

SERMON PREACHED BY REV. H. RIETVELT, C.S.S.R., IN ST. ANN'S CHURCH LAST SUNDAY.

Last December, my dearly beloved brethren, a drama of filth was played by a company of French actors in one of our city theatres.

Commenting on the attendance, a writer ventured the remark that no Catholic, in his opinion, attended the play.

My dear brethren, I wish that this were true, but unfortunately there were many Catholics present, mostly from the upper classes, and they saw the disgusting performance to the end.

Why did that married woman lose all affection for her husband? It is because she went to the theatre.

Why did that young man's heart become corrupt? How did that man alienate the affections of his wife?

My dear brethren, Judge Desnoyers told us in 1901 that out of a hundred boys and girls under sixteen years of age, charged with theft, eighty of them commenced their wicked life by stealing the money that paid for their admittance to the theatre.

You are allowed to attend innocent, religious dramas, and sacred concerts, you are to encourage such entertainments by every means in your power, for they elevate and recreate the mind.

Parents! I don't allow your children to go to the theatre. You cannot allow them to frequent them after the description I have given, without endangering your immortal souls.

Magistrates, close the doors of the theatres against innocent children. And you, City Councillors, instead of subsidizing the dens, impose a heavy tax on them; it will never be heavy enough to purchase a single soul.

My dear brethren, do not frequent the theatres, give good example to your fellow men; economize your hard-earned money. Keep your faith, your virtue, your piety, and after your death you will be admitted to the great representation which is given in Heaven by the angels and elect of God. Amen.

Put personal ambition away from you, and then you will find consolation in living or in dying, whatever may happen to you.—Henry Frederic Amiel.

What threatened to be a serious conflagration broke out at St. Laurent College on the afternoon of Thursday, February 9th.

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more or less damaged by smoke or water. The Montreal firemen paid a glowing tribute to the college authorities and boys for the manner in which they fought the flames.

On Monday night the French pupils gave a drama entitled "Le Bossu," which was largely attended.

On Feb. 21st the American students will celebrate Washington's birthday by holding a negro minstrel performance in the evening.

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Little Edith had spent an afternoon busily searching with nimble fingers through the soft fur of her pet kitten, says Lippincott's Magazine.

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