OUR NATIONAL SINS

DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY-BY REV.
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Of St. David's Church.—Dishonestys Ottawa
—Sabbath Desceration, Intemperance,
Coveteousness Spoken of In this Connection.

One of those timely, able sermons that attract attention and cause thought was preached in St. David's church last evening by Rev. George Bruce. His text was taken from Proverbs xiv, 34: Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people.

It is my intention to speak to you tonight about some forms of national sin which have become a reproach to us, and I do so from two considerations.

In the first place, because next to the home, the church has the responsibility and the privilege of affecting the moral character of men and women for good; and it is only by making and keeping the lives of individuals pure and noble that we can have a true and elevated national character.

The second consideration is that certain forms of sin have become aggressive and notorious amongst us, nay we have even become conspicuous by their evil prominence.

And while I do not usually make current events the subject of discourse, I feel that there are times when to be silent would be to bring upon ourselves the condemnation of the watchman who saw the enemy coming and gave no warning.

If I were to add another remark here it would be this, that under a form of government like ours we are not only responsible for our individual character and influence as citizens, but for the exercise of the power to mould the character of the owner to mould the character of the power to mould the character of the power to mould the character of the two challed the character of the power to mould the character of the two challed the character of the condition where the guardian-bip of something far more sacred is concended. In the provincial legislatures assuring us that they have no power whatever to deal with the matter, that it is beyond their domain and matter, that it is beyond their domain and more province and the province is registered by the co

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in," that when the guilty are discovered and condemned we are only at the beginning of our duty in this affair. There are several questions to be considered here. Who are guilty? What have they done? And, most important of all What has caused this sad and shameful condition of affairs which is being revealed day by day in the committee room at Ottawa? It is very well to have the cancer removed at once by a skilful surgeon and keen blade, and you pray that another may not come in its place; but when the body is like the man full of teprosy, when there is no soundness m it, but from the crown of the head to the sole of the feet it is wounds and bruises and putrifying sores. You want new life, cleansing of the malady. Now it is impossible to believe the malady. Now it is impossible to believe that all those who have been proven guilty, who have confessed their guilt were dishonest men to begin with. How have they become so? What a painful spectacle an old man with white hair, a man of character readily. What as add hing that this worners and the condemnation of these men that I is peak, but to inquire into the cause, the source of this temptation before which they have fallen.

It may be said, "The evil was in those men who have accepted money for their votes expect their representatives to decline larger bribes when opportanity able. It is right and necessary that there soe represents itself? This would be unreasonable canced the its in presents itself? This would be unreasonable in the committee room at Ottawa? It is the clean time in the same terms of code and purpose will read the real source of the disease until the people rise in the name of God and purge themselves, breaking the chain which has enslaved and degraded them, and elect men of pure and honorable character to represent ties it is wounds and purise in the name of God and purge themselves, breaking the chain which has enslaved and degraded them, and elect men of the real source of the land.

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