

FACTS AND OPINIONS.

"THE BIBLE, THE BIBLE ONLY, IS THE RELIGION OF PROTESTANTS. WHATSOEVER ELSE THEY BELIEVE BESIDE IT, AND THE PLAIN, IRREFRAGABLE, INDUBITABLE CONSEQUENCES OF IT, WELL MAY THEY HOLD IT AS A MATTER OF OPINION. I WILL TAKE NO MAN'S LIBERTY OF JUDGMENT FROM HIM; NEITHER SHALL ANY MAN TAKE MINE FROM ME."—*Chillingworth*.

"BAD LAWS ARE THE WORST SORT OF TYRANNY. IN SUCH A COUNTRY AS THIS, THEY ARE OF ALL BAD THINGS THE WORST—WORSE BY FAR THAN ANYWHERE ELSE; AND THEY DERIVE A PECULIAR MALIGNITY FROM THE WISDOM AND SOUNDNESS OF THE REST OF OUR INSTITUTIONS."—*Burke*.

FACTS.

Fact 1. Marriage with a deceased wife's sister is nowhere prohibited, whether expressly or impliedly, either in the Old or New Testament.

Fact 2. Marriage with a wife's sister is expressly legislated for in Leviticus, xviii. 18, and there the prohibition is strictly limited to the lifetime of the wife.

Fact 3. The Jews, to whom, in their own language the sacred oracles were given, have always understood this marriage to be impliedly permitted in Leviticus, xviii. 18, and set a special mark of approbation on such unions, by allowing them to take place when there were young children, within a shorter interval after the death of the wife than in ordinary cases.

Fact 4. This marriage was never prohibited by the laws of any country in the world before the fourth century of the Christian era.

Fact 5. None of the Six General Councils, held between A. D. 325 and A. D. 680, condemned this marriage.

Fact 6. During the first 500 years of the Christian Era this marriage was condemned by only one provincial council, that of Eliberis in Spain. composed of 19 Bishops.