

CHURCH.

MONTREAL, Nov. 20.—Father Guy-hot, the priest whose misconduct in betraying the wife of a prominent citizen by means of the confessional, created such a furore some time ago, is now said to be selling dry goods in a store in Albany. He makes an excellent salesman. His victim is still in the house of the Good Shepherd.

Another sensation has been caused in clerical circles by the suspension of Rev. Father Salmon, of the east end. His orgies, it is said, have of late been scandalous, and Archbishop Fabre has at length been compelled to act. Salmon has been retired to the monastery at Oka. He thinks he has been badly treated and has appealed to Rome.

At the opening of an Anglican Church at Point St. Henri last week a number of Romanists created a disturbance. The parish priest on Sunday denounced them from the pulpit.

THEATRES.

"People who have generally patronized the theatre have been of the worst class of society," thundered Dr. Galbraith last night in the Berkeley Street Methodist Church. He made one of the most severe denunciations of the theatre ever heard from a Toronto pulpit.

He would not say that no men or women of pure character ever entered there, or that no christians have appeared on the stage, but affirmed that people who generally support theatres are the worst class of the community. Good people ought not to be there.

"All the vices that scatter fortune, produce immorality, undermine health, and that lead to hell are within the precincts of the theatre," exclaimed the pastor.

"The blackest rakes, harlots, fallen women, thieves and gamblers go there in multitudes. The average theatre is debasing and demoralizing. It is a scene of vice. Persons associated with the stage often leads scandalous lives."

This is a sad state of affairs, but if you will refer to last Sunday's Chicago press you will find incarcerated for an abominable offence one Methodist minister, and for other penal sins a Presbyterian, a Baptist and an Episcopalian, showing that vice is not confined to the Roman Catholic Church, which is purer than the others by contrast. I am not endeavoring to cast discredit upon the church, which has everything in it to admire, if the precepts of Christ are followed; nor am I endeavoring to cast a stone at its exponents, for there are some of the most virtuous and noblest amongst its ranks, and to them is given the greatest of all virtues, "charity." Reverend brother, you have specified two distinct classes—harlots, fallen women. I am not familiar enough with them to define the distinction. You say, "Persons associated with the stage often lead scandalous lives." You may search the prison archives and you will not find an actor incarcerated for the lowest class of crime like above quoted. I do not know who patronize Toronto theatres, whether they are the "worst of society," as represented by you or not, but I would consider it an insult if it were said of the pure women who have in Canada patronized me. I have not read so sweeping a condemnation for some time, although I once heard