

SAYS THE DRAMA IS DEMORALIZING

Rev. Francis Ireland, Once With Sir Henry Irving, Decries Influence of the Stage.

PEEPS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Declares Managers Are Mercenary and Almost Brutal—Actors Not to Be Envious.

Rev. Francis Ireland, formerly an actor, but now a Baptist evangelist of New York city, preached in the First Baptist church yesterday morning, on his experiences as an actor, and the influence of theatrical life upon those engaged in it, and on the spiritual life. In the evening he spoke before a union meeting at Murray. The preacher's argument was straight against the theater as demoralizing in its effects upon the morals of its actors, and upon professing Christians who attend the play. Mr. Ireland recited his youthful ambition to enter the dramatic profession, and the sorrowful scene that occurred at the home when his father told him that when once he passed the paternal threshold to enter on such a career, he was dead to his father's household as long as he remained on the stage. The young man started out with this left hand blessing, entered the dramatic profession and rose to eminence in it, becoming a leading man in Sir Henry Irving's company. His description of the privations and often humiliating experiences that the actor has to submit to were not encouraging to any young people present who might have had aspirations in the dramatic line. Mr. Ireland told of the trials and tribulations of traveling troupes with one night stands—jumping from the stage to the sleeping (?) car, where sleep was practically banished, so that on arriving at the next town the members of the troupe were exhausted and in a condition demanding rest rather than any immediate public appearance. The tribulations of the road and consequent nervous exhaustion were prime incentives to drink and use of drugs, a combination that is sending hundreds of actors to their graves every year. And what does the public care? The public's interest begins and ends with the rise and fall of the curtain; and when the poor actor is worn out and broke, the public that he has given his life to entertain, cares no more about him than a dead dog. There are three ends in life for the actor, said the speaker, a drunkard's grave, the alms house, or death from drugs—each of these he has been conscientiously to please a theater-going public.

MERCENARY MANAGERS.

Mr. Ireland then proceeded to hand down a lesson to the theatrical manager whom he characterized as utterly mercenary, and whose idea of a play was, not will it elevate the public morals or taste? but, how much money will it bring? The cleanliness of a play is not his care. Plays like "Ben Hur," these so-called moral, clean and high-toned plays, are simply buffers put out to keep over opposition to the drama, the theatrical manager knowing that when young people are attracted to the theater by such productions, they will be drawn in again and made regular attendants on the show. Such plays as "Ben Hur" may be followed right up with plays really indecent. The speaker did not believe even in the presentation of the Shakespearean drama on the stage. He said it was one thing to read the printed play, and quite entirely another to see the same thing dramatized. He had been in the Shakespearean drama himself and would not advocate patronizing it.

BEHIND THE SCENES.

Mr. Ireland painted a gruesome picture of experience behind the scenes; a cross, irritable and often abusive stage manager, who cared for an actor just for what he could get out of him, a sordid and grasping business manager, profane stage hands, irregular hours and meals, etc., while the contrast drama between what the spectators saw from in front of the curtain and what the actor saw behind the curtain and under the stage rafters, was in the nature of a revelation to the First Baptist church audience. The hero of the play, the recipient of adulation-honest in front of the stage, was depicted as of no consequence at all behind the scenes and aside from the glittering surroundings laid out before the audience. It is the heavy villain who is the center and attractive of the show. And the more violent and dramatic the portrayal of his lines the greater his success. And the speaker took occasion to point out how a man's constantly acting certain delineations of character unconsciously engrained them into his own moral fibre; so that in time recollections of what he had done and experienced in life, and what he only acted on the stage because confused; and Mr. Ireland stated that he had found himself unconsciously relating experiences as real which he suddenly would remember as occurring only on the stage. Thus the actor finds his individuality practically eliminated after a number of years. He becomes a composite of the various characters he has represented. Instead of preserving a vigorous and assertive individuality. This may be noticed to a marked degree in Richard Mansfield. Mr. Mansfield is generously conceded to be one of the greatest actors who ever appeared upon the American stage; but no member of the dramatic profession would truthfully say that he was desirous of the great actor's friendship. He has responded too often to the proud demand for Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde that he has ingrained the characteristics of Dr. Jeckyl into his own person to such a degree that has turned and twisted that would otherwise have been a most polished and agreeable personality into a repulsive selfishness. No one who has met Richard Mansfield desires any intimate acquaintance with him.

ENGENDER HOSTILITY.

