

Will Cause Hot Fight.

Divorce Question to Come Before Anglican Conference.

OPINIONS DIVIDED.

Bishop Potter Says Divorce is Barbarous But Other Church Dignitaries are not so Pronounced and Big Discussion is Expected.

Boston, Oct. 3.—When the general convention of the Episcopal church opens in this city this week, the most important and most troublesome matter to come up for settlement will be the attempt to adopt a canon on divorce, and already there are indications the discussion may fall of securing any change in the church law because of wide diversity of opinions held by the delegates who will constitute the opinion.

The divorce problem has been prominent at the conventions of the church for years. At each of these an attempt has been made to settle the position of the church once and for all, and at each failure, or at least partial failure, has been the rule. Now Bishop Henry C. Potter of New York, one of the leaders, and not the most prominent leader, of the reform movement, acknowledges defeat may be the result again this year.

The contest will come between the extreme high churchmen, who insist on a canon forbidding the remarriage of all divorced persons, and those who would permit the marriage only of the innocent party divorced on statutory grounds, with quite a few holding the neutral position of allowing the clergy to follow their inclination and conscience in each case.

The first indication of the contest developed in New York when Bishop Potter brought the matter up at the diocesan convention, attacking divorce in vigorous terms, declaring that unless the church set itself against the spread of the evil society would relapse into a state of "practical barbarism." He urged the clergy to set itself against divorce, which he characterized as a "Godless license which flings aside the most sacred vows because of vexatious uncongeniality."

"It would be the gravest untruth," said Dr. Potter, "to say that the church in the United States is wholly agreed in its attitude toward divorce, or that we are not in the face of the approaching general convention such wide divergence as to the form of canonical enactment in reference to divorce as may exist, if it does not defeat what we all wish us want."

"But this is certain, that this church, whose children we are, recognizes as many Christians of other nations do not, that the family is the foundation of society; and that unless the church shall safeguard its well being and what Kossuth calls its 'solidarity,' we shall sooner or later relapse into practical barbarism."

Addressing himself to the clergy, he said: "But how is it that a sound public sentiment and right ideas on this or any subject that touches the foundations of our social order, may prevail among us? Oh, my brother, who art fretting because the sphere which you and yourself placed seems so narrow, behold, here is your opportunity."

Wants Life Quiet Now.

Ill Starred German Princess is Surfeited with Publicity.

WOULD DIE IN PEACE.

Saddened by Six Years of Captivity in a Mad House She Avoids the World and Seeks Seclusion.

Only two authentic interviews have ever been held with the Princess Louise of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha since her escape from captivity in an asylum. One of these was given to M. Henri de Nousseau in Paris, for the London Daily News. M. de Nousseau is one of the inside authorities on this extraordinary case, having been an intimate friend of Count Mattachich, and having seen the princess in her prison at Lindenhof. Sooner or later he may, it is understood, publish all he learnt there and elsewhere, since then, of her story, and of the barbarous treatment to which the princess was subjected by her captors.

He writes to the News that Her Royal Highness never has been mad, and deserves all the sympathy she has received. He appeals to the English public for a just judgment, stating that nothing true has been written of her since the escape except by himself and by the Berlin deputy who assisted in it.

"The princess," he says, "professes herself very happy to be in Paris. She loves to stand at her window and watch the continual movement of the life of the great city, in the very crowded street where for the moment she is living."

"I asked her, 'What are Your Royal Highness's future plans?'" "I am waiting to know," she replied, "what are the results of the consultations between Herr Stimmer with Dr. Bachrach (the Prince of Coburg's advocate). I have given Herr Stimmer full powers. It is he who, henceforth, is charged to represent my interests and to defend me. I am sure that he will bring to my cause the same heart and the same talent as in his defence of the count. I have no vindictive feeling against anyone. All I wish is to live independently and respected."

"Does Your Royal Highness contemplate living in princely style and to travel much?" "In princely style, no certainly not. The life of captivity I have led during six years has made the noise of the world distasteful to me. I, on the contrary, would wish to lead a retired life in a quiet home, in an atmosphere of true friendship; to hear now and again some good music, to read the authors of my choice—in a word, I have no other aspiration than that of repose."

