

of the troops to the mother country, that Canada became at all known, or that emigration began to commence in any strength from the United Kingdom of England and Ireland. It was indeed for many years very small and imperfect in arrangement, nor did it come in any great strength till after 1831. Since then it has been at times somewhat fluctuating, but on the whole very large, and attended with a proportional increase of the clergy. In 1839, they numbered sixty-one; and in 1857, just before the Bishopric of Huron was established, they reached one hundred and seventy-three; and at this time they are supposed to be rather more than two hundred, presided over by two Bishops, with the prospect of soon having a third. Looking at the progress of the Church through a vista of sixty years, I feel it most encouraging, and more especially because I can witness to its continued peace and moderation. The movements in the mother Church never to any extent disturbed our tranquillity, and scarcely reminded us that there were any differences anywhere within the Church; and if she continues to preserve the same prudence, peace, and harmony, and a like activity of exertion, her future, under the Divine blessing, will be glorious."

We venture also to lay before our readers the following extract, from the Charge on the subject of Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister, a Bill for legalizing which has been happily defeated in the Provincial Parliament:—

"MY BRETHREN,—As an integral portion of the United Church of England and Ireland, we are deeply interested in any proceeding that may either directly or indirectly touch upon her purity, and influence for good. Under this impression I feel it my duty to allude to the alteration which has already been made at home in the law of marriage, and to the attempts that are making to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister. You are aware that a law of divorce has been passed in England, contrary to the strenuous opposition of the Church, and is now in operation. But, perhaps, you are not equally aware that the evils of its working are already so manifest as to alarm its promoters, and fill them with apprehension as to its future results. I trust what they have done in England, and threaten yet to do, will not be lost upon us, and that we shall resist to the utmost any attempt to legalize incestuous connexions in any form or shape. That this is no empty or useless warning, is sufficiently evident from what took place on this important matter during the last session of the Provincial Parliament, when a Bill was introduced by the Hon. James Morris, to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister. It was strenuously opposed by the Hon. P. B. De Blaquiere, and other Churchmen in the House; and when it was contemplated to confine its operations to Upper Canada, it was very properly contended that the House was called upon to legislate for the whole province, and as the Lower Canadians disapproved of the principles of the Bill, they would oppose it, and it was thrown out. Immediately, on hearing of the impending danger, it was my duty to petition, with my clergy, against the Bill, denouncing the wickedness of the proposed enactment, and praying