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DRAMATIC NOTES.

CHICAGO MUSIC HALL—Donald Robertson's company is presenting the decidedly interesting play of "A Gauntlet," by Bjornstjerne Bjornson. The chief argument of the play turns upon the question of an equal standard of morality for man and woman. A young woman who is betrothed learns that her lover is leading a double life and insists that the betrothal be annulled in spite of arguments of father and lover and even the silent wishes of her mother. The lover argues that the past is past and does not count and that his moral life must be judged by the future, but she insists that it is a woman's right to demand in a man what he demands of her and the curtain falls upon her defiance.

Ravinia Park Theater is to have a series of high grade lectures with motion picture and lantern slides next month. Dr. Edward Burton MacDowell will give "Stories of Travel" embracing Samoa, Jan. 7; Panama, Jan. 14; Cuba, Jan. 21; Jamaica, Jan. 28.

Not merely contempt, but absolute disgust, expresses our feelings in regard to such miserable exhibitions as that held at the Coliseum on Monday evening. What was called "a masquerade ball" under the direction of a Chicago alderman, "Bathhouse John," was the excuse for a scene of maudlin drunkenness and disgraceful orgy that ran riot all night, under the very presence of the police of the city. Too much detail of the affair has already been given in the daily press. We would only add our strongest protest against such outrages.

The presentation of "The Clansman" at McVicker's excited some little apprehension of its reappearance his week because of its supposed race prejudice but it has proved an acceptable play of a picturesque drama, somewhat overdrawn perhaps, but effective and thrilling. The Company is large and well balanced.

Margaret Anglin and Henry Miller in "The Great Divide," the most striking dramatic success the American stage has seen for a quarter of a century, will appear at the Garrick Theater, Chicago, on December 16 for an engagement of three weeks with matinees Wednesdays and Saturdays. No play of recent years has attracted so much attention in New York, or given more satisfaction to the theater going public and to the press of the metropolis as this stirring and picturesque play from the pen of William Vaughn Moody. For nearly two years it attracted large and intensely interested audiences to the Princess and Daly's Theaters in New York, being presented at these houses approximately 500 times. It left the metropolis but recently long before its welcome was exhausted, because of contracts which were made last spring for its presentation in Chicago and other cities, and which could not be cancelled. It will be seen at the Garrick exactly as in New York, Mr. Miller and Miss Ang-

lin retaining all their original company and production for the tour. "The Great Divide" has been pronounced by many critics "the long awaited 'great American play'." No other drama has so well reflected the manhood, the freedom, the honesty, and the indomitable spirit characteristic of the people of our great country. With the first two acts laid in Arizona,—in the heart of the great divide and the third in Massachusetts, there is offered in contrast two of the most vigorous and most progressive sections of the land. The story of the play represents a conflict between the free, untrammelled spirit of the West and the traditions and circumscribed conventions of the East. It tells the romance of an eastern woman and western man whose wooing was strange and whose life together was dramatic.

Tonsorial Artist.—Mr. Bedford Powell has rented Mr. Powell's Barber Shop and fixtures and will make Highland Park his home. Mr. Bell is a Registered Barber of the state of Wisconsin and knows and practices the art in all its phases. Next door to Erskine & Co's new bank.

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