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Minimum and maximum tempera-tures: Victoria, 36-44; Kamloops, 28-36; Calgary. 12-32; Qu'Appelle, 14-28; Winnipeg, 6-32; Port Arthur, 14 below-20; Parry Sound, 16 below-10; Toronto, 9-2; Ottawa, 2 below-18; Montreal, 2-28; Quebec, 6-22; Halifax, 26-42. Local temperatures: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the Observatory on Saturday, Jan. 18, were: Highest, 38; lowest, 26; on Sunday, Jan. 19: Highest, 29; lowest, 16.5. Today (Monday) the sun rose at 7:45 a.m. and sets at 5:12 p.m. The moon rose at 2:04 p.m. and sets at 4:18 a.m.

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-Hanlon's Superba Company passed through the city yesterday. -Mr. George Tyndall, of Woodstock, spent yesterday with friends in this

-Dr. English will speak on "Homely Medical Topics" to the Mothers' Union of the Memorial Church on Tuesday. -Mrs. J. W. Vincent, of 860 Maitland street, has just returned home from Toronto from visiting friends and

-Mr. P. E. Ackland died on Saturday at his residence on The Gore, London township. Mr. Ackland was formerly postmaster of the place, and had been ailing for several years. He is surviv-

ed by his wife and a grown-up family. -Solemn requiem mass was celebrated in St. Alphonsus' Church, Windsor, on Saturday, for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Dr. Flannery, who died in Ireland. Rev. J. Brady, of Wallaceburg, was the celebrant, and Father Beaudoin, Walkerville, was deacon. Father Hays was sub-deacon and Father Downie master of ceremonies. Patrick Ouellette officiated at the organ and Miss Verdyn

sang a solo. -Vancouver World: Mrs. Charles Wilson selected Thursday afternoon for a small but delightful musicale, at which songs were effectively given by Miss Lombard, of Victoria, and Mrs. Walter C. Nichol (formerly of this city)
-the latter, always delightful in her music, being in especially fine voice. Mrs. Cory Wood and Mrs. (Dr.) Boyle played pleasingly, while among the favored few present were Mrs. George E. Macdonald, Mrs. Livingston, Miss Bruun, Mrs. Jones, of Golden, and one or two others.

-Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of The Westminster, Toronto, preached two fine and strong sermons yesterday don; in the morning, on Abraham, and the rewards of faith; in the evening, on Ishmael, the type of the man with the handicap. It was announced that the annual social gathering of the congregation would be held on Wednesday evening, in the lecture room. There would be no admission charge; there would be a good programme, including refreshments; and a large attendance was asked.

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for a fire and rang in an alarm. Later were at church, a spark ignited the flooring and caused \$100 dam.

Five elders were ordained yesterday at St. Andrew's Church. They were Messrs. R. A. Little, W. B. McKenzie, H. G. Hopkirk, J. G. Wright, George

## TENDENCYOF THETHEATER

Its Influence Baneful, Says Rev. Dr. Johnston.

Surroundings of the Stage Are Evil, He Maintains.

Great Writers and Thinkers of All Ages Have United in Condemnation of It.

"Does the Theater Make for Good?" was the subject of Rev. Dr. Johnston's discourse at St. Andrew's last night. Its announcement served to fill every seat in the big church, and necessitated the placing of chairs in the aisles to accommodate the overflow audience. Dr. Johnston's sermon was a vigorous arraignment of the theater, supported by the records of history and the testimony of actors and actresses, theatrical managers and dramatic critics.

Choosing his text from the words of the Lord's Prayer, Matthew, xi., 9 and 10: "After this manner, therefore, pray ye, . . . Thy kingdom come," Dr. Johnston said, in opening, that the man or woman who prayed that prayer sincerely would, in their pleasures, as in their business, pause to consider whether in each act under-taken they would be lending their in-fluence to the hastening of Christ's kingdom on earth or the strengthening of the kingdom of evil. In asking the question: "Does the theater make for the good of the community or the individual, for righteousness, truth, for purity, for love?" Dr. John-ston said he did not wish to deal with an ideal theater, with a theater as it might be, but with the theater as it exists today and as it has existed in

its essentials for 2,000 years. There were several reasons, said the preacher, why he must answer his question in the negative. The first was the simple fact of history that good and earnest men in every age of the theater's existence had given their overwhelming testimony that its influence was demoralizing and evil. This the speaker did not put forward as a conclusive argument but as an In Greece, instructive statement. where the drama originated, it was first prohibited, then so restricted as to be almost prohibited. In Sparta the profession of acting was counted so infamous that only slaves or aliens were allowed to follow it. As part of the worship of Bacchus and the other gods, it was the medium of presenting most disgraceful scenes. Socrates, Aristotle. Plato and Solon, heathens as they were, saw the theater's de-

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moralizing influence and opposed it. Not till the degeneracy of Rome commenced was the drama tolerated there. Then the profession of the actor was considered infamous and the actor lost all his rights as a citizen, he being held to have unselfed himself and ceased to have a personality. Among the great Romans who opposed it were Juvenal and Cicero, who besought the enactment of laws to sup-

