

## TRINITY BARS THE DIVORCED.

No Remarriage in the Church or Any of the Chapels.

The clergy of Trinity Church announced yesterday that under no circumstances will divorced persons be married by any of the clergy of that Episcopal parish, nor will such marriages be permitted either in the church at Wall Street and Broadway or in any one of the parish's eight chapels. The announcement was as follows:

We, the undersigned, the Rector and Clergy of the parish of Trinity Church in the City of New York, having in view the action taken by the General Convention at its recent session in Boston in the month of October, releasing the clergy of this church from any obligation toward divorced persons seeking remarriage at their hands, do hereby give notice to all whom it may concern, that we will not solemnize Holy Matrimony in any case in which either party has a husband or wife living, who has been divorced for any cause arising subsequent to marriage; and it is hereby announced that the marriage of any person so divorced may not take place in Trinity Church or in any of the Chapels of this parish.

The announcement is signed by the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix and the clergymen of the various chapels in the parish. The chapels are St. Paul's, St. John's, St. Luke's, Trinity, St. Agnes's, St. Chrysostom's, St. Augustine's, and St. Cornelius's.

The new canon provides that if there should be any doubt in the mind of the clergyman as to the ground of divorce, he may demand the court records in the case, and, if he deems it necessary, refer the whole matter to the Bishop of the Diocese for his decision before performing the ceremony. The Trinity clergy, by their action yesterday, accept the permission of the General Convention to decline to perform marriages of divorced persons.

It is expected that Trinity's attitude in the matter will be followed by the clergy of some of the other Episcopal parishes, especially those that are counted among the "high church" or "ritualistic" clergy. Some of the latter have long held this same attitude, particularly the Rev. Dr. George C. Houghton, rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, ("Little Church Around the Corner,") Twenty-ninth Street, near Fifth Avenue, where there are probably more marriages than in any other church in the city.

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