

For from each twine of mouth, or crown,
 One might perceive grace pouring down.
 Thus they extol, and think him even
 A very angel dropp'd from heaven :
 Well, be it so; then I can tell
 That he slipp'd down, when satan fell.
 Such gifted elders kept the steeple
 For sev'ral years; and taught the people,
 From mystic sense of holy word,
 'The godly use of pike and sword,
 And all the mysteries of war,
 'Gainst prelate, prince, and Common Prayer .
 Till at last their church, alas !
 Was brought to such a warlike pass,
 That when its foes were overcome,
 It fought, on still, and kill'd at home ;
 Elder with elder, saint with saint
 Fought thro' the whole church militant,
 'Till independent got the better,
 By cant and sword of the presbyter.

MORALITY OF THE LAND OF BIBLES.

"Nineteen out of every Twenty (of the humble classes) are mothers before they are wives." (Evidence of the Rev. Philip Hupt of the Established Church and Mr. Drummond an active and intelligent Magistrate, given on oath before a Committee of the House of Commons.)

We wonder did they read the Bible.

"Q. In your Parish at what age do they marry ?

A. *Seventeen or eighteen*

Q. Are the women generally with child before they are married or not ?

A. *Generally—I believe.*" (Evidence of Rev. Joseph Bosworth, Vicar of Little Horwood Buckinghamshire before a Committee of the House 1828.)

"Do they marry early in your parish ?

Not so very early ; almost all the poor sort of people marry as soon as they get about eighteen.

Do the girls marry chiefly before they are with child or after ?

Generally with child before they marry; quite a general thing.

Does the custom of marrying early, and the situation (pregnancy) in which they are, does that prevail in the parishes round you, as well as is this parish.

They are most of them alike about that." (Evidence of Mr. Driver, Parish of Fermaux, Pelham, Hertford, on the same occasion.)

What becomes of all the Bibles ?

Doctor Brereton on the Poor Laws informs us that in the Hundred or District with which he was acquainted, "out of seventy-five births, FIFTY-SEVEN were illegitimate." (Truth-Teller, August 6, 1825.)

What were the Bible Societies about ?

"At the present moment according to the most moderate computation, ONE-FIFTEENTH part of the whole population of the United Kingdom is subsisting by the lowest and most degrading Prostitution." (East India Magazine, 1831—'State of Crime'.)

Had they no Bibles to read ?

Creech a Scotch author of high authority, and of ardent patriotism informs us (Edinburgh Fugitive Pieces p. 105.) that in Edinburgh in the space of twenty years, the dens of vice had multiplied twenty fold, and their inmates a hundred-fold !

Why did not the increase of Bibles, produce a decrease of vice ?

In a Report laid before Parliament in 1830, it is stated that in the course of the eight preceding years, the actions of Divorce for Adultery in Scotland were ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE; and it is remarked that this list does not include actions of separation from Bed and Board ! (It is only the wealthy who can sue for a Divorce.)

Were the Ten Commandments in the Bible that these Adulterers read ?

At the first Annual Meeting of the Parish Home Missionary Society in 1820, it is stated in reference to Northumberland, Cumberland, Durham and part of Lancashire, that, "Darkness covers this part of England, and gross darkness the people."

Of the county of Worcester it is said that it may be.

"In a moral light regarded as a waste, howling wilderness."

It is declared in the same Report that Staffordshire contains 300,000 inhabitants.

"The greater part of whom sit in darkness and the gloomy shades of overspreading death."

Moreover, we are assured that Oxfordshire presents,

"A moral wilderness of awful dimensions," though all the Bibles are printed at Oxford !

Of a part of Berkshire the Report tells us,

"The villagers are in a complete state of mental darkness."

What in the name of wonder, we ask again, has become of all the Bibles !

Another sketch or two from the same authority, and we will have done.

The Society published a second Report, by which it appears that one Mr. Sparkes preached in four places which were,

"Moral wildernesses, and know nothing of Evangelical Truth."

But the best, or rather the worst is to come.

In their third Annual Report one of the Missionaries says of his station :—

"I verily believe that this is the worst place under the Heavens for men, women, and children, seem to glory in blaspheming the Lord ! ! !"

After this description from the Protestants themselves of the Land of Bibles, have we not a right to ask again of the white washed sepulchres and rotten Pharisees here, who abuse our religion and country,

What becomes of all the Bibles ?

ANGER OF "MOUNTING ON THE STILTS OF TRANSUBSTANTIATION."

We are credibly informed that the poor Criminal has at last descended from his lofty stilts, or rather that the stilts have been suddenly knocked from under him, by one of those unforeseen casualties to which all high-fliers, Ballooners, and "ground-and-lofty tumblers" are so liable. We are not surprised at the descent, for we know it must happen in one way or another ; but we regret the rapidity of the mode. What a pity he had not a drop of Holy Water near him at the moment of the accident ! Now that he is "on the broad of his back" we can afford to be more than generous. We hope, therefore, that his numerous Protestant friends will now "be fairly roused," and that "offers of assistance will be pouring in on him from all sides." We are anxious to see him lifted up from his helpless, prostrate condition and fairly set on his legs again, at least as firmly as