The drama was introduced into Britain throught the agency of the church's mystery plays and moralities, by which it was sought to instruct an unlearned people in the facts of Christian history. Even then earnest souls saw the failure of an art which showed sacred things in a manner which subjected them often to ridicule. Down from the time of the Tudors to that of the Stuarts, when the stage became utterly degenerate, the testimony was all against the theater. In the time of Charles II. the unanimous verdict of the Christian, Greek and Je sh churches, consisting of 54 council or synods, and 150 Catholic and Protestant

writers, was that the stage was an influence for evil. Since then the testimony of men of all shades of opinion, including Jean Jacques Rousseau, Cardinal Manning. Charles H. Spurgeon, Archbishop Taschereau, and D. L. Moody, has been to the same effect. Nor has the testimony been all from in the evening they were called to "te preachers and friends of the church. corner of Pall Mall and Adelaide. The theater has been described in corner of Pall Mall and Adelaide The theater has been described in streets, where, while the occupants stronger terms than any of these have used by actors, managers and dramatic critics, who spoke from inside knowledge. A parliamentary commission in England a few years ago reported that the only way to purify the drama was to burn down every theater. All this showed some undue and inherent tenlency to evil in the institution which has called down such denunciation from strong, earnest souls throughout

the past twenty centuries. The second reason for answering in negati e was the fact that the difest influence of the theater of tolay is demoralizing and evil. Why is it that so soon as a building is erected for theatrical purposes, the property in he neighborhood almost immediately decreases in value? Why do the doors of saloons open near by, and why is it that not far off is found the house of her whose feet take hold of the path to hell? If the theater is elevating, why is so much of evil associated with it? Whether on the Bowery or on Broadway, whether where the unwashed are herded or the carriage of the millionaire rolls, the description of the theater

of impurity, but he said it was a pat-ent fact that the vast majority of Alexa plays presented had nothing elevating, enlarging or soul-stirring in them, but on the contrary they possessed evil and demoralizing tendencies. He quot-'the chief themes of the drama today are the passions of mankind-ambition, jealousy and greed leading to murder, lust leading to adultery and death, anger leading to madness." To this utterance, William Winter, the veteran American critic, lent his support. The Philadelphia Ledger described Sarah Bernhardt's "La Tosca" as a "conglomeration of vilenesses and horrors," while the actress herself said that the chief feature of her portrayal of the character was the quality of fleshly love or carnality. "If that is a noble art," cried Dr. Johnston, "then for sweetness and beauty commend me to A London correspondent of a Manchester journal recently wrote that of ten leading theaters, eight were devoted to purely frivolous and idle proserious mind.

ductions which could not appeal to the A third reason for saying that the theater does not make for good is the righteousness. spirit of antagonism toward religion, which almost all plays exhibit. Nine is, "Can I lend my influence to such out of ten references on the stage to an institution?" Dr. Johnston said he either Christianity or its followers is friendly society or your labor union, or my abuse, many here would rise and leave the church, and I think you sponsibility on their own standard the church and I think you would be justified. This is why I cannot understand the man or woman, bought with the blood of Christ, who can sit and hear their holy religion made an object of jest and ridicule, and not by their exit or their absence show their detestation and abhor-Dr. Johnston then proceeded to quote

from a published interview with Clement Scott, for 34 years dramatic critic of the London Daily Telegraph. He spoke of the high position Mr. Scott held in his chosen sphere of life, and said that to sit for three hours at a new play, to hurry away to a newspaper office and in 60 minutes torn out a well-constructed and cleverly-written article on the salient points of the play and the good and bad features of the performance, was no easy thing to do, and argued a knowledge of his subject on the part of the man who Thirty-four years of such a life should give a man authority to speak, and it was with this authority that Clement Scott answered, as follows, a question as to the practicability of a union of church and stage: "I am sorry to so utterly condemn all hope of such a union, but as things stand it is ridiculous even to suggest such a thing. Many of our ablest actors and actresses would be only too glad if it were possible, but one and all recognize the hopelessness of it. . . . I, a man of the world, recognize that religion and the stage have say that one would weaken the other.

nothing in common. I go further and "What can the theater show in the way of elevating morality or art?" asked Dr. Johnston. "Some may say they go to study Shakespeare in the presentation of his plays. Foremost Shakespearean scholars will not go to the theaters, because they would only have their ideals destroyed. The rapid progress of an acted play is no place to study the subtleties and intricacies of a great dmara. Can you show me a man made a better father or husband or citizen, a woman made a purer and sweeter wife or mother, a son or daughter made more dutiful to parents, an employe made more valuable to his employer? The stage cannot plead lack of opportunity. All that wealth, all that genius, all that talent 25c progress of an acted play is no place to

and all that art could give it have been lavished upon it, yet what palpable good has it accomplished?" Again, said the speaker, the Christian man or woman should consider the destroying influence of the theatrical life upon those engaged in it. "If the profession demands of those who serve it that they place character and morals, body and soul, in dire peril. Sure-ly amusement at such a cost is too dear for Christians to purchase." In speaking of the effect of the profes-sion and the sure of the profession on its members, Dr. Johnston said he wished to give credit to all the good and generous actions on the part of the individuals or aggregations en-gaged in it. He said, too, that there were great names on the roll of histri-onic fame against whose blameless lives no word of reproach could be uttered. Even of these, however, many had given their testimony against the theater. Macready would not let his own son enter its doors. Fanny Kemble confessed that she felt the influence of the life on her nature. Many others have added their testimony that the

profession was one that detericrated

"Why is it that you say, 'Oh, sne's

the moral senses.

