Does the Catholic Church Ever Grant a Divorce?

From the Messenger of the Sacred Heart.)

Continued From Last Week. But the bishop undertakes the task of proving that the "supe for faithfulpos" of the Catholic wurch to the secredness of the mir in it mere figment. We regret to say that he kries to prove his assertion up throwing dust in his reader's eyes. He mixes up the quietton of dispenentions with the question of augulments. Now the question of dispensetions from ecclesiastical impediments has nothing whatever to do with the question of divorce. There is no reason at all why the bishop should mention them except to turn away his reader's attention from the "superior faithfulness" of the Church not granting or recognizing the dissolution of the mar, tage tie. No sysof dispensations from ecclesiastieas impediments can affect the permanency of the marriage bond. Dispensations go before marriage and not after it. But those dispensations, says bishop, can be "bought." What has this to do with divorce? Besides, were is no more reason for saying that these dispensations are "bought." there is for saying that the labors at the bishop's ministry are "bought," **because** he receives a salary for them. The ecclesiastical tribunals which cathe reasons alleged by various peritioners for dispensations have as much right to compensation for the:r labors as the bishop has for his. Of course, we know that his lordship spants his cervices to the poor who, cannot pay for them, and marries a poor couple as readily as he does mose who are well off. But neither are the ecclesiastical tribunals unmindful

willing to grant dispensations to the pomniless without any hope of compenention for their labors. And if at wases the poor cannot obtain a dispensation as readily as the rich, we do not see why the bishop should complain, as he considers the granting of such dispensations a great evil. The Bishop of Albany next passes to the charge he makes against the Cathedic Church, viz., "the annulments of meriages upon innumerable, and often freshly invented, grounds." annulled in the Catho Ma Church on "innumerable" grounds we should expect to ind "innumerable" divorces in the Catholic Church. Now it seems that it is precisely here that the Bishop's" "agment" comes in. Where are the "innumerable" divorces recorded? Has he any statistics to quete from? Has he any proof to give for an assertion made so boidly in the eresence of the clergy and laity of mis diocese? "It behoovell a Bishop to be blameless * * * and prudent * * * no

of the law of charity; nor are they un-

wriker, but modest." Now it seems that Bishop Doane here strikes at the Catholic Church without having unv ground for doing so. Instead of quoting from statistics and giving us two or three thousand cases of diverce either granted or recognized by the Catholic Chuch, le represents only two poor, misérable cases, that may be found in any blok of Pro estant polemics. The first is the distoation of the marriage of Lodin XII. with Jeanne, the other is the divorce ✓ Napoleon and Josephine. suppose that in those two cases the Church was constrained by rogal tofuence to declare the marriages in-

vaild, and was forced by the same influence to bless the new marriages contracted by the divorced husbinds. would not her "superior faithfulness" be still something to rook up to and edmire? But not even under the pressure of

Jeanne. And though this might have valid and consummated?

invalid. While the Pope was in prisen by order of Napoleon, an eccles: astical tribunal in Paris examined the ease and declared the marriage to have been null and void from the begianing. The tribunal gave two reacome for its decision. The first was that Napoleon never had the intention of contracting a permanent marmage with Josephine. The otner was the absence of the parish priest from the marriage ceremo, y. a firt which, according to the decres Tanical of the Council of Trent, rendered the marsiage invalid. Here again we see no attempt at dissolving a marriage that had been considered valid from the beginning and duly consummited. What took place in the case of N poleon and Josephine, took place later in the case of the Prince of Monaco and Lady Mary Hamilton.

The marriag · tie was not dissolved. but, after judicial investigation, was declared never to have existed. L dy the intention due the consent necessary for the validity of a contract that was to last for life. We have then three cases frequently brought up by

Protestants to snow the work looseness in the matter of div ree. and not one of them bears on the question in dispute.

