

Notwithstanding the expressed desire of the government of Japan to assimilate to European ideas their laws regarding both sexes, it will be seen that the Japanese women have not, as yet, reached that degree of emancipation which has been obtained by their western sisters.

Speaking of divorces, we are glad to see that one of the courts at least, in the United States, is waking up to the objectionable character of advertisements that occasionally appear, such as the following: "Divorces legally obtained very quietly; good everywhere. Box 2344, Denver"; in *People v. MacCabe*, 18 Colo. 186, it was held that the above was against good morals, a false representation to the public, and a libel on the courts of justice, and that the continued publication of it in a newspaper constitutes an offence for which the court is empowered to strike the offending attorney from its roll. And he was accordingly struck off.

CHIEF JUSTICE MEREDITH.

The vacancy in the Court of Common Pleas caused by the retirement of Sir Thomas Galt has been filled with commendable promptitude by the appointment of William Ralph Meredith, Q.C., formerly of London, Ont., and now of Toronto. The appointment is, in every respect, an admirable one, and has commended itself without a dissenting voice both to the profession and the public.

Mr. Meredith was born near London, Ont., on March 31st, 1840, and is, therefore, in the prime of life. He was called to the Bar in 1861, was made a Queen's Counsel by the Ontario Government in 1875, and subsequently by the Dominion Government.

To the public, Mr. Meredith was best known as the leader of the Opposition in the Provincial Legislature of Ontario. Though nominally a Conservative in politics, he was, in truth, a radical reformer. He was a warm advocate of manhood suffrage; he urged a more sweeping measure for increasing the jurisdiction of the local courts than was suggested even by the leader of the Reform administration; the Mechanics' Lien Act, through which politicians were supposed to get at the hearts of the workingmen, was strongly supported by Mr. Meredith and his followers in the Legislature. In fact, his career as a