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Luc-Olivier Merson
 (1846-1920) illustration for
 Gustave Flaubert, 1895 antique
 French original drawing

Price

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Item Reference: SA604592

Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 17 cm (6.7")

Width = 14 cm (5.5")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

Painter and illustrator Luc-Olivier Merson was one of the key academic artists of the 19th Century. Although the academic artists such as Merson and Bouguereau were long overshadowed by their challengers, the Impressionists, they have been attracting renewed interest of late. Not long ago, a series of drawings by Luc Olivier Merson were preempted by the Musée d'Orsay when they were offered for sale at auction. Our drawing presented here is of particular interest, as it is a preparatory study for in Gustave Flaubert's book "La Légende de St Julien L'Hospitalier" (1895) which Merson illustrated for Flaubert. I have added photos of the final illustration for reference. Luc Olivier Merson was born in Paris and he grew up in an artistic household, the son of Charles-Olivier Merson, a painter and art critic. He studied under Gustave Chassevent at the École de Dessin and then Isidore Pils at the École des Beaux-Arts. Merson had his first work exhibited at the Paris Salon in 1866 and three years later was awarded the Prix de Rome. During the five years spent working in Italy, he concentrated on religious and historical subjects for his art. Back in France, in 1875 he won the ...

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