

For they that led us away captive required  
 Of us a song and melody in our heaviness :  
 ' Sing us one of the songs of Sion !'  
 How shall we sing the Lord's song  
 In a strange land ?  
 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my  
 Right hand forget her cunning !"

And Haliburton has written :—"The removal of the French neutrals forcibly reminds us of the pathetic lament of the Mantuan Shepherd, when driven from his patrimony by the victorious soldiers of Augustus : "*O, Lycida, vivi pervenimus,*" &c., &c. And every school-boy must recollect the wail of Melibœus : "*Nos patrae fines et dulcia linquimus arva.*" But to come down to later times when men professed Christianity, we only require to read a page in the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella,—when, in 1492, "the decree was issued that all unbaptized Jews, of whatever sex, age, or condition, should depart from the realm by the end of July next ensuing, prohibiting them from revisiting it on any pretext whatever, under penalty of death and confiscation of property. They were to go forth as exiles from the land of their birth ; the land where all whom they ever loved had lived or died ; the land not so much of their own adoption as of inheritance, which had been the home of their ancestors for centuries, and with whose prosperity and glory they were, of course, as intimately associated as was any ancient Spaniard. They were to be cast out helpless and defenceless, with a brand of infamy set on them among nations, who had always held them in derision and hatred." A Genoese historian, an eye-witness, thus describes the scene :—"No one could behold the sufferings of the Jewish exiles unmoved. A great many perished of hunger, especially those of tender years. Mothers, with scarcely strength to support themselves, carried their famished infants in their arms, and died with them. Many fell victims to the cold, others to intense thirst, &c. The whole number expelled by Ferdinand and Isabella, is variously estimated from one hundred and sixty to eight hundred thousand." Let us hope that the smaller number is correct.