

Romish Ecclesiastical Anarchy.

Except in the annals of eastern despotisms, no parallel can be found for the disasters of the papacy during the century and a half which followed the extinction of the Carolingian dynasty. Of the twenty four popes who, during that period, ascended the apostolic throne, two were murdered, five were driven into exile, four were deposed, and three resigned their hazardous dignity. Some of these Vicars of Christ were raised to that awful pre-eminence by arms, and some by money. Two received it from the hands of princely courtesans. One was self-appointed. A well filled purse purchased one papal abdication; the promise of a fair bride another. One of those holy fathers pillaged the treasury, fled with the spoil, returned to Rome, ejected his substitute, and mutilated him in a manner too revolting for description. In one page of this dismal history, we read of the disinterred corpse of a former pope brought before his successor, to receive a retrospective sentence of deposition; and, in the next, we find the judge himself undergoing the same posthumous condemnation, though without the same filthy ceremonial. Of these heirs of St. Peter, one entered on his infallibility in his 18th year, and one before he had seen his twelfth summer. One, again, took to himself a coadjutor, that he might command in person such legions as Rome then sent into the field. Another, Judas like, agreed for certain pieces of silver, to recognise the Patriarch of Constantinople as universal bishop. All sacred things have become venal. Crime and debauchery held revel in the Vatican; while the afflicted church, wedded at once to three husbands (such was the language of the times), witnessed the celebration of as many rival masses in the metropolis of Christendom. To say that the gates of hell had prevailed against the seat and centre of catholicism would be to defy the inquisition. But Baronius himself might be cited, to prove that they had rolled back on their infernal hinges, that thence might go forth malignant spirits, commissioned to empty on her devoted head, the vials of bitterness and wrath.

Prophecy and its Fulfilment--Popery and the Bible.**PROPHECY.**

"Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing Spirits and Doctrines of Devils,"—"FORBIDDING TO MARRY." 1ST TIM. IV., 1, 3.

"Marriage is honourable in all."—(Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews.), xiii 3

"A Bishop then must be blameless the husband of one wife."—(Paul's Letter to Timothy), iii 2

"The Apostle Peter was married to a wife."—(See Matthew,) viii 14

FULFILMENT.

"An infamous conspiracy exists against the holy celibacy of Priests, a conspiracy, shocking to relate! finds favour even among some ecclesiastics who, deplorably forgetful of their own dignity yield basely to animal passions!" *Encyclical Letter of the present Pope of Rome.*

In this strange document, there is also made as usual the most violent attack against all Bible and other Societies, whose aim is to diffuse religious knowledge among men; and, as if to evince to the world in how low esteem the Word of God is regarded by the Head of this awful counterfeit of Christianity, out of twenty nine quotations in that letter,