"At Lindenhof I felt myself to an extent abandoned by everybody. I took myself so literally for a poor woman, among whom no woman would ever think again, that now it would be horrible to me to take up again the court life. My hair is turning gray. I am no longer twenty. My looking glass says so every morning. I would wish to be forgotten, not that I wish to renounce my name or my title and thus appear anxious to attract attention by affecting to despise what is so honorable, for rank creates even more obligations than rights."

"Here the princess stopped—thoughtful. Her mobile, expressive face, still youthful—its bright coloring conceals the first wrinkles—assumed a gravity that was almost imposing. I decided to break the silence."

"Where, by preference, would your Royal Highness desire to live?" "Chiefly in Paris, because Paris is so beautiful. But I would also visit Switzerland and Italy—I love the great lakes and mountains, and I adore the Mediterranean."

"Does your Highness like England? It was said at first that you intended going to London." "Yes, I did think of it. London recalls many things to me. I shall still find friendship there. But I should find the remembrance only of the Queen (Victoria)."

"Again her Highness became silent. This time I did not dare interrupt her meditations. At length the princess spoke."

"I often think, too, of the ill-fated Empress Elizabeth, who was so good to me. But at least her martyrdom came swiftly to its end."

"The princess' attention to her heroic rescuer, Count Mattachich, is, says Mr. M. de Nousseau, that of a deeply grateful woman to a supremely tried and trusted friend—a friend for whom she has almost forgotten that she ever felt anything more than friendship."

Morning News in Brief.

Mrs. McLean, formerly Miss Bertha Brown, postmistress at Indian town, is in the city from the southern States and will spend some time here resting. Since leaving St. John Mrs. McLean has been engaged as telegraph operator in one of the large syndicate hotels in the South where she had a very lucrative position. Her many friends in this city are pleased to welcome her home.

The death of Capt. David H. Morris of Windsor N. S. took place Friday afternoon after a short illness of pneumonia. For many years he sailed for the Kennys of Halifax. Deceased was about seventy-two years of age. He leaves a widow two sons and two daughters. Dr. Clarence, at Windsor, J. W. in the Union Bank at Sydney, Mrs. J. W. Curry and Mrs. I. C. Stewart, Halifax.

The liberals of Rothesay parish met last night in the pavilion of Bellview Hotel to organize for the campaign. Dr. Wm. B. McVey occupied the chair and Walter S. Summers acted as secretary. A number of addresses were given after which the meeting got down to routine business after this an adjournment was taken till tomorrow evening.

Major Phillips and staff Capt. McLean of the Salvation Army returned to the city yesterday from Fredericton, where they conducted a successful week of meetings. While in Fredericton arrangements were made for a large number of friends to attend the farewell meetings of Miss Booth.

There was a grand rally of all the city corps of the Salvation Army in the Fairville barracks last evening. Mrs. Colonel Sharp, in the absence of the colonel, took command of the meeting. Mrs. Fleming, and Adj. Charles Elwell, the veteran yachtsman, is going through his regular October duck shooting cruise up river in his yacht, the Gracie M.

The train service was again badly delayed yesterday, owing to the fact that work on the Cantilever bridge which had been going on since Sunday was not finished until last evening. The Boston and Montreal trains were unable to cross the bridge on their way out yesterday morning, so passengers either had to walk over the bridge, or take a car, and join the train at Fairville.

In the afternoon the Fredericton train did not come in and passengers had to go to Fairville.

Miss Loretta L. Shaw, daughter of A. N. Shaw, left today for Toronto, where after spending a few days, she will proceed to the west and sail for Yokohama, where she will engage as a teacher in a Mission School. Her many friends will wish her good-luck.

The death of James Foster Kirk, one time amanuensis and assistant to Prescott, the historian took place Sept. 29 at Chestnut Hill, Pa., deceased was born at Fredericton in 1824.

At the regular monthly meeting of the ladies' auxiliary of the Seaman's Mission yesterday, arrangements were made for a tea and fancy sale, to be held in the latter part of November. The programme for the coming winter was talked over, and Mrs. Gorbell was appointed convener of music.

