

as a merciless tyrant to the greatest part of human kind, and a loving father only to a particular set of men in a few small countries. These learned men have doubtless been mistaken; but how humane is their error!

The Progress of LUTHERANISM.

A Power that had the right of always governing men in the name of God, would soon make an ill use of that power. Mankind have often found themselves in religion as well as in government between a state of anarchy and tyranny, ready to fall into one or other of the gulphs.

The law by which a man is allowed only one wife, is sometimes attended with fatal consequences, and may require certain exceptions as well as many other laws. There are some cases in which the interest of families and even of the state seems to require a person to take a second wife during the life-time of the first, where an heir is absolutely necessary and cannot be had by the first. The law of nature then acts in concert with the public good; and as the end of marriage is to have children, it seems a contradiction to prohibit the only means for attaining that end.

There was but one of all the popes who properly attended to this law of nature, viz. Gregory II. who in his famous Decretal, published in the year 726, declared, that "when a man had an infirm wife, who was incapable of performing the conjugal functions, he might marry a second, provided he took proper care of the first." Luther went many steps beyond pope Gregory II.

Trevor, lord chancellor of England in the reign of Charles II. was privately married to a second wife, with the consent of the first. He wrote a small treatise in favour of polygamy; and lived perfectly happy with his two wives. But cases of this kind are extremely rare.

Of the ANABAPTISTS.

LUTHER had been successful in stirring up the princes, nobles, and magistrates of Germany against the pope and the bishops. Muncer turned up the peasants against them. He and his companions went about addressing themselves to the inhabitants of the country villages in Suabia, Misnia, Thuringia, and Franconia. They laid open that dangerous truth which is implanted in every breast, that all men are born equal; saying, that if the popes had treated the princes like their subjects, the princes had treated the common people like beasts.

It must be acknowledged, that the manifesto published by these savages in the name of *the men who till the earth*, might have been signed by Lycurgus. They demanded to be exempted from the payment of all tithes but that of corn; and that a part thereof might be applied to the support of the poor; that they might be permitted to hunt and fish for their necessary subsistence; that air and water might be free; that their day-labour might be moderated; and that they might be allowed a little wood to warm themselves. They only claimed the rights common to mankind; but they supported their claim like savage beasts.

The cruelties which had been exercised by the common people in France and England in the reigns of Charles VI. and Henry V. were now renewed

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