Instead of quoties the dispensat on that Henry VIII. obtained in order to marry Catherine, way did not the New Year's Day at the Church of St. Bi hop of Albany queto he divo co hat Paul the Apostle, Fifty-ninth street the King tried to get but could not? and Ninth avenue, New York city, on D vorces, not dispensations were the religion and dogma. He traced the in the case of a consummated mar- system of theology was constructed riage, or if he thought that by any and how the fathers defended its prepossibility he possessed such power, cepts from its establishment to the here was a chance to exercise it. But present day. He said in part: neither the Pope nor Henry and his theological advisers believed that there was any such power in the Church. What the King wanted to obtain, and tried to prove as justifi-, assault made upon her the Church has able, was a declaration from the Pop. that the marriage with Catherine had been invalid. The Pope refused to admit the invalidity of the marriage, and we all know the result.

With regard to the dispensation granted to the Duke of Aosta to marry Princess Letfila Bonaparte, there was no question of the Pope's granting a divonce, but of his dispensing from, one of the eccesiastical impediments of consanguinity.

The bishop likewise condemns the Church for granting a dispensation to Henry VIII. to marry his deceased brother's wife. Here again it is supposed that the Church has violated a divine law. But if the behop will turn to Deuterocomy, (xxv., 5), he and historical truth, because they will find that such a marriage is even commanded when the brother has died without leaving child en. was the case with Henry's brother. Ar he ; and hence, according to the enactments of the Old Law, Henry should have married Catherine, Arthur's wife. It is not cruel on the part of the Bishop of Albany to censure the Church for granting Henry permission to contract a marriage which according to an Old Testament enacted, he was obliged to contract? This is all the more cruei as, according to the bishop, the enactments of the Old Testament in regard to matrimonial impediments are still in force.

And now I come to what Bishon

Doane lays down as the attitude of his own church towards diworce. He says: "It is at least to be said that! our 'cose dealing with the question is not by any act of the Church but by a submissive recognition of the view en the sum of it all is the State looks upon marriage as a civil sent for the fall and the resurrection home. The best of all schools is the thorised by the Church. He wasted contract and Bishop Dosne meet; this of many! And let me give my earns, home, the oldest, best, most sacred, with tender care over hospitals. view of the State with "submissive est hope the shape of a prophecy." recognition." Bishop Donne, a successof of Peter and Basil! "Commanding to her with engerness, with sincerity, we commanded you that you should with joy. Their couls cannot starve, not teach in this name; and beloid and it is this mother alone who will you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine. But Peter and the apostles answering said: We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts v. 28.) And then St. Bastl. We read that the praetorian prefect, Modestus, ordered the holy bishop to appear before him. and threatened to use the sternest measures against him-the confiscation of his property, exile, tormints, death—if he dared resist the impaint When St. Basil replied that he not for all those threats. that there was only one to whose will he bowed in such matters, the prefect said: "Never before has anythe addressed me in such terms." "Perhaps," answered St. Basil, "you have never before had to deal with a bishop."

Doane either with death or imprion- and wonderful temperance worker was ment, and yet he yields to its views. also associated with O'Connell and Nay, more, it does not even request caused revivale of a people loving libto the sacredness of the marriage tie bim or his fellow-laborers in the min- erty and strugging for freedom. istry to receive divorced persons into communion, or to perform a new, going to speak to you of temperance marriage ceremony for them. Why royal power did the Cathoite Churca | then does the Bishop try to saddle all | exercised. Men will be of higher and ever consider that she could annul the | the blame on the State? Or how can | better minds; they will have higher marriage of those who had be n bon d he say that the loose dealing of the objects to seek in life; they will be together validly, and who e bond had Protestant Church with the question better in a social way, and, best of been perfected by the exercise of the of divorce "is not by any act of the all, they will be pleasing to God for marriage right. Louis XII. had been Church," if the Church, knowing the making the noble sacrifice. constrained by Louis XI. to marry invalidity of the State's action in dissolving the marriage tie, still receives east some doubt on the validity of the divorce persons into its communion contract, still no divorce was g a tod and performs a new marriage for them parish and you of other parishes, in to the King till it was judicially pov- if they desire it? The man who knowed that the marriage had never been, ingly receives stolen goods is no less consummated. It is not to the print guilty than the man who helped to. to say that the Pope was imposed up- steal them. And the minister who on by the King and his council. The gives any sanction to the action of moint, is, did the Pope ever annul a the State in this matter of divorce, is marriage which was known to be no less guilty-I should rather say he is far more guilty, than the State it-With regard to Napoleon and Jose- self. The State may regard marriage phine, the marriage was not annulled as a civil contract, and treat it as the Pope nor declared by him to be such. But the minister of the Gospel can never look upon it in that light. Any acquiescence in the views of the State concerning divorce makes the minister of the Gospel a traitor to unknown thing. his Master.

