

LONDON CLERGY CONDEMN PLAN OF LORD CECIL

Declare British Nobleman's Suggestion on Divorce Problem Impossible.

BISHOP SCORES PROPOSAL

**Declares It Is Merely Attempt
To Get Around Christian
Law.**

"Impossible," "ridiculous" and "hair-splitting" were some of the adjectives used by local clergymen to describe the recent proposal offered by Lord Hugh Cecil in connection with the divorce problem.

instead of re-marriage of divorced persons a substitute be made in the form of legalized unions, not having the sanction of the church but recognized by the state. Presumably these mar-

but could not be endowed even by the state with the same moral dignity as a marriage. The state in this way would be saved from transgressing

what a large section of the Anglican Church holds to be the unalterable law of Christ, which declares that marriage in the real sense is forbidden between people who have been

"The proposal of the British per
to legalize unions without marriage.
said His Lordship Bishop William
"is merely an attempt to get around

the letter of the Christian law. It is somewhat akin to the morganatic marriages of royal families. Such system would play 'ducks and drakes' with society. The doctrine of Christ

expressly states that no divorce should be granted for any moral offense other than adultery. Even cruelty does not justify dissolution of marriage. It

nity invested by the state, many persons would think twice before entering a second union. But the great majority would have no such scruples. The fact that Lord Cecil is again

Condemns Suggestion.

"The barrier against divorce should be strengthened rather than weakened," I suppose the new plan was

"Legalized adultery," was the expression used by Rev. A. A. Bice regard to the proposal.

"Separation can be obtained for relief from conditions such offenses would impose. I believe in only o

tend that divorced couples should not be allowed to re-marry. While conferred with the best intentions, Lord Cecil's plan would bring havoc humanity. Persons lacking moral stamina would take advantage of the

Women Express Views.
Prominent London women, who agreeing in some measure to the

the proposed system. One, in fact, went so far as to express absolute indorsement of the project. The larger the scope for possible happiness under the law, the better, she said.

opposed to the idea of unions under state license. Denied the sanctity of religious ceremony, marriage would lack the seriousness with which it is at present regarded. The res-

Rather than add fire to the trend toward non-observance of moral principles, legislators should do all in their power to emphasize the sanctity of the marriage state.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Cloudy and moderately cold today and on Friday, with some light snowfalls.

The disturbance which was situated near the South Atlantic States yesterday morning has moved quickly to the Nova Scotian coast, causing gales with snow in the Maritime Provinces.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	46	40	Fair
Calgary	20	- 4	Clear
Winnipeg	12	0	Snow
Port Arthur	16	2	Clear

S. S. Marie.....	12	—	2	Clo
Toronto	22	12		Clo
Kingston	16	12		Sno
Ottawa	14	10		Sno
Montreal	15	10		Sno
Quebec	12	6		Clo

Father Point....	8	— 8	Clo
St. John	14	12	Sno
Halifax	32	29	Sno

Minus (—) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temper

The official temperatures for the hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 23; lowest, 12.

Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.08.
Today—8 a.m., 29.18.


