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synth, while the Rev. E. Bertram Hooper, of St. John, read the prayers. The Rev. Dr. Patterson Smyth, of Montreal, preached a powerful sermon on church union. Wednesday.—At the opening of Synod this morning the Bishop delivered a most able charge, which we would have pleasure in publishing in full, but space will not permit. He said: "It is with a great deal of pleasure that for the first time since succeeding to the See, I welcome you to the Cathedral city. Three years have passed since last the Synod met in Fredericton, and in that time the Cathedral has seen many changes. I trust that you will feel, however, that all that has been done is in the direction of development, and that there has been no needless interference with the customs and conditions of the past. I rejoice to think that the aim, which we have set before us, was from the first, the aim of our great founder, the first Bishop of the diocese. To make that true, at all events, has been our constant hope and effort. I have to acknowledge with gratitude the loyal cooperation of the Dean and Chapter, and the hearty sympathy of the Cathedral congregation. More and more we hope that the Cathedral will become to the Diocese its spiritual home." He spoke with great feeling at the loss of some of the prominent Churchmen of the diocese. They were to be congratulated that some improvement had been made in the stipends of the missionary clergy. "I feel," he said, "that the time has come for the diocese to make some public and lasting recognition of Bishop Kingdon's life and work, and I trust that this synod will not adjourn without taking some steps in the direction of a memorial to Bishop Kingdon."

Marriage and Divorce.—I deem it wise to repeat with added emphasis what I said to you a year ago, upon the subject of marriage and divorce. In view of the laxity of thought and practice regarding the marital relationship that is so widely prevalent to-day, and especially in the republic to the south of us, I once more desire the clergy to exercise the greatest possible care about the marriages which they are asked to celebrate. The canon of the Church of England in Canada is absolutely binding in its clear prohibition of any marriage between persons, either of whom shall have been divorced from one who is still living at the time. There is no room for doubt and no latitude for practice. Under no circumstances whatever can a clergyman of the Church in Canada solemnize such a marriage. It is the duty, then, of every clergyman to satisfy himself beyond all reasonable doubt that neither of the parties concerned comes within the prohibition of this canon. It is not enough to think that everything is right. Everything may be all wrong. In this respect, nothing must be taken for granted, but plain questions must be put to both parties to the proposed union. Unless a positive assurance is received that neither of the parties has been divorced from one who is living at the time, it is the clergyman's duty to refuse to perform the ceremony. Extenuating circumstances must not be considered. The canon has nothing to do with that aspect of the question. It simply prohibits all such marriages, and the clergyman has no course before him but obedience. I make this strong statement in view of certain facts to which my attention has recently been called. I have one thing to say to the Synod upon the subject of marriage within the prohibited degrees, and I say it almost altogether for the information of the public. As you are aware, an Act was passed by the Dominion Parliament in the year 1882, legalizing the marriage of a man to his deceased wife's sister, and the same course has more recently been taken by the Imperial Parliament. From the standpoint of civil law, therefore, such unions are not open to attack. That, however, is not the case from the standpoint of the Church. It is most unfortunate when the law of a Christian State traverses the law of the Christian Church, but that fact does not, of course, release the members of the Church from the responsibility of obedience to her canons. The Table of Prohibited Degrees remains intact, and binding alike upon clergyman and layman. Under no circumstances, therefore, does the Church deem it lawful for a man to marry his deceased wife's sister; and under no circumstances, is it lawful for a clergyman to solemnize such a marriage. I think I need say no more. In reference to temperance he said he would like the Synod to take some action on the following suggestions: (1) "It can declare itself as being in favor of the ultimate abolition of the bar as a place of public drinking. If liquor could only be lawfully sold in sealed packages, to be consumed away from the place of sale, I cannot doubt that the evils of intemperance would undoubtedly be lessened. (2) We should, further, be able to agree, that, if intoxicating liquor is to be sold at

all by license, then the cost of that license ought to be considerably higher than it is at present in New Brunswick. The effect of this change would be to eliminate many of the most disreputable bars. (3) There can be little doubt, too I think, that, under our present license system, the interests of morality demand a large reduction in the number of licenses granted in any given area. No one, for example, who knows St. John, will seriously say that there are not too many places of public drinking? (4) The Synod might well put itself on record as favoring the rigorous enforcement of all existing liquor laws, and call upon the members of the Church to throw the weight of their active influence in that direction. The way in which local authorities in certain parts of the province practically condone the deliberate infraction of the liquor laws, by exacting a yearly tribute only, is nothing less than a disgrace. There is absolutely no excuse for this practice, and I should welcome a clear condemnation of it by the Synod. (5) There should, again, be no hesitation in expressing our opinion that the practice of public "treating" ought to be discouraged and condemned as dangerous. (6) And, lastly, I hope that the Synod will unite in commending the habit of total abstinence for the sake of others as a voluntary surrender of personal liberty completely in accord with the highest form of Christian character. Along these six lines, at least, I should rejoice to see the Synod take some action. For the sake of the country in which we live, and for the honour of the Church to which we cling, let us do something. Practically, every point which I have put before you has been accepted by the General Synod. Let it be said no longer that the Church in this diocese has neither policy nor platform in connection with this question. Let us not shrink from our responsibilities of making some public and positive pronouncement upon a question that concerns every Christian Church and every Christian man." Since the last meeting of Synod, the Bishop has visited a large proportion of the parishes and confirmed 846 persons.

MONTREAL.

John Craig Farthing, D.D., Bishop, Montreal.

