

“ A RELIGIOUS BRINGING-UP.”

WITH this our “Christian” parents marred our youth :

“One thing is certain of our origin.

We are born Adam’s bastards into sin,
Servants to Death and Time’s devouring tooth.
God, damning most, had this one thought of ruth
To save some dozens—Us : and by the skin
Of teeth to save us from the devil’s gin—
Repentance! Blood! Prayer! Sackcloth! This is
truth.”

Our parents answer jesting Pilate so.

I am the meanest servant of the Christ :
But, were I heathen, cannibal, profane,
My cruel spirit had not sacrificed
My children to this Moloch. I am plain ?
“Blasphemer!” “Damned!”? Undoubtedly—I know!