

SERMON.

Marriage and Divorce; by Dr. H. Allen Tupper.

Dr. H. Allen Tupper, pastor of the Fifteenth street Baptist church, preached in Brooklyn, recently, on "Marriage and Divorce." The text was Matthew 19:4-6. "And He answered and said: What hath God joined together, let not man put asunder." Dr. Tupper said:

Marriage was the first institutional gift of God to man; and the family was the first organization formed by God for the blessing of humanity. During all the centuries, amid the changes of governments, ceremonies and customs, the impress of divine favor rested upon these heaven-born establishments, and when their integrity has been maintained they have been the sources and centres of light and life when their integrity has been assailed untold sorrows and suffering have come upon mankind.

Christ wrought the beginning of His miracles at a marriage feast, in a gathering of families, and the pen of inspiration pictorially in the Bridegroom and His Church as the Bride. The holy ordinance of marriage was given to support social order, to increase human happiness, and to provide that through well regulated families truth and righteousness might be transmitted from age to age.

The violation of its vows is the cause of the heaviest of human sorrows and civilization. In the West Indies, we are told, there is a timber that has all the appearance of strength and sturdiness, but when the test is applied it crumbles to dust. The cause is its way into the heart of the wood and slowly but surely devoured its fibre until a hollow shell only remains.

The divorce evil, if not arrested, will gradually undermine our proud civilization, and when the testing time comes what appeared to be only a hollow sham.

In the discussion of marriage and divorce I would call your attention to a divine law, a social disease and a fatal danger.

First—A divine law. Centuries ago the cunning Pharisees attempted to entrap the divine Teacher by asking Him the question: "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" In that day there existed two opposing schools. At the head of one was Shammai, who insisted that divorce should be allowed only in the case of adultery; at the head of the other was Hillel, who maintained that a man might put away his wife for any cause at all. The tempters of Christ thought that the trap was set, for if He failed to hold strict views on the marriage question they would report Him to the followers of Shammai and if He held the opposite opinion they would turn upon Him the hostility of the followers of Hillel, one of whose strong adherents was Herod, who had just beheaded John the Baptist. In the words of another: "Bringing aside their squabbling, Jesus and his disciples returned to the church of all the ages concerning marriage and divorce."

It is a fivefold message: The marriage of one man and one woman is a divine institution; it is a divine act; it joins husband and wife in a relation closer and more binding than the relation of parent to child; it so unites husband and wife that they are to be one flesh; and it is dissolved only by death. When the point was made by the Pharisees that Moses maintained that a writing of divorce should be given under certain conditions, Jesus declared that this was a concession to the hardness of heart of the people.

The position of Jesus Christ on the subject under discussion is clearly set forth in His Sermon on the Mount: "It has been said: 'Whoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorce, but I say unto you, whoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery.' And Mark records these words of Jesus: 'Whoever putteth away his wife and marryeth another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband and be married to another, she committeth adultery.' And in Luke we have set forth the same law of Christ. From His recorded words we are forced to the following conclusions: That Jesus allowed divorce on one and only one ground, namely, adultery, and that He seemed to allow the re-marriage of the innocent party.

In Ephesians 5:22-24 Paul gives the noblest picture of the sanctity and dignity of the marriage relation, for he compares it to the mystic union between Christ and the glorious church, the redeemed for whom Christ died. This is no temporary bond to be snapped at will. Jesus is today the Head of His church, and it is being purified by Him and made without spot or wrinkle. Moreover, in Romans 7:1-3, Paul argues that the Christian is set free from the bondage of the law, as the woman can have a new husband only on the death of the former husband. But in I Corinthians 11:13-15 Paul speaks of the problem in family life presented where the husband is a Christian and wife a heathen and vice versa. He has two things to advise: First, he is to be willing to continue the union, the Christian must be willing to do so. The marriage is legitimate and the children are legitimate. But the other word is this: Suppose the heathen husband or wife is not willing to keep up the marriage relation and insists on separation, then what? Well, let the unbelieving husband or wife go, says Paul. He uses the word "depart" here not the techni-

seeking divorce in Rhode Island. But the statistics show that of 4,482 divorces granted in Rhode Island, only 97 were to parties married in New York, and of 6,020 granted in Pennsylvania, only 765 were to parties married in New York. While the 288,540 couples whose place of marriage was ascertained, 231,867 were divorced in the same state in which they had been married.

