop of Manchester, Eng., its numerous employes, while the more select Reform touches \$8,000. witnessed an alliance the other week between the See of Manchester and Perhaps no prominent personage gives so much to club servants as does Mr. that of Lincoln, for a son of his married a daughter of the Bishop of Line Balfour. He belongs to at least half-a-dozen "recognized" clubs—most of which he never sees—but he never coln. Bishop Knox has four sons and two daughters-a very imposing fam ily these days.

The bishop is the son of a clergyman, and was born at Bangalore. He forgets the servants' fund at any of them. This bestowal of largesse is them. This bestowal of largesse is Clubland's annual compensation to its servants for the abolition of tips. These annual gifts are estimated to reach \$100,000. was educated at St. Paul's School, and Oxford. His 'Varsity career was a brilliant one, for he gained numerus honors and was Boden Sanscrit Scholar. For a time he was a tutor at Merton College, Oxford, and his

which the chief meal of the day is

In politics Madame Badia is an ard-

ent Nationalist, believing firmly in Egypt for the Egyptians. She has the

noblest aspirations for her own sex and wishes to see them helped up-wards from the undignified and de-spised position which they have held

in Egypt for centuries to the state of dignity and independence of the days before the Prophet. For history

records that women of the Orient, in the pre-Mahommedan era, followed

professions and went unveiled; respected by all and free from insult.

But slight indeed are the rights of

the present divorce laws it is possible

for a man to put away his wife on slight and frivolous pretexts. The schools are too few, as yet, to deal

with more than a very small portion

of the rising generation. In many homes the girls lead unhappy exist-ences. Disabled by their sex, they

grow neglected to womanhood with the slightest education and little re-

ligious instruction. For many genera-tions mere physical beauty has been

Like all Bedouins she is extremely

hospital. When her solitude is shared

by some valued friend of her school

finished, she reads, writes and thinks.

in Egypt. The terrible infant mor-

tality in the country is one of the questions that occupies Madame Ba-dia. With her superior knowledge of

Clubmen's Tips.

be reared, as is the way

them and their own chief aim.

an Egyptian woman of to-day.

When Afghans Dance. Strange as it may seem, the Afghans are the only Asiatic nation who do not think that it is infra dig for a man to dance at wedding feasts and man to dance at wedding leasts and cother ceremonial occasions, as witness the Bakr-ld celebrations in Calcutts, the Afghan treads the light fantastic toe. In one of the principal and common Afghan dances, twenty or thirty men form a circle and go through the evolutions of the dance through the evolutions of the dance with swords in their hands. The only musical instrument used in the dances is the drum, which directs the dancers. The beats are rather monotonous ers. Ine ceats are rather monotonous with their rat-tat, now slow and then furious. The dance is, however, very impressive, witnessed by torchlight, the swords gleaming in the larkness.

Jumping a Thousand Hurdles.

The craze for strange records began a great many years ago. There was an elderly London omnibus driver named Priestly who at Hull, in 1863, jumped a thousand hurdles, each three feet six inches high, in sixtyone and a half minutes. It is said that this record has never since been equalled. Priestly began omnibus driving in the same year, 1863, and during his forty-six years in the service Jumping a Thousand Hurdles. ing his forty-six years in the service of the London General Omnibus Co. he drove buses a distance of about \$50,000 miles.—London Strand.

## 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 M. LUDWIG HAS NO USE FOR BUSINESS-BARRISTERS. is too often something of a hybrid, neither East nor West. She is apt to The New President of the Ontario Bar

Association Thinks the Mixture of Law and Business Will Have a instead of trying to improve or develop the best that they embody. Yet there are some glorious excep-Deteriorating Effect on the Bar in Ontario, and Urges Strongly tions. From time to time some "gem of purest ray serene" is thrown up on the wave of education.

Bahisa Badia, the daughter of a Bedouin judge was educated at one of the chief girls' schools in Cairo that are under the Egyptian Government. She is an Egyptian of the Egyptians and glories in it. Her school days were extremely happy and she formed a warm friendship with the headmistress, one of the most intelligent and best-liked women in the society of the Egyptian metropolis. tions. From time to time some "gem Against It.