W. E. Mason, of this city, who in company with Rev. W. W. Lodge, Dr. J. J. Ryan and G. J. Barnhill has had a very successful hunting trip to Victoria County, has returned to the city bringing with him a splendid moose head as a trophy of the hunt. Mr. Lodge secured a fine specimen of a black bear. The party were guided by George Price of Grand Falls, and the veteran Indian moose-caller, John Maloney of Petitcodiac. These gentlemen make the serious complaint that, contrary to law, many cow-moose are being slaughtered in that section of the province.

DOCKSTADER IN TROUBLE.

The Minstrel Sat Down on Molasses on a Street Car Seat and Was Stuck.

New York, Oct. 3.—An audience of a thousand people were kept waiting in Newark the other night because Lew Dockstader, the minstrel, sat down on spilled molasses in a trolley car and got stuck. The minstrel man was playing in Newark, but he lives in New York. He got on a trolley car to go from the station to the theatre. He sat down in the first vacant seat.

A little while later he started to rise, but could not. Something held him. Lew is a heavy man. He found it hard to free himself from the tenacious treacle. As he wriggled and called to the conductor to stop the car and unloose him people began to laugh and the black face comedian found himself at last participating in a new joke.

Somehow, Lew doesn't exactly know how he reached the theatre, some fifteen minutes late. He got through the performance, and then asked himself the question:— "What shall I wear home—my molasses pair or my misfit costume pair?"

He decided on the molasses pair and stood up all the way, graciously declining all invitations to sit down.

THEIR SHYNESS.

"So their engagement is broken?" "Yes; they were both too shy to get married."

"What?" "Why, you see he was shy of money and she got shy of him when she found out."—Philadelphia Ledger.

FIVE BROTHERS PREACHERS.

All Were Sons of One Preacher and Now Hold Charges in the United States.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 3.—It is doubtful if there can be found any other family than the Burlesons where the father and all of his sons have become ministers of the gospel. The youngest son was ordained an Episcopal minister at Langdon, S. D., this week, by Bishop Cameron Mann, of North Dakota, and Bishop Edsall, of Minnesota. The brothers are the Rev. Allan Burleson, Santa Clara, Cal.; Rev. H. L. Burleson, Fargo, N. D.; Rev. Edward Burleson, Jamestown, N. D.; and Rev. J. K. Burleson, of Grand Forks, N. D. The youngest brother, just ordained, is Guy P. Burleson. He has charge of the Episcopal Church at Langdon, N. D.

In addition to all the brothers, their aged mother was present at the ordination of her son Guy. The father of the Burlesons was a missionary among the Indians of Wisconsin the last eight years of his life and was prominently identified with Episcopal Church work in the early days of that State.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

Edith—Can a church whistle, Mr. Dawson?
Vicar—What a funny question, my child! Why do you ask?
Edith—Oh, 'cos dad owes three pounds for pew rent, and he says he is going to let the church whistle for it.—Scraps.

Rev. R. P. McKim Read A Paper.

And Rev. A. Miles wanted Some Changes in Church of England Services.

Rev. Arthur Miles, B. A., Creemore made a plea before Wycliffe College Alumni on Saturday, says the Toronto Globe, for adapting the Church of England in Canada to the conditions and necessities of the land and the age. His paper was on "Conservative and Radical Church Worship," and in it he advocated brief services, the use of the revised version of the Bible, enrichment of the prayer book and variety in the week night lessons.

Rev. E. J. Etherington in discussing the paper said churchmen ought not to abandon their custom, of extempore prayer. Since the prayer book was silent in regard to unbaptized infants and suicides, it was not necessary, to speak in reference to them.

Rev. R. P. McKim read an excellent paper on work among boys. It was wise, he said, to study the boys' difficulties and to give them a proper expression of religion. They should be trusted and given something to do. The social element alone would not make a boys' club a success. Music, the home life, the dignity of labor, should all be used to help. Boys love power and they should be taught how to get it. They loved praise and should be taught to do things that deserved it.

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