

First Commandment.—“I am the Lord thy God ; thou shalt have no other Gods before Me.”

The trivial, childish comments of the Jesuits on the Commandments, and the abominable doctrines taught in their exegesis, will deeply impress every reader.

“It is superstitious,” says Gury, “to address prayers to St. Bridget or others, and expect from them an *infallible* effect. Notwithstanding, we must not blame, but *praise* those who *wear medals, pious images, or relics, with the hope of receiving divine help.*”

“Is it possible to foretell the future by dreams ?”

Answer—“No, *generally* . . . because the dreams sent by God are very rare, and present signs easily distinguished from natural dreams or diabolical ones.”

“Is it permitted to use the divining rod ?”

Answer—“We must not quite condemn that means of discovering water and metals, provided the rod should move equally if we search for them or not ; but we protest against any diabolical intervention !”

In charity, we would infer that Gury means that he protests against the belief of diabolical influences in such cases, if we did not find so many proofs to