The Bible, Not the Sole Rule of Faith.

Rev. John Scully, S. J., a wellknown Jesuit scholar, thus accounts for Dr. De Costa's change of faith in the Philadelphia North American: "Why did he leave his church? Be cause it has been shown by time that the Bible is not what the church has slways said it could not possibly be, the sole rule of faith. Because, in the disputes between schools of criticism, the inspiration of the Bible has begun to be doubted and the faith of those who have been the teachers of the Protestant masses has been so shaken that there is no certainty anywhere, and in the most of this uncertainty there is no authority outside the church a great deal of ain and crime. that she had contracted the markage consequently, we have the chaos we who had been lawyers with him; and maker compulsion, and had nather lawyers with him; and

THE CHURCH'S TRIUMPH.

Father Eurke's Words of Prediction For the New Contury.

Rev. John Burke, C. S. P., preached subject of the bishop's address. Now, history of the Roman Catholic Church if the Pope had ever granted a divorce from its earliest days, telling how its

The very belief in God is a dogma of the first water. Religion without dogma-morality without dogma-is an absurdity. In opposition to every stood forth as the champion of truth, Her whole moral and devotional life is built upon it. It was the greatest sin of Protestantism, its greatest injury to the welfare of mankind, that it should have denied the authority of the Church as the teacher of nations, But, as in all contests, history will repeat itself. The task before the Church furnished by Protestantism is not more difficult than those she has had to perform in the past. She welcomes all these advances in philosophic thought; she welcomes these researches in science; this marvel.ous natural advancement of the century in the line of physics. She welcomes what is known as the higher criticism. these wide discussions of religious speak not only of an activity and interest in the problems of God and the soul, but they also tell her that men seek the truth. She sees men tried and disturbed in the search for that precious gift, their hearts yearning to know what it is so that they may have peace concerning God and their souls, peace concerning the divinity of Jesus Christ and His wondrous incarnation which unites man with God. She goes out to him with eager love in his hour of doubt and ignorance. Now more than ever is she the teacher of nations. Fresh beautiful etrong as in the first years of her history, she is still to become the leader of another civilination.

"Men will know the truth and, like Augustine of old, disgusted with doubt and error and enlightened by the grace of God, they will come unto her as a mother and ask for the words of truth. "She stands as the teacher of nations, crying out: 'I am the truth and that Child, that Jesus Christ Who is give them food of everlasting life. They will come with faith and hope after a night of torturous doubt.

true, the twentieth century will see it accomplished."

FATHER ELLIOTT, C. S. P.

The Eloquent Priest Delivers an Able Temperance Lecture in Boston.

Rev. Walter Elliott. C. S. P., the distinguished Paulist, delivered a temperance lecture in the Cathfedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, recently, upon "The Spirit of Father Mathew." Father Machow, sald Father Elliott, was not only a great temperance worker, but was called by Macaulay The State does not threaten Bishop one of the greatest poets. This great

"But to-night," he continued, "I am and the good it will bring where it is

"When a man takes a pledge he should keep it. To-night I carnestly hope to enroll you, the people of this the temperance league, that you may be better and stronger and more creditable to your church, your State, yourselves and your family. You all must know of the long list of diseases that follow intemperance.'

Father Elliott spoke of the cases where physicians prescribe alcoholic stimulants for medicinal purposes. He declared that many of the best physiclans of the country had often told him that it was a rare occasion when this was necessary, and from their words he believed that America would be far better off were liquor an

"Those who do drink are not thrifty. It is perhaps a good fault not to be over eager in the matter of money; still a man should have that thrift which would spur him on to own a home and all the comforts to be thus

lieve that man who were looked upon to rule people should so resort; but, asked the speaker. "In what degree are you responsible for this?"

