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A CLERGYMAN ATTACKS
THE STAGE.

"You may find a few who are respectable and perhaps virtuous, but among the regular theatre goers are thieves, gamblers, jockeys, spend-thrifts, dissipated men and fallen women. The very scum of vicious poverty. Go to the theatre and you find them—rowdy and raffish, bully, black-guard, billiard-charger and gambler, bar-keeper and loafer, wife beater, gin guzzler, lecherous men and fallen women. The patrons of the grog shops are the patrons of the theatre always. The patrons of the brothel are the patrons of the theatre always, also the patrons of the gambling hell. If it be a school of morals, is it not strange that the very worst classes of society, who are its most frequent attendants, never improve in their morals under the instruction and influence of the theatre?"

Rev. G. A. Sellar, in the pulpit of the Exmouth Street Methodist church, St. John, N. B.

Obviously Mr. Sellar has never attended a high class dramatic performance and seemingly his deductions on the theatre are drawn from a visit to a dime show in one of our larger cities. There are many clergymen and many church-goers who deal in indiscriminate censures of the theatre, but we venture to say, no one would be audacious or ignorant enough to make the assertions quoted from Mr. Sellar's sermon. In tracing the modern drama back through the morality and miracle plays we find that the drama claim to be a child of the church. The estrangement which has grown up, has led many to overlook the possibilities of the stage as a teacher, and to regard it as a hindrance to the best interests of society.

Many good people today are firmly convinced that the stage can serve no good purpose in our modern life. But a large number of other thoughtful people, as they study the forces that aid the common welfare grow convinced that the stage is an institution which has in it noble possibilities and that the time has come to recognize the good there is in it and to speak out in defence of a calling which has too often been condemned without any just discrimination. The time has come for showing both the public and the players that the theatre is an institution which is capable of doing much for the welfare of society. Many of the dramatic fraternity need a higher view of the stage, for no institution can rise higher in the estimate of the world than the ideal of those who are in it and part of it. If actors and actresses think meanly of their calling and see nothing in it but an irksome means of gaining a living, or an outlet for untrained impulses—then they degrade themselves and their calling. If they think of their calling as a legitimate one to be made honorable, and of the stage as having its teaching function—then the theatre justifies its existence and demands an honorable place among the social forces of the day. If, rising up above all this mass of old prejudices and misjudgements, rising too, above the low views and lower aims of some of the dramatic fraternity, we can see that the stage can do something for the welfare of society—then much of the remaining antagonism to the theatre will die out and there will be an impulse given toward the elevation of the drama everywhere. Rev. Mr. Sellar intimates that the stage has not a teaching function. We maintain that it has. First of all it gratifies an inherent instinct—the dramatic instinct, which is part of humanity, and, which when properly gratified becomes a source of great enjoyment and of innocent enjoyment, too. Then it presents pictures of life and widens knowledge of the different conditions of life, and the circumstances under which issues are brought to pass. It gives the color and movement of other periods and other sections of society and consequently expands knowledge. Then again the stage stimulates a fondness for literature, poetry and history and is in reality the interpreter of literature. We all know that amusement is legitimate. A well balanced mind and a heart that beats true find place for laughter, and the high class drama furnishes the best of amusement. Instructions may go along with merriment. Some follies are seen to be follies when you can laugh at them. Some absurdities lose their hold of men when the disguise which has given them a temporary respectability has been torn off. The merriest comedy may point a moral or convey a message for well doing. But the laugh must be wholesome and the fun good natured. There is virtue in good, honest merriment. However there is a class of plays that cannot be too strongly condemned. Plays which enter into the darker side of life and offend public decency should not be tolerated. No excuse can ever

bemad for the presentation of abnormal conditions of viciousness. The range is wide enough for the playwright without descending into dark, muddy circles where the lives of men are offence to every noble principle. The stage is not to bring to the surface that current of evil which flows beneath as the sewage of a city. Society must not tolerate that which makes for its own undoing. We are not a brutalized people, nor will we long accept a gilded impurity. The time is drawing nigh when the rule to be enforced in every theatre will be "Nothing to offend good taste". While affording amusement the drama shows man his own likeness, so that seeing what he is, he may with more knowledge, try to be what he ought to be.

GENERAL MERCIER.

General Mercier speaking in the French Senate the other day asked the Government to introduce into the army mobilization plans, methods for the embarkation and debarkation of an expeditionary corps, to invade England. A few days later he said he was unable to understand the sensation his remarks had produced. He did not desire war with Great Britain, but he thought it the duty of the government to provide for such an eventuality. He repudiated any attention to appear aggressive towards Great Britain. General Mercier is one of the French officers who figured conspicuously in the Dreyfus case as an anti-Dreyfusard. At the Rennes court Martial he was discovered to be nothing more nor less than a scoundrel, and since then Britishers have given him a wide berth, consequently he is antagonistic towards Great Britain and infact, everything British.

