

"Bishops are not within this permission, and cannot retain their wives by the discipline of the Greek Church."

"The Latin Church however did not receive these Canons; and has uniformly persevered in excluding the three orders of priests, deacons and subdeacons not only from contracting matrimony, but from co-habiting with wives espoused before their ordination." And in the note, he adds: "The authority of the fathers must terribly perplex an English highchurchman defending the matrimony of the clergy, for which *not a single lawful precedent, I believe, has ever been produced, from St. Paul to Luther.*" Vol. 1. p. 430. Philadelphia, 1823.

SONG OF SION.

"Sion has stretched forth her hands 'there is none to comfort her.'—*Lamentations of Jeremiah*. 17.

In vain does Juda's daughter weep,
Her days of pride and glory gone;
In vain she tries that lyre to sweep
Which echoed once her joyous song.

Long have its chords in silence slumbered,
And many a day of care and pain
Has Juda's daughter sadly numbered,
And sought in vain that lyre to gain.

It will not breathe one tone of gladness—
No balmy hope to her 'twill bring;
Its very voice is fraught with sadness—
There's sorrow in each waken'd string.

Seek not, seek not, thou child of war,
To wake the strain of gladness more;
Think not thy tears shall cease to flow,
Thy days of hope and pride are o'er.

Go, leave the toneless lyre down,
Nor let it meet thy fingers more;
Upon it lay thy withered crown—
Thy glories, Sion, all are o'er!"

!! CATHOLICITY IN MANCHESTER.—Our Irish Catholic readers will feel, we are confident, an interest in the following extract handed to us by a friend, the accuracy of which may be relied upon. It shows that in Protestant England Catholicity is fast gaining ground. We advert to the increase from 6,000 to 7,000 as a proof of the increase in the number of children in attendance at those schools. It is worth noticing too that the clergy have, without any restraint, joined the procession in their "gowns and caps":—

"Saturday, Noon.

"We never dreamed that our schools would walk on Thursday as the morning was so dreadfully wet, consequently we did not go to the convent as usual, but in spite of wind and weather our 7,000 children were resolved to have their "grand procession," and about two o'clock the sun shone for the first time during the week, and the clergy gave marching orders to *their thousands*, and after a very nice walk reached St. Wilfrid's without a drop of rain; the schools separated there each returning to their own schoolrooms, where they had scarcely arrived before the rain came on and almost deluged the streets. The clergy walked in their gowns and caps, the Holy Guild children in their costumes, and the frocks and caps, with crosses suspended from the neck; the boys also had crosses in like way. I do not know how many bands they had, but I should say half-a-dozen."—*Dub. Freeman*.

"A procession of the most Blessed Sacrament took place at Perryville, Missouri, on the festival of Corpus Christi, at which between four and five thousand people took part."—*C. Telegraph*.

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