

present state, no real good is effected, but infinite harm is done—mischiefs which will be developing themselves in families for generations to come, unless remedied.

Experience shows it impolitic and impossible to prevent such marriages ; humanity and policy dictate the removing from them the still lingering consequences of an obsolete stigma.

I venture to address you, Sir, in your influential position, in the hope that you will admit the substantial justice of the considerations I have laid before you, and give your support to any measure that may be introduced into Parliament to give validity to marriage with a deceased wife's sister.

Requesting the favour of a reply,

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH STANSBURY, M.A.

Hon. Sec.

. The preceding remarks may, *mutatis mutandis*, be considered as addressed to all Catholic prelates, and all Catholic members of British Colonial Legislatures, in colonies where the law prohibiting marriage with a deceased wife's sister remains still unrepealed.