

...to be thankful for, that she stands at the
head of Christendom on this all important subject of
the indissolubility of the marriage bonds; and we
may well rejoice that it is so.

Of course there may be found clergy in the
Church who will perform the marriage ceremony over
divorced persons. Archbishop Cranmer, we know,
granted a divorce to Henry VIII. and remarried him,
but he did it in direct violation of the Law of the
Church. In the same way a bishop of Rome may
grant a dispensation for an unworthy cause, but the
blame then attaches to him, not to the Church whose
laws he is supposed to interpret faithfully.

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But it may be asked, if the Law of God is so
plain, how comes it that divorces for a variety of
causes are granted not only in the United States, but
also in Great Britain and elsewhere. The answer is
that we are in the same condition now as the Church
was before the time of Constantine. Ecclesiastical
Law and Civil Law are not in agreement. So long as



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