Third—A fatal danger. The attack upon the integrity of the family is an unmitigated evil and a crime against social order, which can only result in the destruction of all that is purest, noblest and best in the world. Here we find the secret cause of the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. The laws as to family life were loose; divorce became epidemic, and the empire went down in ruin and disgrace.

The Reign of Terror in France followed the establishment of a law that marriage could be dissolved merely by application; 20,000 divorces were granted in Paris in one year, and during the same period 3,600 orphans were abandoned into foundling hospitals and nearly 10,000 new-born babies were taken out of the sewers of the city and from the secret places by the police. The indescribable horrors of the time are too horrible to be related. In fact, it has cured me of heart disease and sleeplessness and I now wish to sell it to others. Quote best prices etc. Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure gives relief in 20 minutes, it cures the Heart, Stomach and Nerves. —11

Today in that country it is allowable to obtain separation for five years, and at the end of that time to apply for the conversion of the separation into absolute divorce. If the parties have not been reconciled.

The practical results of the imperial divorce law in Germany have been gratifying. It gives four grounds for divorce—namely, adultery, attempt of either husband or wife to desert and continued violation of the marriage vows. Both in France and Germany attempts are being made to escape threatening dangers by the enforcing of sterner laws on marriage and divorce.

In England and Wales there were 176 divorces in 1870; 336 in 1880; 364 in 1890, and 727 in 1899; and the growing evil is at last attracting the attention of the law makers. The rejection of cognate the family at all in our national constitution. It appears in our state laws only as an object of some care, but not as an element of political power. Mr. Gladstone declared that his fear for our future centered very largely upon our abilities to protect the family, for weakness here means disaster everywhere.

The western states, in order to increase their population, are making liberal laws for those desirous of marrying with the married state to come to them and have it dissolved.

Statistics given by the Chicago Daily News Almanac, 1905, show the following number of divorces granted in leading cities of our country in 1901:

Providence, 327; Cincinnati, 405; Boston, 406; Cleveland, 454; Philadelphia, 492; St. Louis, 573; New York, 617; San Francisco, 848; Chicago, 1,303.

The statistics of Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, for twenty years, from 1877 to 1896, show 328,712 divorces granted in the United States in these years. In 1887, 9,907 divorces were granted, while in 1896, 25,535 divorces were granted, making an increase of 157 per cent. The increase of population was 60 per cent during the same period.

In 1897 Ohio granted 901 divorces, and in 1898 the same state granted 3,217 divorces—one to every 11 marriages solemnized in the state. Indiana granted, in 1897, 1,096 divorces, and in 1900, 4,959—one divorce to every six marriages solemnized in the state. Only a short time ago the papers were telling of a woman in Indiana who had eight living husbands, and from whom she was then divorced, and this same woman was then preparing to be married to the ninth victim. Michigan in 1887 granted 449 divorces, and in 1900 granted 2,418 divorces—one divorce to every eleven marriages solemnized in the state.

A table of divorces in the Christian world, as given in "Studies in History, Economics and Public Law," issued by Columbia University, gives the following interesting fact: Canada, Great Britain and Ireland, France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Austria, Roumania, Russia and Australia granted a total of 20,111 divorces while in the same year the United States granted 23,473 divorces—an excess over all other countries in the Christian world of 3,362.

Forty-five states and several territories have various and conflicting laws, and more than 3,000 courts have jurisdiction of divorce cases. A learned essayist says of our legislation that it "represents the largest and strongest, and perhaps the saddest experiment in the sphere of family laws which free, self-governing countries have ever tried." It was published in a recent journal that divorces were granted in Chicago for the following causes: Spitting, sold feet, eating with a knife, insisting upon going to bed in his overcoat and boots, smoking cigarettes, failure to cook.

During recent years divorce has developed into an industry in the United States, and the legal profession and the bench have done much to encourage this terrible traffic.

For 6,211 divorces in France in a given period, the United States offers 28,000, the United Kingdom showing 475 and the German Empire 6,078 for the same time. For a period of twenty years in Maryland the rate of marriage to divorce was 61.24. Massachusetts averaged 53.28 to every divorce.

