

have a craving, and if it is not satisfied under the parental roof, they will go elsewhere to seek that that their natures long for. In the home the loving parents may drop the word of caution that may have the desired effect, where, if they wandered away it would be lost.

Our dear Friends, Daniel Griffen and wife, Robert Barnes and wife, have been very acceptably in our midst. Our elderly Friend felt once more drawn towards us; to hand forth the word of caution, which was very tenderly received, and we felt it sank deep into our hearts, it may be the lasttime we will ever hear his loving counsel. They attended our Western Quarterly Meeting, and Meetings composing it. Those we were privileged to attend we felt to be very precious gatherings.

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#### PONTIUS PILATE'S ACTUAL SENTENCE.

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The Tablet says:—A correspondent of Notes and Queries extracts from the Kolnische Zeitung what is called "a correct transcript of the sentence of death pronounced against Jesus Christ." The following is a copy of the most memorable sentence which has ever been pronounced in the annals of the world—namely that of death against the Saviour, with the remarks that the journal *Le Droit* has collected, the knowledge of which must be interesting in the highest degree to every Christian. Until now we are not aware that it has ever been made public in the German papers. The sentence is word for word as follows: "Sentence pronounced by Pontius Pilate, Intendant of the Province of Lower Galilee, that Jesus of Nazareth shall suffer death by the cross. In the seventeenth year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius, and on the 25th of the month of March, in the most holy city of Jerusalem, during the Pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, Pontius Pilate, Intendant of the Province of Lower Galilee, sitting

in judgment in the presidential seat of the Prætors, sentences Jesus Christ of Nazareth to death on a cross between two robbers, as the numerous and notorious testimonials of the people prove: 1. Jesus is a misleader. 2. He has excited the people to sedition. 3. He is an enemy to the laws. 4. He calls himself the Son of God. 5. He calls himself falsely the King of Israel. 6. He went into the Temple followed by a multitude carrying palms in their hands. Orders: The first centurion, Quintus Cornelius, to bring him to the place of execution, forbids all persons, rich or poor, to prevent the execution of Jesus. The witnesses who have signed the execution against Jesus are: 1. Daniel Robani Pharisee; 2. John Zorobabel; 3. Raphael Robani; 4. Capet. Jesus to be taken out of Jerusalem though the gate of Tournea." The sentence is engraved on a plate of brass in the Hebrew language, and on its sides are the following words:—"A similar plate has been sent to each tribe." It was discovered in the year 1280 in the city of Aquill (Aquilla?), in the kingdom of Naples, by a search made for the discovery of Roman antiquities, and remained there till it was found by the Commissaries of Art in the French Army of Italy. Up to time of the campaign in Southern Italy it was preserved in the sacristy of the Carthusians, near Naples, where it was kept in a box of ebony. Since then the relic has been kept in the Chapel of Caserta. The Carthusians obtained by their petitions that the plate might be kept by them, which was an acknowledgement of the sacrifices which they made for the French army. The French translation was made literally by members of the Commission of Arts. De non had a *facsimile* of the plate engraved, which was bought by Lord Howard on the sale of his cabinet for 2,890*l.* There seems to be no historical doubt as to the authenticity of this. The reasons of the sentence correspond exactly with those of the gospels.—The Shepton Mallet Journal, (England).