

both old and young, that the conquests of the Church are achieved, and her choicest treasures gathered! It is *Protestantism* that fastens the iron fetters of *human opinion* upon its subjects, instead of the law of God, and under this cruel bondage they are held (and forced to hold themselves,) responsible for their opinions and actions to their miserable fellow-worms rather than to their Maker. If any one doubts it, let him presume so far upon his right to act for himself, as to leave their ranks and join those of the Catholic Church. He will soon find what *liberty of conscience* means, under their interpretation. It may be thought that I have presented the religious life and experiences of the sisters, and the closing scenes of each, together with their expressions of pious sentiments, (too well exemplified in their lives and deaths to be suspected of being *mere* sentiments,) with too much minuteness. I have just been reading the Memoirs of a celebrated lady in fashionable life, and I find in her much admired letters, far more copious and minute descriptions of worldly assemblies; of the splendor of drawing-rooms, the glitter