

## "HORROR" DRAMA BY REPERTORY

Brisbane Repertory Theatre Society's venture in "horror" melodrama, with the presentation last night of "Ladies in Retirement," was successful.

The piece had a good, solid English background, and made a mid-Victorian drawing room appear far more sinister than the average gangster's hide-out in films.

Every character was drawn with clarity, and plausibility never was sacrificed for the sake of excitement. Fine, shadowy, clock-striking-the-hour climax in Act III provided real shivers.

As the ageing Miss Fiske, Jean Jarrott did a neat job, and the housekeeper who kills her mistress was played well by Audrey Court. Alan Denby had his sinister moments, and as the "potty" sisters the Misses Rosemary Stephenson and Merle Dinning ex-celled themselves.

A capacity "house" in Albert Hall showed its appreciation of the performance.—Te Pana.