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Faller Elliott spose or the great happiness to be found in the home of the man who left drink alone, the closed by asking all to join the new The Beloved Fart Warne Preside The Holy Cross Temperance League and prophesied that those who did would one year hence look back with the greatest pleasure of their life on tonight.

rather Mulien then spoke a few words, telling those who destred to join the league that their means would be taken and the plodge signed Several hundred men affixed their alsmatures, and the league will henceforth spread its work.

Noverhween.

1. It is much. A box of bigh moral standing would almost as soon ateal a sheep as swear. 2. It is vulgar-altogether too low for a decent boy.

3. It is cowardly-implying a fear of not being believed or obeyed. 4. It is ungentlemanly. A gentleman, according to Webster, is a genteel man-well-bred, refined. Such a one will no more swear than go into the street to throw mud with a chim-

5. It is indecent—offensive to dellcacy, and extremely unit for human 6. It is venomous—showing a boy's

heart to be a nest of vipers, and every time he aware one of them sticks out his head. 7. It is wicked-violating the Di- an American pligrimage to the Hely vine law, and provoking the displace. Land. Blodop Dwinger baving died.

The Rev. Jerome Cloared, P. R., of St. Joseph's Church, Burlington, Vt., was presented with a purse of nearly \$1,000 by his parishioners on Christmas Day. A reception at which the purse was presented was given in hun- He did not know what it was to space purse was presented was given in hun- himself. He visited regularly every or of his recent appointment to the

office of Vicar-General of the diocese of Burlington. The building of the new Westminster Cathedrat close by Victoria station continues to proceed at a rapid. rate, and there now remains no doubt that it will be ready for the great

opening ceremony on Sept. 29 next.

Mother and Hemen. desires. An imperative obligation rests of the offices of the Charles. He upon you, mothers, of instructing your and most influential. No school can orphaneses. Men will come to her. They will come supplant it. The forming of a child is persons suppose they do, For this reason mothers are best suited to be and for this reason many slowyment their instructors. In the order of na had chosen him is their spiritual seded in this duty by modern appliances.

> The God of mature has in like mangive spiritual nourishment to the child. To the child the mother is more infallible than a pope, she is its guide, philosopher and friend. She sees all its movements, follows the pas at last corried of the loved Blahop. steps, and can improve every opportunity to impress its mind. A long outslocue of characters who were expecfally directed towards goodness by the instruction, plety, and proyers of their mothers, were St. Augustine, St. Louis, Low Arisonia was the Franciscan Father our own Washington, Judge Gaston or Marcos de Niss, who crossed the and a long line of others might he willtony from wouthwest to some mentioned. We admire the beautiful in 1529. works of art which are the emanation Bishop Black of Having, and his

> She can make the home, the sane. Albany. tuary of domestic joy, of good breed. Skeptical antiquarians do not dis ing, of sobriety, not of discord, of pute the fact that St. Fridewyds balls bolsterous words, crimination, and re- a retrest for holy virgins on the plot of crimination. Have prayers in the ground now becomed by Christ Church household circle nightly. The chil- College, which claims Cardinal Wolsey dren of a good mother, who does her as its founder. duty in inculesting sound principles of The Rev. Edmund Cronin, who was bleased.

Brook G. Bridges; S. J., Bart., died recently at Bhosawne in the Bombay Presidency at the patriarchal age of 97. Father Bridges, who was descended from a potable Protestant family, heirs to the ancient baro wot finzwalter, was educated at Winchest er and Oriel College, Oxford, and graduated B. A. in 1825, when he was 22 cargo, died on Monday sight last the years of are Rollowing the example and been in Chicago for thirty peaks of several of his ancestors, he will be succeeded temporarily be coming ultimately rector of Biankney. coming ultimately rector of Biankney, cargo.

Lincolnshire. In 1882 he married According to reports from priests.

Louisa, anughter of Mr. C. Chaplin, M. the missions which were recently half.

