

(From the Chronicle.)
IMPRISONMENT FOR READING
THE BIBLE.

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A certain Tuscan Protestant has been made to feel the vengeance of the Papal priests. Domenico Cecchetti was seized last Sunday morning, at half-past four, having

read the *Bible*, condemned without any trial, without any witness, by the Council of Trent, to a year's confinement in the *Castellum* of Impruneta, near Modice.

On his arrival he was confined in chains on the following morning, the crux for which he was designated a heretic, being the *proposition* of the *Bible* and two Testaments, and the *awful* when examined by the *Chancellor* of the *Delegation* of Santa Maria Novella, that he considered Jesus Christ the sole head of the church.

The circumstances which led to his arrest are characteristic of the *dark* system now prevalent throughout Tuscany, and懊mouscious to the *Protestant* against whom it was directed. That I make an apology for communicating them with so much fulness of detail at your column will allow.

Domenico Cecchetti is a workman employed in the tobacco-manufactory of J.M. Enosson & Co., the well known bankers.

He has for years farmed this monopoly, and is one of the best workmen in the establishment, earning five pence a day, and enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his employers in the highest possible degree.

He is about forty-three, and as he is a widower, with four boys, of whom the eldest is sixteen and the youngest six, these have devolved on him, not only the task of maintaining his family, but of discharging all those domestic duties which a widow's peculiar province. And these duties he has discharged so well that his four boys in patterns of good conduct, and the whole neighbourhood are wont to assume of Cecchetti's children as the models of what children ought to be.

The two who are already employed in the tobacco-manufactory, where they too, earned on average, a lire a day each, Cecchetti lived on the first floor of a house in the Via Tadini, close to the tobacco manufactory.

In another small apartment on the same floor was lodged a young man, the apprentice of a coster in Briga La Noce. He was attached to the good conduct of the young Cecchetti, and by the excellent and kind bearing of his father, and in the course of conversation and familiar intercourse at length, learned that his father was in the habit of reading with his children and his friends the *Bible*. And in causal talk with his own master he repeated this circumstance to him, expressing his belief that the *Bible* could not be such a very bad book after all, when it produced such happy fruits. A few days afterwards the visitor went to confession at San Lorenzo, and there mentioned to the confessor that his apprentice had been talking to him about Diodati's *Bible*, which he thought so bad as it had been represented. The priest immediately interrupted the confession, and refused him absolution. Next day he told Curate Buratti the first curate of San Lorenzo, and one of the foremost and most relentless persecutors of the Tuscan Protestants. "Why, this is the matter with you," said Curate Buratti, "you seem so dull!" "Ah, Curate no wonder! Yesterday I was refused absolution." "Rejected absolution!" rejoined the curate, impossible! refuse absolution to so good a Catholic as you. There must be some mistake; come to my house and confess to me, and I hope it will prove nothing." The visitor made his confession to Curate Buratti, and received absolution; all snug and comfortable; and Curate Buratti, long no time in desecrating Domenico Cecchetti with the Tuscan police as guilty of the crime of Protestant propaganda, and requiring them to watch over his proceedings, and if possible, to seize him in the act. Accordingly, some months ago, four gendarmes suddenly entered Cecchetti's house, about nine o'clock in the evening. They expected to have found him in company with two other inquirers, reading the Scriptures; they found only another fellow-lodger, named Cilli, who had come to repay Cecchetti the sum of five pence, which he had borrowed on the previous day. But they seized, and carried off in triumph one copy of Diodati's *Bible*, and two copies of the New Testament. Cecchetti heard nothing more about the matter for nearly ten weeks. On the morning of Wednesday, the 14th inst., he received an order to appear before the delegates of Santa Maria Novella, in the afternoon of the same day. Then and there he was examined by the Chancellor of the Delegation, and required to declare why three copies of Diodati's *Bible* and Testament were found in his possession. Indeed, Signor Delegato, was the answer, "I only wish there had been five instead of three; for there are five of us, my four sons and myself, and we require a *Bible* a piece." The Councillors successively interrogated him as to his opinion regarding Mass, confession, the authority of the Pope, on all which points he stated that his opinion without reserve. He replied that Jesus Christ had been offered up once as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind; that he who sacrifices was, or could be wanted. "Yes," said, "As to confession, when I have sinned, it is my duty to confess my sin, but to Almighty God, and implore his pardon; then to my brother, if I have sinned strongly against my brother; to you, Signor Councillor, for example, if I have offended you. As to the Pope being head of the church, know," he said, "no heretic has ever had the name of Jesus Christ. The Pope is a constituted authority, like you, Signor Councillor." Before that examination terminated, the Councillors of the Delegation demanded that I should not acquire the conviction of Jacques, that—

"Out of these converts there is much to be heard and learned."

But respecting certain matters, he neither heard nor learned anything from Domenico Cecchetti, though again and again he returned to the charge. Neither wheeling nor balking could induce him to reveal the names of two of the Christian brethren whom he had read and discoursed upon the Scriptures. His answer invariably was:—"On all points regarding myself I will answer you without the slightest reserve; but I cannot easily confess my faults; I cannot, and will not reply to you." The Councillors, finding this attempt hopeless, then read over the minutes of the examination. Cecchetti himself pursued it, by his words: "I have read over the minutes of the examination."

and signed the same; and so, for the time, the affair terminated with the dismissal of the accused. The paper thus obtained was submitted to the Council of Trent, which on the 25th of June, 1855, gave its sentence, sentencing Domenico Cecchetti to a year's imprisonment in the penitentiary of Impruneta.

Impruneta was formerly a villa of the Grand Dukes of Tuscany, in which they solated themselves after the cares of state

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