an actress,' in quite a different tone to the one you use in speaking of a young woman who enters medicine, or nursing, or business life? Why would you not permit your daughter to associate for two or three months with the members of a theatrical troupe?" Dr. Johnston again quoted Clement Scott, as follows: "The theater of today is not one of the things that makes for righteousness. \* \* If anyone I loved insisted on going on the stage contrary to my advice, I should be terrified for her future, and hopeless for the endurance of either our affection or even friendship. Stage life, according to my experience, has a ten-dency to deaden the finer feelings, to crush the inner nature, and to substitute artificialty and hollowness for sin cerity and truth. \* \* \* It is nearly impossible for a woman to remain pure who adopts the stage as a profession. Everything is against her. \* \*
\* I am not a canting prig or a Philistine, who makes broad his phylacteries and says, 'Thank God, I am not as other men are.' The temptation of the stage is and has been quite as bad fo me as for anyone else, if not worse It would disorder any life and ship wreck any character, however religious, to have your whole mind devoted to the showy and alluring for 3 years. Continuing, Dr. Johnston said the

profession had scarcely a word of de-nial or defense to say anent this charge of immorality in the profession. George Bernard Shaw, playwright and critic, who is no friend of religion, said that Mr. Scott might have truthfully gone further and been within the mark. He might have said that no member of the profession even dreams of believing the statement of another that any other professional man' credit is better than that of the actor that disloyalty in undermining and supplanting others in their position excites no surprise nor disapprobation in the green room; that theatrical agreements are the riskiest securities in the world, and that the stage today is probably more corrupt than it has ever been in the history of the world before.

The Entr'acte, a theatrical paper quoting the charges of impurity among stage women, said, "Never were truer is equally true. words spoken. As most of our thea-Dr. Johnston said he wished to be ters are conducted at the present time, understood as speaking not of the drama as literature, for the world tines and when an actress sees that should be thankful for the masterpieces success is won most easily by the actof literature which have come in this shape. He admitted also that there are plays in which there is no suggestion triumph by the easiest and shortest

Alexander Dumas, fils, on being asked by a lady to introduce her daughter on the stage, answered: "When a girl belonging to the lowest class of society, pretty and clever, ed A. M. Palmer, one of New York's asks my assistance to go on the stage famous managers, to the effect that I give it. But I shall always refuse to a well-born, chaste and rich aspirant, considering that for a girl enjoying these advantages anything is preferable, even death itself, to this abomniable existence

Dr. Johnston said he could give the views of W. T. Stead and the leading clergymen of England, all to the same effect, but he believed he had given enough.

Lastly, the fact that the profession tended to unself the individual engaged in it and submerge the personality, Dr. Johnston considered the secret of its tendency downward, the inherent evil of the thing. The submerging of the abattoir, the stockyard or the pig- one's self in the part of a murderer, an adulterer, or other wrongdoer, could not continue for night after night without affecting the moral nature of the actor. It was this fact that made it impossible for the theatrical art to lend itself as a power for good and the advancement

The question for a Christian to ask had not spoken so severely as "If I made your might. He had spoken because he Masonic or Oddfellows' Lodge, your saw that many had become frequenters of the theaters from thoughtlessthe subject of my satire, my ridicule ness. Now his hearers could not plead sponsibility on their own shoulders. and they must make their choice When choosing, let them say, "Thy kingdom come," and ask, "Is my act in going to the theater helping the coming of the kingdom in the hearts and minds of the players, in my own heart and life, and in the community?"

"I am standing," said Dr. Johnston "on the stage of a great theater as the night darkens and the shadows lengthen. In the gloom boxes and parquet, pit and gallery, and all the auditorium seems to fill with a multitude from all the nations earth. With a brightness that illuminates all souls a great white throne arises. Rapture brightens the countenances of some and dismay settles upon the faces of others. For flashing footlights are blazing worlds, for curtain the heavens rolled together as a scroll, for prologue to the play the announcement of the angel who stands with one foot on land and one on sea and swears that time shall be no more, for orchestral accompaniment the trump of the archangel, at whose summons the dead from earth and sea arise. The farce is that of trying to serve God and mammon, the tragedy that of lost souls departing, and the curtain falling shows the separation of the evil from

Concluding, Dr. Johnston said he would rather preach the Gospel for ter minutes than preach on theaters for an hour, but there were times when the minister must be prophet as well as preacher. "He that hath ears to hear let him hear," and he who heard the call to the best and highest life must submit his amusements, as he must submit all other matters of the soul, to the test of the prayer, "Thy kingdom come.'

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