Mr. Ireland called attention to the fact that it was not uncommon for actors who had impersonated opposing parties which brought them into dramatic hostility with each other on the stage, so far entered into their natural hate the hostility entered into their very-day life. He had experienced this himself. The speaker did not see how any actor could be a Christian. His life and surroundings were contrary to Christian sympathy and affiliations. When a troupe is playing on the Mexican border, Sundays are spent attending bull or cock fights over in Mexico. If in the states, the race track and pool rooms are patronized. If on the Pacific coast the various Sunday resorts peculiar to that locality, and so on. Prayer and religious duties are made light of, and the whole trend and tendency is in the

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CONDEMNNS HYPOCRISY.

Mr. Ireland paid casual compliment to inconsistent Christians who condemn the dramatic profession, and at the same time patronize the theater—where they have a business—an institution that is emphatically destructive of a true religious life. He was finally converted by attendance on meetings held in Rev. Dr. George Dana Boardman's Baptist church at Fillmore street, to which time he had been an agnostic. After one of these meetings, Mr. Ireland went to his lodgings, and casting himself on his knees, cried out, "If there is such a thing as a God may he be shown to me now!" and from that day the speaker said there had not been in his mind the slightest doubt of the existence of a beneficent Creator.

UNITARIAN SERMON.

Rev. Eddy's Subject, "Ourselves, Our Friends and Our Work."

Rev. Frank Eddy preached yesterday morning in the Unitarian church from the theme, "Ourselves, Our Friends and Our Work in the New Year." He said in part: "Ourselves, our friends and our work, is a subject which is somewhat scattered subject. If my subject is diffuse it is nevertheless logical. We must always start any such train of thought by first considering the personal equation. It is not what a thing means in a general sense that is important to us individually so much as what a thing means to us personally. So in any consideration of ourselves what kind of an ego has come as a composite result of all the ancestral inheritance and personal experience of the past. The chief question for you or me individually is just this person, who is to what kind of a self or soul each of us is facing the new year with. Then comes the matter of our friends in the broad sense of the term—the companionships and associations we make naturally our own. Finally comes the aims and objects we consciously strive for or unconsciously promote; this is our work. How, then, do we face the new year? With what personality? With what companionships, and with what aim?"

"Intentionally I omitted to take a text for this sermon. From the Unitarian point of view at least the sermon has long since ceased to be a mere expository homily of certain portions of the word of God and, therefore, I am not especially called upon to defend this course. The fact is I needed not one but three texts for this sermon, and it was easier to find terse and pertinent expressions of the three seed-thoughts about which this discourse is gathered in Shakespeare than in the Bible. And in truth what is Shakespeare's plays but a part of the larger human Bible? Hence let old Polonius give us our first text:

"This above all to thine own self be true, And it must follow as the night, the day. Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Perhaps because this comes from Polonius we ought to read, "To thine own self-interest be true." For Polonius, a wily old politician and courtier, had grown up in craftiness, and perhaps could not father the deeper truth conveyed by his own advice. If that be so, it is no reason why we should be unresponsive to the finer, nobler thought. True to ourselves, that is frequently said in this kind of loyalty. This means loyalty to the higher self. We are always loyal to something in ourselves, whatever we do or say or think. But it may be responsiveness to the brute in us, or it may be yielding to the selfish and unclean and evil elements in our nature from which none of us are entirely free. This verse may mean then an ought to mean: Be true to thy own higher self. And so transcribed it is as noble an admonition as was ever penned.

MALARIA ? ? ?

Generally That is not the Trouble.

Persons with a susceptibility to malarial influences should beware of coffee, which has a tendency to load up the liver with bile.

OFFICIALS-ELECT STEP IN TOMORROW

"American" Administration Will Be Unshored in at High Noon Tuesday.

PERSONNEL OF THE COUNCIL.

Who the Men Are Who Will Relieve Retiring Officers in City Positions.

Tomorrow at noon the city officials-elect of this city will assume the duties of their offices and the present officials will retire. At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the last meeting of the present city council will be held, at which the minutes of the previous meeting will be approved and all its regular business closed up. At 12 o'clock the new council will meet and organize and all the other new officials will enter upon their duties.

OUT OF QUARANTINE.

Chaplain Axton Preaches Christmas Sermon Under Difficulties.

