

plexity ; for her vast possessions having excited the cupidity of the Judge of Algiers, he determined on marrying her whether she would or not, and procured from the Dey an order commanding her to set out instantly with him for Constantinople. This was a terrible stroke for her and poor Angelique ; but she happily escaped it. Knowing the motive of the Judge in seeking her hand, she begged permission to remain in the country a little longer : and as a proof of her good will towards him, she sent him 5,000 crowns. This satisfied him, and he granted her request.

Whilst things were in this state at Algiers, Anthony arrived at Naples ; and the bishop having interested the viceroy in his favour, a frigate was manned for him with all possible expedition. While his lordship was detailing Anthony's wonderful story, a nobleman who was present, exclaimed, " I greatly deceive myself, or the brother of this Anthony is on board one of my galleys. I commanded the vessel which attacked the corsair, and among those who, in the grappling, were thrown into us, there was a young man, who has related to me part of the adventures I have now heard. To ascertain the fact, I shall send for him." No sooner had he arrived, than Anthony recognised him ; both gave themselves up to indescribable joy, and all present admired the wonderful ways of God. The frigate being fitted out, the two brothers put to sea with forty mariners, and arrived safely in the bay of Algiers. The Neapolitans, who were ever on the watch, thought one night they saw a vessel enter into port : running to the beach they soon recognised Anthony, who, with his brother

and some of the crew, came on shore in a shallop. They were all soon at the house of Anne : the delight and surprise at this happy meeting, caused the mother and daughter to faint away. When they recovered, all went on board : Angelique carried the little Mary, and the wondrous picture of the blessed Virgin. They were soon removed from the coast ; the morning sun had not yet gilded the level line of the horizon, when the shores of Barbary disappeared from their view.

No sooner was their departure known at Algiers, than the Dey sent two galleys in pursuit of them ; but protected by Heaven, they safely reached the island of Majorca. After resting there some time, they embarked in a vessel bound for Livourne, whence they proceeded to Rome, where their wonderful adventures being already known, they were received by a great number of persons in procession. Being presented to Pope Sixtus V., Anne made her abjuration in his hands, and her little son was baptized at St. Peter's, or the Vatican. When the little Mary had attained the age of 16, she became a nun among the poor Clare's, in the convent of St. Margaret, beyond the Tiber, and brought thither the wonderful picture of the blessed Virgin. It was still to be seen there in 1700. As to Angelique, and the rest of the family, after living as true servants of God and his blessed Mother, they died the death of the just, leaving to the world an additional proof, that though " the mountains be moved, and the hills tremble," the mercy of God will never depart from those who are sincerely devoted to his ever-blessed Virgin Mother. To her be suitable honour, praise, and love without end. Amen.