Small Talk
BY
Big Editors.
THE NEWSPAPER.
(London Free Press.)

"As the twig is bent the tree's inclined." A good wholesome newspaper entering a household daily and read intelligently, is an educational force. It teaches people to think—not to be led away by the hurrah of the moment. Brass bands and torches have each their place, but they do not convince reasoning and thoughtful people.

ADUKE'S MISFORTUNE.

(St. John Gazette.)

The Duke of Manchester lately married to Miss Zimmerman of Chicago, being a bankrupt has no seat in the House of Lords. But a barren title has a high money value in America, though in Europe it is properly considered a discredit. A lord who cannot sit in the House of Lords is of about as much importance in the world as a misfit straw hat is to its owner in the winter.

A TRUE FRIEND.
(St. John Sun.)

The true friend of the returned soldier today is not the man who gives him most praise, or most drink, but he who gets him steady work suited to his strength and capacity, and who encourages him to habits of industry and thrift.

LIBERAL VICTORY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—The provincial elections took place to-day, and as a result the conservatives will have just seven members in a house of 74. There was but scant interest manifested as the Parent government had enough of its supporters returned by acclamation to give it a majority. Contests took place in 39 counties today the conservatives winning seven seats, Laval, St. John, Joliette, Compton, Nicolet, Dorchester, and Leominster. Among the conservative leaders defeated are Hon. M. F. Hackett in Stanstead, Hon. C. A. Nantel in Terrebonne and Hon. A. W. Atwater in St. Lawrence division, Montreal.

Why
Scott's

EMULSION of Cod Liver Oil?

There are others; why SCOTT'S?

The good one is SCOTT'S. It's nearly 30 years old; it is used by intelligent people all over the world; and approved by physicians all over the world.

When anyone says "Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil," he means SCOTT'S. No other is famous.

SCOTT'S EMULSION is made in a certain way; of certain things; it keeps; it is always alike; it does what it does.

The others—nobody knows what they are or do. There wouldn't be any others but for the goodness of SCOTT'S—there wouldn't be any counterfeit money but for the true.

The genuine has this picture on it, take no other. If you have not tried it, send for free sample, its agreeable taste will surprise you.

SCOTT & BOWNE,
Chemists,
Toronto.
50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

Great
Bankrupt
Sale.FROM NOW
UNTIL X'MAS.Youths', Men's
and Boys'
CLOTHINGEvery thing
MUST
Be sold.OVERCOATS
ULSTERS
REEFERSfor men and boys.
All sizes.
Cheap, Stylish and
Durable.Ready to Wear
Suits,
In all Shades & Styles
and at
Ridiculously low Prices.Then we have a fine
assortment of
Underwear,
Top Shirts,
Sweaters,
Neckwear,
Hats and Caps,
Etc., etc.

Come early.

Copp & Co.

RAMSAY STORE.

ARRIVED ARRIVED.

ONE CAR ELECTRIC AMERICAN OIL.

A full assortment of

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES

suitable for the Holiday trade.

All are invited as bargains may be expected.

M. BANNON.

STAGE
BETWEEN NEWCASTLE AND
CHATHAM.

TIME TABLE.

Leave Chatham, 9 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Newcastle 11 a. m. " 4 p. m.

Leave parcels and orders at Commercial Hotel, Newcastle and at the Albert Hotel, Chatham.

ALLAN MANN,
Chatham, N. B.

Just Arrived

One car St. Lawrence Standard
Granulated and Yellow

SUGAR

One car

FIVE ROSES FLOUR.

For sale low to the trade.

P. Hennessy.

NOTICE.

The house and property at Douglastown, formerly owned by the late Daniel Magner, cannot be sold except by me. I therefore forbid anyone to purchase the same.

MRS. JAMES KEENAN,
Newcastle, Dec. 10th. 1900.—1w. pd.

NOTICE.

All persons having accounts against the Town of Newcastle will please present same before the 20th December.

R. T. D. AITKEN,
Town Treasurer.



OUR Friends and customers are invited to call at
"THE PHARMACY" and examine
our stock of Christmas Goods.

Our line of perfumes includes all the leading French and English makes in prices from 10c to \$3.00 a bottle.

An elegant line of toilet cases and fancy articles, with prices to suit all.