P., and this lady died in 1884. The in the churches of Brooklyn were more late distinguished priest only succeed. Jarrely attended that any previous. were invariably to be found in the ruin the in 1884, the perseven of the time of the continuous to the found in the ruin the shop. Tickets were peddled and sought Deceived into the fold of the Catholic lie monument in North America in such places, and it was hard to be church, and thirt the time of his portrait statue of Jenne Maces, the lieve that men who were looked upon death he labored assiduously for the fire Sister of Charty who lineed in auvancement of the faith which he at North America last found a teruse and contentment. The Rev Jerome Closies, P. L. Received we discover a career com. St. Joseph's chi its ngton. Ye weeked Father Elitort said the intemperance bining so many elements of pathos was presented with a pure of really days. Lo of many was directly responsible for and herolem as that of this aged mis- \$1,000 by his perishoners on Christ, to the comes extinct

is alk the more valuable now because seen those very same men buried. While the was one of the most bitter enemies. Many had worked as hard as he and Filipino insurjents was restored to and destruction of the priests of the priests

BISHOP RADEMACHER

Away to His Sterni Med. last Frider Rt. Rev. Joseph Rademacher, Bishop of Fort Wayne pe-quesched his soul into the made of

is Maker. Histor Hademacher was been on December ind 1840, in Westphalla, Clin-ton county, Mich. In 1865 he was sent to St. Vincent's College, Pa., conducted by the Beredichine Pathers, where he completed his classical and philosophical course, and commenced the suity of theology. He completed this latter course in St. Michael's sandmary, Pluts. bing, Pa. Becoming amiliated with the decess of Fort Wayne, he was raised to the priesthood by Bishon Lucre, August 2nd, 1863.

His first charge was at Attica, Foun-tain County, Ind., whence he attended also several ny selone. After inboring six yours in this field he was impeler. red to Columbia City. Later Bisnop Dwenger called him to Fort Wayne to take charge of St. Mary's church and to became chancellor of the diocese. In June, 1880, he became pestor of St Mary's church, Latavette. The see of Nashville, Tenn., becomeing wecant in April, 1888, Father Referenches beonne the encourage of the Rt. Rev. P. A. Feehan, who had been promoted to the archiepercopes see of Chingo. In 1880 Bishop Resembles accompanies ure of Him who would not hold him Pope Lee XIII, on July 12, 1123, as-guiltless who takes His name in vain. pointed Blahon Radionadar as his suc-

> work commenced by Bishops Luces and Dwenger with great and and anersy, and brought it to moupletion. parish, mission and even select. He neglected nothing to promote the cause of education. He made it a point to attend all mehood entertalements. His predominent virtues were mass

Ills predominant virtues were mateknon and absolty. His kinediens and impartiality endeated him to his priests, to all of whom he was a triend. Dir all containers he showed greatmet send for the glory of God. He There are many modern "Rachela" remodeled and embeldabed his catheweeping for their children; mothers dral. He urged ats priests to provide who countre at their children's down- such alters and vestments as became fall by indulging their caprices and the majesty of God and the melianty oblidren in Christian principles at mation of medalities and sheistles as-

The deceased Bishop was a student. like soft war, and then susceptible of His knowledge was not confined to impressions the most lasting. Children theological and biblion unbelow, but often understand better than older extended also to secular learning. His picty and actidition were well become and for this reason many alwayment "Such shall be the history of the ture the mother is the first to give guile. By prodotthe among the elegat Catholic Church, and if all signs point nourishment to the child unless super. A spirit of nest and well-marises be contributed to the spread of pietr armong the people, to the solemnity of divine offices, to the erection of shurch. ner ordained that the mother should has of children in parochial should. But the earchable to the eyes of man are the mysteries of Divine Providence. All this mefulness, a few months ago, was cut short by a fatal slokman which

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of human genius, but the mother's Secretary, accompanied by hereing part In moulding the immortal charac- of State McDohough, were emitrialized for of the child is higher than the ar- at immorem, recently by Governor tlats.

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religious faith, hope, and charity, will chaplain at the Dominican or phin asy.
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Father Elliott was severe on the ed to the title in 1875, on the death of religious services of the same astronable of treating. This was a very like brother, Sire Brook William Confession to the number of 122.857 expensive includes in any working. Bridges, Lord Fitzwalter. Shortly at were beard 1774 of men, \$1,852 of men's wages. He said mean politics to the death of Lady Brook C. Bridge, women and 10,805 of children were invariably to be found in the ruin es in 1884, the bereaved baronet was. The only state of a sim on a published and anisotted and anisotted into the Carbonia User was readdled and anisotted.

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A MOTHER'S DUTY

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