"In my opinion—law is a profession and not a side-line to a business. A lawyer has no business in real estate or company management, at the expense of his legal work. If this kind of thing keeps up, where are we going to get our real leaders of the

The opinions with the question tagged on were given by Mr. H. M. Ludwig, who has been made president of the Ontario Bar Association. He takes the place of Mr. Nickel, K.C., of Belleville, last year's president. Mr. Ludwig is as well known as any lawyer in Ontario to members of the honorable profession. He has held all the positions which a barrister may fill who gives attention to the broader aspects of law. society of the Egyptian metropolis.

At school Bahisa studied with zest and did well in all subjects; mathematics, literature, history, and the study of the Khoran. The love of learning trees with the study of the khoran. learning grew with a strong root in the garden of her mind. When she returned to her father and home she returned to her father and home she still pursued her studies with eagerness and interested herself in all the leading questions of the day.

In the cultured atmosphere of her country home in the remote Fayoum such topics as Home Rule, the Workman's Compensation Act, the comparative strength of the German and British fleet are discussed over the cups of fragrant black coffee with which the chief meal of the day is aspects of law.

He observes degenerating tendencies in the mixture of law and business.



MR. H. M. LUDWIG, K.C. which, if unchecked, may do away which, if uncheeked, may do away with really impressive arguments in the courts. His view of the law is that of an artist—law for the law's sake. Great pictures are not painted nor great books written by men engaged in side lines; nor should legal interpretations of weight be the work of lawyers distracted by remote inof lawyers distracted by remote in-

President Ludwig is one of the mos almost all that has been asked of distinguished graduates of Osgoode Hall Law School. He won the medals in every year of his course, and graduated with the gold medal. In 1892 he was president of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society, in days when an election at the school was the event of the year. During 1892 2 he was Madame Badia's house is comfortably furnished in a style partly European, partly Eastern. It is a low-roofed white-washed building. of the year. During 1892-3-4 he was examiner of the Law Society. In 1910 he was made K.C. Mr. Ludwig, for twenty-six years, has been of the firm of Ritchie, Ludwig and Ballantyne. days it is her delight to plan pleasant entertainements, of carriage drives, picnics or some interesting scene of native life during the visit. When the daily domestic tasks are

Commons Howlers.

The Lower House in England more prolific in quantity, if not in quality, in its stock of howlers than babies but understanding little of how the Lords, seeing that it has so many more opportunities.
Capt. Craig, the fiery Ulsterman,
cooked the following orstorical stew:

fight, and never again will the black smoke of the Nationalists' tar barrels drift on the Home Rule wind to darken the hearts of Englishmen." If anything could kill Home Rule, one would think that would. A Nationalist member, upon

recent occasion, was pouring ridicule upon the fact that farms from which both tenants and live stock had been evicted were under police protection.
"What foolishoess!" he said, "when all the beasts on it are the sea-gulls

all the beasts on it are the sea-guns that fly over it!"

Sir W. Hart Dyke was criticizing the Standing Order forbidding peers from speaking during general elections. Someone had quoted Lord Halsbury as doing so, and Sir William solemnly said: "I must admit that the honorable gentleman has gone to the top of the tree and caught a very top of the tree and caught a very large fish."

Diner's Wanderings.

One of the latest West End charac-

ters in London is the perambulating diner. The person in question, an elderly man, entered a restaurant in diner. The person in question, an elderly man, entered a restaurant, in Soho, and in a moment was supplied with a dish of five oysters and a glass of water. The diner, who had not said a word, ate the oysters thoughtfully, emptied the glass, paid the waiter, and in five minutes had left. "He's off to —'s for the soup," said the waiter. "He never has more than one course at any place. With the soup he will have half a bottle of white wine and some toast. Then he will go to a third place for the fish, and to a fourth for something from the grill. With this he will have half a bottle of burgundy. He never has any sweets or cheese, but finishes at a fifth restaurant, where he gets the best coffee. He told me one evening that he found out five restaurants in Soho each of which excelled in a certain dish. He says the little walk between each course helps his digestion. A dinner takes him about two hours." ALL KINDS OF

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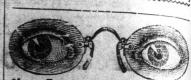
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