Some of the popular theories are that divorce is due to the conflicting and inharmonious statutes of various states. Thus, as Colonel Wright, in his report, informs us, it is the belief that persons residing in New York, where the law is strict, are in the habit of

ST. MARTINS. April 4.—A double funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, April 4, from the house of George McCumber, Bay View. His mother, Mrs. Sarah McCumber, aged 80 years and two weeks, and her little granddaughter, Miss Puddington, aged one year and two months, daughter of Percy and Alice Puddington. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. W. Townsend at the home, and interment was made in the Bradshaw cemetery. Mrs. McCumber had been for many years a consistent member of the Baptist church. She leaves two sons and one daughter, Mrs. D. Brown of Boston, who came here two weeks ago and remained till after her mother's funeral. In her death the community loses another of its landmarks. She was respected by a large number of people.

MARITIME PROVINCE MEN. KINGSTON, Ont., April 5.—The list of this year's graduates at Queen's Medical School contains the names of E. A. Gausel, Montserrat, N. B., and D. MacKinnon, Lake Umbagog, N. B.

WAKEFUL NIGHTS

wear out the body and mind. It is a trying strain on the nervous system and is caused principally by a weak, irregular or palpitating heart. There is no wonder, therefore, that it is so invigorating and regulate the movements of the heart.

DR. AGNEW'S HEART CURE brings immediate relief and makes the heart strong and steady. Read what Mrs. Anna Campbell of Van Wyck, Idaho writes: "I first procured your remedy in Medicine Hat, Assn., and found it the most wonderful remedy I ever used. In fact it has cured me of heart disease and sleeplessness and I now wish to sell it to others. Quote best prices etc. Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure gives relief in 20 minutes, it cures the Heart, Stomach and Nerves. —11

For instant relief all Catarrhs of the bladder use DR. AGNEW'S CATHARTIC POWDER. It cures in 10 minutes.

LIQUOR LICENSE QUESTION

IN HALIFAX CITY.

Bill Passed by Legislature Bitterly Opposed by Temperance People.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 5.—A liquor license bill for the city of Halifax, proposed by the Halifax aldermen, was passed by the legislature today. It is a complete reversal of the provincial license law and was bitterly opposed by the temperance people. Under the new amendments a scale of high license fees is adopted; the hours for selling are lengthened from 9 to 11 o'clock at night, except on Saturday, when the time is extended from six o'clock in the morning till 9 o'clock, and selling by the glass is made legal. The city council promised that if these amendments were passed the law would be strictly enforced, including the prohibition of Sunday selling. The enforcement of the old law was a farce, no attempt being made to carry out its provisions, and it is understood the legislature is thus putting the city council to the test.

NEGRO BOY HANGED.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 5.—Walter Williams, a negro boy 20 years old, was hanged at Fayetteville, N. C., today for a criminal assault upon Mrs. Lillie H. Hales, a white woman. The negro's nerve did not desert him. He died from strangulation in 19 minutes.

MADRID, April 6.—The council of state has decided in favor of the creation of free ports in the Canary Islands.

A REMARKABLE STORY

WOMAN TELLS OF HER FOURTEEN YEARS OF SUFFERING.

From Buffalo, N. Y., comes a startling story, illustrating how much suffering a woman can bear and yet live.

Mrs. H. J. Rehorn, 189 London St., N. Y., writes: "Soon after the birth of my first child, 14 years ago, constipation became troublesome, and the various pills and medicines I used were of no avail. But, the condition gradually seemed to lose their influence and the condition became worse. I must have used fully 50 different remedies."

"At times I would have no relief for several days, and at other times my stomach, gas would form and rise, headache and restless sleep, bearing-down pain, backache, and gradually I began to recognize the loss of my strength, and never feeling fully rested."

"My husband brought me home a bottle of a new medicine called Anti-Pill, and from the first I began to feel that our boasted civilization and our commercial greatness, our high educational attainments and our brilliant material developments will only hasten the day of our disaster unless we protect the family and honor the God of the home, who is the Father of us all."

Every Druggist sells this wonderful Anti-Pill that cured Mrs. Rehorn.

MORE IMMIGRANTS THAN LAST YEAR.

When the last of the C. P. R. winter port steamer arrives in port the number of passengers brought from European ports by the company will have exceeded last winter's aggregate by about 1,600. In the early part of the season the indications were that the number would not be so large, but in the last couple of months there has been a marked increase and the season will close with a most satisfactory total.

