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A scathing rebuke of the "divorce mills" in the United States, was de-livered by Cardinal Gibbons in his monthly sermon at the cathedral, Baltiface. Why take risks?

more. His Eminence chose as his topic "The Imperishable Influence of Jesus Christ," and for bis text Psalm 96-" Thou, of Lord, are most high over all the earth : Thou art exalted exceedingly above all gods." He said the most striking feature of Christ's empire is its per-pertual endurance. He contrasted with Christ the ralers of the world who have passed away leaving nothing but monu-ments, memories, of military exploits and conquests of laws framed for their re-spective countries.

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"If Christianity is the highest type of civilization—and who can deny it ?— then is it not true that we are retrogard-ing instead of advancing on certain lines? We glory in our system of uni-versal education, in our enormous weaith and in our territorial expansion. But these advantages are not evidences of Christian progress.

But these advantages are not evidences of Christian progress. "Two thousand years ago pagan Rome had all these temporal advantages. The wealth of the nations poured into her lap. Her empire extended over three continents. She far excelled us in the arts, in oratory, poetry, philo-sophy and literature and in all the re-finements of cultivated society. Her paintings and sculpture her literary productions, are still our models. And yet while she was in the zenith of her material and intellectual splendor she was in a state of moral and political de-cay. In fact, she was lapsing into bar-barism."

"SCOURGE WORSE THAN MORMONISM

"There is a social scourge more blighting and more destructive of family life than Mormonism. It is the fearfully increasing number of divorce mills throughout the United States. These mills, like the mills of the gods, These mills, tike the mills of the gods, are slowly but surely grinding to pow-der the domestic altars of the nation. Husband and wife are separated on the most filmsy pretexts. And, as if the different States at the Union were not sufficiently accommodating in this re-spect, one State has the uneviable dis-tinction of granting a bill of divorce for the mere asking of it on the sole condi-

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tion of a brief sojourn within her bor-ders. "I can conceive no scene more pathetic nor one that appeals more touchingly to our sympathies than the contemplation of a child emerging into the years of discretion seeing her father and mother estranged from each other. Her little heart is yearning to love. She longs to embrace both par-ents, but finds that she cannot give her affection to the one without exciting the displeasure or resentment of the other.

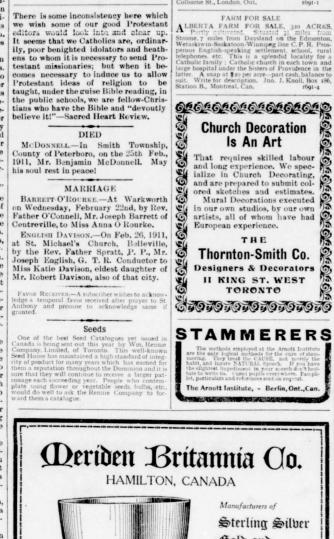
other. "A lady prominent in social life once said to me in Newport : 'I do not recog-nize any law, human or divine, that can deprive a husband or wife of the right to separate and to enter fresh espousals when they do not live in harmony together.

"You speak," I replied, of your rights, your privileges. But you have not a word to say of your duties and obliga-

tions." "Ah! my brethern, if men and women had due consideration for their duties would had due consideration for their duties and responsibilies their rights would take care of themselves. There can be no rights where there are no cor-responding obligations. There are no rights against the law of God. PRAYS FOR THE COUNTRY

"O Thou, who art the Father of Light and the Dispenser of every good and perfect gift, east a ray of Thy divine light on our beloved country, that the spiritual and moral growth of the nation spiritual and moral growth of the nation may keep pace with its material pros-perity. Teach us to realize the fact that saving knowledge consists in knowing and worshiping Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ Whom Thou heat nort."

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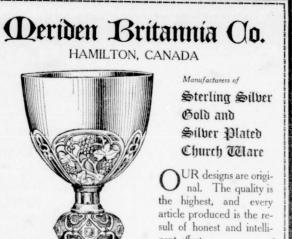
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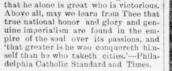
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Attempting to prove that teaching the Protestant Bible in the public schools is not all injustice to Catholics, and sweeping away the objection of a correspondent who believes that this Bible study would be unfair to Catho-lies a Pertectant contemporary energy lics, a Protestant contemporary says: "You forget that the Catholics are Christians, and that they have the san Christians, and that they have the same Bible that Protestants have and believe it as devoutly." Though not exactly correct as to the identity of the Catho-lic with the Protestant version of the Bible, this admission of our Protestant friend that we Catholics are Christians and that we have the Bible and that we have the Bible "which we and that we have the Bible "which we devoutly believe" is worthy of note. I all this be true, if Catholics fundament-ally believe, what Protestant sects pre-tend otherwise? Why do they presume to send missionaries to Catholics to con-vert them to Christianity? Why do they make such a strong point of the number of Bibles they succeed in dis-tributing among Catholics if we have tributing among Catholics if we have Bibles already and believe it devoutly?' Why do they make believe that the Bible is with-held from u⁴, and that it is an object of hatred to our priests?



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