

Poetry.

LIFE'S COMPANIONS.

When I set sail on Life's young voyage,
'Twas upon a stormy sea;
But to cheer me night and day,
Through the perils of the way,

CHARLES MACRAY.

THE GROWTH OF PURITANISM.

From "A History of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America," by the Rev. Rev. Samuel Willberforce, M.A.

The curse of popery had long lain heavy upon England, and had eaten out, in great measure, the very life of Christianity amongst us. It was, "as with the people, so with the priest;" or rather the evil had begun with the priest, and had gone down to the people.

It could not be torn from him: he must be slain first. He could not be made to cease believing, or to cease feeling. The knowledge of his own humanity had flashed upon him—he could not forget it; and it must be dreadful to him until he could find out its true healer.

hence Cartwright, Travers, and all the great leaders of the party, were at this time allowed to act as beneficed or licensed preachers. But when "causes of conscience exceed their bounds, and grow to be matters of faction," to use the words of Sir F. Walsingham, "the Queen judged them to 'lose their nature,' and become such, that they should be distinctly punished, though coloured with the pretences of conscience and religion."

Catholics of Germany, also, this pestilence is rapidly increasing, as is proved by the failure of papal denunciations to crush the heresy branched in the work of Hermes, as also by several circumstances which characterize the rise and progress of the new "German Catholic Church," of which we proceed to state some details.

The existence of this creed seems to be somewhat superfluous, when we turn to the second article of the confession, which declares, that "we maintain perfect liberty of conscience, and detest all constraint, all falsehood and hypocrisy;" and to the assertion of the fourth article, which adds to the statement of the third, that Holy Scripture is the only rule of faith, this comment, "the interpretation thereof must not be limited by any external authority."

man is qualified to be a watchman upon the towers of our Zion, whose sympathies are with the enemy that besieges us. No man is fitted to be a shepherd, who, instead of protecting the flock, makes common cause with the wolves.