The proportion of emigrants brought for United States points was inconceivable. The great majority went to the Canadian West to make homes for themselves and cultivate the fertile best fields of that country.

The total number of passengers brought here this winter so far by the C. P. R. is 10,948. Last year the number was 10,740. Several steamers are still to come.

IT'S AT THE FIRST BEGINNING OF PAIN

That treatment should be most vigorous. Get relief at the start. Rheumatism are the first indications of inflammation. Nothing subdues inflammation like Nerviline. Penetrating deeply into the tissues, being five times stronger than other liniments, beyond the comprehension of those who have never tried it. Nerviline as a pain seaver is worth its weight in gold. Have you tried it? All dealers, \$2.00 for a large bottle.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

April 4—Coastwise—Sch Rex, 57, Wilson, from St. Martins; tug Springfield, Cook, from Parrsboro.

Str Athena, 4,757, Webb, from Glasgow, Schofield and Co, mdse and pass. Coastwise—Schs Curtiss, 88, Denton, from Yarmouth; Emily, 59, Morris, from Advocate; Venus, 42, Thurber, from Freeport.

Cleared.

April 4—Sch Ida May, Gale, for New York.

Coastwise—Barge No. 1, Nicholson, from Parrsboro; sch Luta Price, Seley, for Apple River; Ethel, Trahan, for Bellevue Cove; str Louisburg, Gould, for Louisburg.

April 5—Sch Fred and Norman, Cheyney, for New York.

Sch Eric, Gale, for City Island f. o. Sch Greta, Buck, for City Island f. o. Coastwise—Schs Dauphin, Sabers, for St. Martins; schs W. R. C. Guthrie, for Sandy Cove; Packet, Chute, for Bridgetown; Brooklyn, Inness, for Bear River; Citizen, Woodworth, for do.

Sch Cora May, Barton, for City Island f. o. Sailed.

April 4—Str Canada Cape, Symons, for Cape Town, etc. Str Montreal, Evans, for Bristol. Str Montcalm, Croix, Thompson, for Boston via Maine ports.

Domestic Ports.

ST. MARTINS, N. B., April 4—Arr. Rex, Wilson; G. Walter Scott, McDonough, and Abana, Christopher, from St. John.

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Sailed, str Salacia, Mitchell, for Glasgow via Boston.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 4—Arr. str Mercator, from Jamaica.

BRITISH PORTS.

From Port Talbot, Mar 31, str Dalton-hall, for Portland and Boston.

From Liverpool, April 1, bark Alm, Talskansen, for Miramichi.

From London, April 1, str Florence, Barr, for Halifax and St. John, N. B.

From Bermuda, April 3, str Orinoco, for Halifax and St. John.

GLASGOW, April 3—Arr. strs Ethel, from New York; 4th, Hungarian, from Portland.

MANCHESTER, April 3—Arr. strs Caladorn, from Boston.

GIBRALTAR, April 5—Arr. str Carpathia, from Trieste and Palermo for New York.

LIVERPOOL, April 5—Sld, str Majestic, for New York.

SELENDUS, April 4—Sld, str Unique, for Sydney, CB.

ST. JOHN'S, NF, April 5—Arr. strs Evangeline, from London for St. John; NB; Hanna, from Glasgow for Sydney.

LIVERPOOL, April 5—Sld, strs Tunisian, for St. John and Halifax; Arabian, for Naples, etc. (from Oriental cruise).

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived.

At Montevideo, Feb 28, bark Still Water, from St. John, N. B.

NEW BEDFORD, RI, April 5—Arr. and sld, schs Sardian, from Rockland for New York; W. H. Waters, from St. John for do.

NEW YORK, April 5—Arr. str Oceanic, from Liverpool.

BOSTON, April 5—Arr. str Sachem, from Liverpool.

HAYWARD, April 3—Arr. str Gasconne, from New York.

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PORTSMOUTH, NH, April 4—Arr. schs Ida M. Barton, from St. John, NB, for New York; G. H. Perry, from do. On her way to Boston; Salem, from do. for do.

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me, April 4—Arr. sch C. J. Colwell, Springer, from St. John.

BOSTON, April 4—Arr. strs Mollikenfels, from Calcutta and Colombo; Devonian, from Liverpool.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4—Arr. str Manchester, Corporation, from Manchester via St. John, NB.