A dainty line of Japanese china, in cups and saucers, cake plates, flower bowls, bon bon dishes, etc. Quality high, price low.

A. E. SHAW.

NEWCASTLE.

DRUGGIST.

WHAT TO BUY and
WHERE TO BUY IT.

That's the question. It is often difficult to decide just what to select for a present for Christmas. The shopping public are for weeks pondering this mighty question, What shall I get? To assist as far as we can in this weighty problem is the purpose of this advertisement.

We trust that we may be somewhat successful in guiding you to the right place.

It is a solid fact that the best and most acceptable kind of a present is one that is useful rather than merely ornamental.

Let us say right here that our store is full of just that kind of goods.

Let us begin with

FURS

as this the proper season for this kind of a present.

We sell small black ruffs for 50c
Large Brown Ruffs, very nice, \$1.00
Large Brown Ruffs, head and tail, 1.50
Storm Collars, the cheapest in the market 1.00
Storm Collars, large size, \$1.60, 1.85, 2.00
Large Squirrel Great Collars 3.00
Squirrel Great Cape, 5.25
Large Black Cape, 3.60 and 3.95
Blue Opposum, nice quality fur, collar, cap and mits, per set, 13.00
Grey Opposum collar, cap and muff 7.00
Girl's grey Lamb Collars and Caps.
Child's white Hare sets, collar, cap and muff 4.00
Ladies' fur mits, fur lined, 2.50
Ladies' gauntlet Astracan mits, 1.00
An excellent line of ladies' unlined gloves both black and colors at 75c, 1.00 and 1.25.
The better qualities are fully guaranteed.

Men's lined gloves, dressed and undressed kid at 50, 75, 1.00, 1.25 & 1.50
Men's Astracan black gloves 75
Men's fur lined gloves 2.25
Men's gauntlet fur mits, just the thing for driving, 3.90
Misses and girls Astracan mits, black and grey, 75

We have THREE

Ladies' Costumes

to sell at REDUCED PRICES

One very nice quality homespun suiting mixed grey, size 34, worth 10.00, will be sold for \$8.00
One heavy black serge, two piece skirt and Eaton jacket, worth \$16, now at 13.00
One, same cloth as above, three piece skirt and Eaton jacket, size 32, worth \$18.00 now 15.00

These are regular tailor made goods, thoroughly well finished and up to date in every particular.

Ladies' Underskirts.

We have a good variety and some very pretty garments.

Ladies' striped skirt with flounces, lined throughout with flannel-tte \$1.00
Black sa line skirts, flounced, lined as above 1.20
Colored mercerised satine, flounced, lined as above, very pretty colors, 1.50
Colored naterined Morine in short effects two flounces, lined as above 2.00
Colored naterined mercerised satine with flounce and three rows of cording 2.15
Black naterined mercerised satine with colored cording, two flounces and corded 2.15



Clearing Sale of Ladies' Coats

Now is the time to buy ladies' coats. Is your wife, sister or best girl in need of a winter coat? Send her here. Our elegant range of ladies' jackets all reduced in price.

\$4.20 lined coats, now reduced to \$3.70
5.25 lined and trimmed with braid, 4.60
6.40 coats, large size, heavy cloth for 5.25
7.00 coat, black frieze, lined, now 6.00
9.00 beautiful garments, in colors for 7.50
8.50 very fancy garment, trimmed with braid 7.00
10.00 The very best we have, elegant garments in shades of fawn, grey and blue 8.75

Ladies' Cloth Capes

Also reduced in price.

\$3.15 Very nice cape, trimmed with braid \$2.75
5.00 Black cloth capes, fine quality beaver 4.40
5.25 Black and blue beaver, now 4.65
Misses coats, for girls 12 to 16 years, priced at \$4.75 now 4.15



Suits, Reefers, Overcoats

See how delighted Santa Claus is at having found the

Headquarters for Clothing.

Why go shabby or cold when you can get such elegant, warm, comfortable clothing for so little money as is to be found right here.

Men's warm tweed suits, \$6.25
Men's heavy serge suits, 8.50, 9.50, 11.00, 12.00
Boy's heavy, strong, double breasted suits, two pieces, 3.75 and 4.75

These are new and just taken into stock.
Men's reefers, fine quality cloth, 4.75
Heavy reefers, 5.00
Heavy frieze reefers lined with rubber cloth, fleeced, wind and waterproof 6.50

No wonder the old man and his wife looked pleased at such an array as we have spread out on our top floor.

Our \$10.00 overcoats, brown, blue and black are going fast, better come quickly and secure one.

CLARKE & Co.