

An important step was taken, in recognition of the completed unity of the Church of England in Canada from Atlantic to Pacific, by sending to the *General Synod* for its consideration the subject of "Divorce and Marriage," on the ground that it affected the whole Church and not one particular part. Perhaps the feeling that no agreement on the subject *could* be obtained, even after the most careful and protracted discussion, had something to do with this action; but, anyway, there was the acknowledgment of the General Synod being the superior body in the Canadian Church.

The need of more bishops was strongly expressed by the Lower House, and the Upper House so far relaxed their former decision by consenting to forego the requirement of the \$40,000 actually invested, and allowing an assured income of \$2,000 per annum to be sufficient. This referred especially to the proposed dioceses in western Ontario and Nova Scotia, and not to the new diocese of Ottawa.

The permission to use the Revised Version of the Scriptures in church was introduced by Rev. Dr. Clark, of Trinity College, Toronto. He made a capital speech on the subject, but the sense of the Synod was so unmistakably opposed to his motion that no one cared

seriously to answer him. Of course the fact of the Revised Version being left on the bookseller's shelves unsold (the \$1.25 edition offered for 20 cents) proves its want of acceptance with the people; as the continued and increasing sale of the Authorized Version proves its endearment to the hearts of all. Very few use it even in private family worship, it is so hard to read; whilst the useful changes are very few. Somebody once rejoiced in the changing of "bottles" (St. Matt. ix. 17) into "wine-skins," but it is doubtful if it conveys any clearer idea than the old word.

The Provincial Synod Sunday School Committee presented its report to the Synod. The scheme of lessons put forth by the committee is based on the five-years course issued by the English Church S.S. Institute, which is now largely used throughout all parts of the world, and should be adopted by all Church Sunday-schools in Canada. Lesson notes and Leaflets for this scheme are published by Rowsell & Hutchison, of Toronto. A discussion took place as to the International series of Sunday-school subjects, and the objection was made that so many "Helps" were published by different editors that there was a fear that, whilst the text used might be the same, the doctrines taught by these helps might vary very considerably.

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