PORTLAND, Me, April 4—Arr. schs Childie Harold, from Boston, for Walton, NS, to go on railway.

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JOGGINS COAL MINES. (Special to the Sun.) HALIFAX, N. S., April 4.—The legislature today struck out a clause in the bill regarding the transfer of the Joggin coal mines to the new company which is largely composed of Montreal and United States bondholders, under which they would have had to pay \$5,000 of arrears in wages due to the miners by the defunct company. The assurance was given, however, that the money would be paid.

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BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me, April 6—Arr. schs Rowena, from Boston.

CALAIS, Me, April 5—Arr. schs R. B. Spear, from Parrsboro, NS; Chas E. Spear, from Boston.

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FREDERICKSTADT, March 31—Sld, bark Emil Strang, for Miramichi.

OMBATH, April 2—Sld, bark Strathella, for Miramichi.

SALEM, Mass, April 3—Capt Butler of the sch Genevieve, which sailed here today from St. John, NB, bound for Stamford, Conn, reports that the schooner lost her jibboom and 60,000 lbs when twenty miles east of Seaburg, Me.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. PORTLAND, Me, April 3—Fox Island Thoroughfare Entrance, Me: The light at Brown's Head, which was discontinued Jan 15 owing to the Thoroughfare being closed by ice, was re-lighted on March 31.

RECENT DEATHS.

JOHN McLEOD. SACKVILLE, N. B., April 4.—The death of John McLeod, an esteemed resident of Port Elgin, occurred at his home on Sunday. Mr. McLeod has been in failing health for some months, so his death was not unexpected.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED

By Illuminating Gas in New York Tenement House.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Four persons were killed by illuminating gas today in a tenement house in the upper east side. They were Mary Rogers, 76 years old; Helen Clark, 12; Edward Clark, 10, and Elizabeth Clark, 7. Their bodies were found by the father of the Manchester Corporation, from Manchester via St. John, NB.

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son, occupied a room adjoining. When Clark awoke he smelled gas and traced it to the next room, where he found his three children and the woman, a friend of the family, dead. The gas had escaped from a defective gas stove.

COL. MORRIS DEAD.

Was at One Time in Command of 71st Regiment at Fredericton.

(Special to the Sun.) PRINCE ALBERT, N. W. T., April 6.—Col. Morris died last night without regaining consciousness from the paralytic stroke of Friday. He leaves a widow and grown-up son and daughter, Oter and Winifrid, who reside here. The funeral will take place Friday.

Superintendent W. S. Morris, commander of the Prince Albert district of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, was fifty-seven years of age, and a native of New Brunswick. He was in command of the 71st Regiment at Fredericton before taking a commission in the police, and during the rebellion of 1855 was stationed at Battleford.

BIRTHS.

NEALES—On Thursday, April 6th, 1905, at the rectory, Sussex, the wife of Rev. Scott Neales of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

DUNHAM-CRITCH—At Petticoatville, April 5th, by Rev. Avram Perry, Samuel W. Dunham and Ida M. Keith, all of Havelock, N. C.

FIDDES-LOSS—At the residence of the bride, by Rev. P. H. Walker, the bride, on April 6th, by Rev. P. H. Walker, James Fiddes to Jane Loss, both formerly of Portarlington, Scotland.

CAMP-STACHOUS—At the residence of the bride's father, City Hotel, on April 6th, by Rev. P. H. Walker, house, F. D. Chas. Stachous and Mattie B. daughter of James P. Stachous of this city.

DEATHS.

GUNTER—In this city on April 4, after a lingering illness, John L. Gunter of Springfield, Kings Co, aged 79 years, leaving a wife and one daughter to mourn their sad loss.

CONNOLLY—At Golden Grove, on the 4th inst., Dennis Connolly, aged 74 years, leaving a wife, two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. (Halifax and Boston papers please copy.)

Don't Let Sick Kidneys Sap Health and Strength

A man ought to be in his prime at 50; and hale and hearty at 70. Some are, most are not. Look at the men of 50, 60 and 70 who can't do a good day's work—whose backs ache—who are constantly urinating, day and night—who have no appetite—whose medicine is gone—with pinched faces, sallow skin, and shrunken muscles. Kidney Trouble is wrecking their lives.

What they need—what they should take without delay—is