The many Salt Lake friends of Chaplain Axton will be pleased to know that he is about to escape from quarantine where he has been shut up for four weeks on account of the sickness of his daughter Lily with diphtheria. On this account he was unable to attend the Christmas services in the Port Leavenworth chapel, so the telephone company installed two immense megaphones to receivers and suspended the same in the center of the chapel, auditorium, while double transmitters were passed through the window at the chaplain's quarters. These were connected with a battery of heavy voltage, so that the chaplain's voice could be plainly recognized as he extended Christmas greetings and related to the children a Christmas story. At the close of the exercises the children of the post sent a representative with a fine library chair to be placed on the chaplain's porch.

Rev. Carlisle P. B. Martin, L.L.D. Of Waverly, Texas, writes: "Of a morning, when first arising, I often find a troublesome collection of phlegm which causes a cough and is very hard to dislodge; but a small quantity of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will at once dislodge it and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it, and it is so pleasant to take, I can most cordially recommend it to all who are afflicted with medicine for throat or lung trouble." See, Dec. and Jan. Sold by Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept., 1214 Main Street.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF.

Willard Hanson Wins His Case Against Utah Wool Growers' Association.

Judgment has been rendered in favor of plaintiff by Judge Lewis upon four causes of action in the case of Willard Hanson against Samuel Glines and several hundred other members of the Utah Woolgrowers' association and upon one cause of action the court found in favor of defendants.

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A RELIABLE MEDICINE.

An Opinion That Should Be of Interest to Every Person in Salt Lake City.

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Mr. Druehl of Druehl & Franken, our local druggists, says, "After having sold drugs and all kinds and makes of medicines for so many years, naturally we have learned something about them—their value and power to cure, and we want to say to the readers of the News that if the people of Salt Lake City only realized the real curative and strength-creating power of our cod liver oil preparation, Vinol, we would not have clerks enough in our store to fill the demand for it."

DEA WITH PARABLES.

Theme of Dr. Talmage's Lecture at University Sunday School.

The lecture by Dr. Talmage at the last session of the University Sunday school was entitled "A Cluster of Parables." With the parables grouped by Matthew as immediately following those of the Sower and Tares. The lecturer explained the figurative representation of the kingdom, so strangely at variance with the kingdom for which the Jews were impatiently waiting.

ATTEMPTED HOLDUP.

Highwaymen Try to Rob John Harrington, Fourteen-Year-Old Boy.

Saturday evening two highwaymen attempted to hold up and rob a 14-year-old lad named John Harrington who resides on Lincoln avenue. The encounter took place near Eleventh East and Emerson avenue. One of the hold-ups pointed a gun at the boy and ordered him to throw up his hands. The youth was badly frightened and yelled at the top of his voice. The holdups were alarmed by the noise and ran away as fast as they could.

ARE NOW SALT LAKERS.

At noon today the residents of Waterloo became full-fledged citizens of Salt Lake City. The annexation ordinance, which was passed by the city council last Tuesday night and signed by Mayor Morris on Thursday, went into effect today at noon. The district annexed is bounded by State, Fifth East, Tenth and Eleventh South streets.

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hidden in meal the kingdom was shown as something living and vital. Its growth was development, from within outward. As a treasure buried in the field, and as the costly pearl rewarding eager search, the kingdom was made to appear in its true character as something of superlative worth. To each finder the cost was "all that thou hast." As a draw net bringing to shore fish of all kinds, the fact was made plain that more inclusion within the lines of the kingdom confers no excellence, insures no acceptance.

The speaker protested against strained and artificial interpretation of the parables as of other scriptures. In none of Christ's illustrations is the lesson obscured, yet the lesson may be buried under the rubbish of unwarranted application of details of the incident related or by invention of man's imagination.

Next Sunday's lecture will be devoted to a study of "The Signs of the Times." of this subject is of especial interest to all a large audience is expected. The lectures show the most careful preparation on the part of Dr. Talmage and are given in his characteristic forceful style, thus making a lasting impression on the minds of the hearers. All who find it possible should certainly take advantage of the course, which is proving a great benefit to those who attend.

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PATENTS.

We beg to announce for the benefit of our readers and inventors generally that we have established in connection with our paper a patent bureau and have associated with us at Washington, D. C., an attorney who has been in continuous practice for the past 20 years and we will guarantee that any patent matters placed in our hands will receive prompt and careful attention, and that the charges will be moderate in all matters relating to patents. If an inventor desires a search of the patent records made and a report submitted giving opinion as to securing patent and sending copies of all patents in the line to which his invention relates, he should send \$5.

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