Montreal.—The Bishop presided at the meeting of the executive committee of the Diocese of Montreal in the Synod building Tuesday afternoon, November 9th, when reports were presented. It was decided to unveil the portraits of three former bishops at the next meeting. Less arrears than on the same date last year was reported by the Mission Fund Plan committee. Correspondence completing purchase of a North-west land grant, donated by the Rev. J. A. Lackey to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, from which \$110.14 has been received, was submitted. The vice-chancellor, Dr. L. H. Davidson, K.C., presented a draft canon to be submitted to the next Synod, governing the appointment of representatives of the Board of Missionary Society of the Canadian Church. It was decided to summon the Synod to meet pro forma in January, to adjourn to the first Tuesday in February for business.

ONTARIO.

William Lennox Mills, D.D., Bishop, Kingston.

Stella.—The Rev. J. C. Dixon has been appointed by the Bishop to the parishes of Stella and Emerald.

Cananogue.—At a meeting of the Executive and Special Committees of the Y. P. C. of Christ Church, it was decided to form an orchestra and go in for chorus work during the winter. Prof. Jackson has kindly consented to lead the work. There will be two nights, Monday and Thursday, for orchestra work, and one night for chorus work.

Deseronto.—St. Mark's.—At the induction of the new rector, the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner, there was a large congregation present. The Bishop preached a very able sermon. The clergy present were, Rural Dean Dibb, Napance; the Rev. Lewin, of Kingston; the Rev. Dr. Purdy, Selby; the Rev. A. H. Creeggan, of Tyendinaga; the Rev. T. J. O'Connor-Fenton, Welland. The Church Woman's Aid held a tea at the home of Mrs. Thomas Naylor, Maine Street, when a large number of ladies were present, and the funds of the society were benefited largely.

Avarice knows no God but gold, no happiness but gain, no fear but loss of wealth, and no friendship that has not a profit in it.

OTTAWA.

Charles Hamilton, D.D., Archbishop, Ottawa.

Ottawa.—St. Matthew's.—With an impressive and beautiful service, the splendid new organ recently installed was dedicated last Thurs. night, Rev. Canon Kittson, rector of Christ Church Cathedral, delivering a forceful and eloquent sermon before a large gathering of parishioners and friends of the congregation whose praise of this new instrument of fine tone quality was most enthusiastic. The Rev. Walter M. Loucks, the rector was in charge of the service, and Mr. Frank T. Shutt, M.A., the organist and choir-master, presided at the organ during the various numbers of the Choral Evensong. Immediately before the Recessional Hymn, Mr. Arthur Dorey, in his usual highly artistic style, gave a short recital of organ numbers, the choice of which for such an occasion could not be surpassed. The offertory received, was sufficient to make up the amount due on the organ which was therefore dedicated free of debt. Among the clergy present were:—The Rev. Archdeacon Bogert, the Rev. Rural Dean Mackay, the Rev. Canon Smith, Hull; the Rev. George Bousfield, It.; the Rev. Thomas Garrett, the Rev. W. A. Read, the Rev. John J. Low, of Beachburg; the Rev. E. B. Richards, and the Rev. E. Pick. The choir was largely augmented by members from the Cathedral.

Ottawa, East.—The memorial service, a tribute to the late Dr. James Fletcher, was held on Sunday evening, the 7th inst., in Holy Trinity Church, Ottawa East, when the handsome brass lectern recently erected to his memory, was dedicated. The pedestal and stand of the lectern are beautifully carved, the whole standing on two white blocks of granite, on one of which is a brass plate with suitable inscription. The ceremonies were conducted by the Rev. F. Squires, the rector, and the Rev. Thomas Garrett.

Douglas.—On the morning of All Saints' Day, the beautiful All Saints' Church of this mission was consecrated by the Archbishop of Ottawa. The sermon was preached in the morning by the Rev. W. Netten, M.A., rector of Pembroke, and in the evening by the Rev. W. M. Loucks, M.A., rector of St. Matthew's Church, Ottawa.

Stafford.—St. Stephen's.—The re-opening of the Church was a pleasing event to the congregation which they by great exertion had rebuilt during the past summer. The ceremony was performed by His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa, November 2nd, at 10.30 a.m., attended by the following clergy: The Rev. Canon Elliott of Carleton Place; the Rev. R. Orr, Richmond; the Rev. W. Netten, Pembroke; the Rev. W. H. Kyle, Beachburg; and the rector, the Rev. John J. Lowe. The opening service commenced with a Celebration of the Holy Communion, the Epistle being read by the Rev. W. H. Kyle, and the Gospel by the Rev. R. Orr. An earnest sermon was delivered by Canon Elliott, from Ps. 84: 1. At the evening service the Prayers were read by the rector. The 1st Lesson was read by the Rev. R. Orr, and the 2nd Lesson by the Rev. Canon Elliott. An able sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Netten of Pembroke, from Luke 18: 18. The congregation are to be congratulated for the persevering way in which they worked to rebuild the House of God.

St. Thomas.—His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa, visited this church at 3 p.m., when 13 persons received the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation.

TORONTO.

James Fielding Sweeny, D.D., Bishop.
William Day Reeve, D.D., Toronto, Ont.

Toronto.—Installation of the New Archdeacons and Canons.—Since the enthronement of the Right Reverend Bishop Sweeny in St. Alban's Cathedral, on the Feast of Annunciation last March, there has been no more impressive ceremony in Toronto, than the interesting service held in the Cathedral on Thursday, 11th inst., when the new Archdeacons, the Rev. Dr. Cody, and the Rev. Canon Ingles, and eleven new Canons, with one lay member, Mr. W. H. Cross, were duly installed in the Cathedral and inducted into their respective seats in the chapter. After subscribing to the oath of obedience to the Dean, and presenting their Letters Mandatory which were publicly read by the Chancellor Provost Macklem, in the chapter house the whole Capitular body, both lay and clerical members, mov-