

large a number of peers there are against whom I have not a shadow of evidence or even suspicion. Luckily the judges are less wary. While the bishops are such easy game as to be hardly worth powder and shot.

There, I've done it now!

Vous avez écrit contre le bon Dieu; c'est mauvais, mais Il le vous pardonnera.

Vous avez écrit contre Jésus-Christ; c'est pire encore, mais Il le vous pardonnera.

Mais vous avez écrit contre Leurs Excellences, et Elles ne le vous pardonneront jamais.

But this lion can bite back!

Nor after all, is fear precisely the sentiment inspired by the spectacle of a nation which has so recently placed at the head of its affairs that William Ewart Gladstone who shaped his policy by the predictions of a charlatan clairvoyant in Bond Street, while his drunken harlot performed her watery exploits on the stage of Drury Lane Theatre.

The proofs, too, (in my hands) that a certain member of the present Cabinet derives much of his income from the profits of a brothel, lend a certain solidity to my position.

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#### CHRISTIANITY

But why — we may indeed ask — all this heavy metal to bombard a brothel? Has no good thing come out of Nazareth?