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Religious Miscellann

Grief.

BY EDWARD C. JONES. O! faint not when some giant grief Has thrown its shadow o'er thy way ; The term of chastisement is brief, And sorrow will not always stay.

Thine are the promises-to thee Is pledged a strength which may not fail The tempest has its melody, And music lurks in ocean's wail.

The tide of Marah rolling dark, Is shadowed by Jehovah's wing ; Affliction's rod, though bare and stark, Will bless thee yet by blossoming.

When Israel, in the plain below, Above the contest's ebb and flow. Stretched Moses' interceding hand,

His prayer, that from the bill-top rose, When Amalek pressed on the tray, Brought slaughter to their boasting foes, And gave the sunlight to their day.

Thus, when the lava tide of woe, Comes scathing to thy anguished breast And stern temptation, like a foe, Makes all thy weakness manifest,

Look up! and see on Zion's beight. A Saviour's hand outstretched to shield, And strong through his celestial might,

The Foxes have Holes.

came to him and declared, "Master, I will and a stone his pillow.

follow thee whithersoever thou goest." His Let us not forget the exaltation of the would our churches be filled to overflowing, the story is recorded for our instruction.

Our winter has been unusually severe, advent brings strikingly to mind the remark of our Saviour, on the kind provision made for the habitation of the inferior creation. In the beautiful language of Scripture, "The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats, and

but suitable habitations? Not less remark-

hours. With anything like such speed, the Rev. F. D. Huntington. little humming bird will reach our region in a very few hours from Mexico, or the West India islands, where he has been hibernating

But the greatest wonder of all is that infinite goodness which so amply provides for ence asks me: What hast thou done the comfort and the support of these creathe saving of that soul before it left the body? tures. All are abundantly supplied with There is one more gone into eternity: what homes, clothing, and food, so that not even didst thou do to prepare him for it? And the lowest or apparently the most insignifi- what testimony must be give to the Judge cant are overlooked. "They all wait upon concerning thee?" HIM, and he openeth his hand and filleth them with good." Cold must be our reflections, if we cannot exclaim with the Psalmist, "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In

port, as we read of those " who ministered away : wouldst thou not be quick and speedy to him of their substance,"

O! Faint not when some Giant as house, cottage; or but, which he could call carry through thy negligence? The applihe was beholden to others, and particularly is, or ought to be, dearer to thee than the to Lazarus. Other generous friends might bave welcomed him to their homes, but it is When thy wicked neighbor is sick, his soul probable that our Saviour sometimes was is launching, for ought thou knowest, into the knows how delightful and precious a home is after the ministerial toils of the day, and grave. Thou hadst work to do with him not." While the beasts of the field and the fort, and men their own dwellings for security

> Son of man had not where to lay his head." wrath through thy laziness or unfaithful-Such was the humility of Christ, in conde- ness ?" scending to these hardships, and so wonderful his grace in stooping so low! He was "The Son of God—the express image of his person;" he laid the foundations of the earth-created the magnificent world in which we live-yet!he had not where to lay his head. Then, too, he had " been in the bosom of his Father," sharing inconceivable pearance the kings of the earth would have preaching is not a good sermon, but a boly offered him their palaces and their thrones;

Saviour, under his mean garb.
In all this suffering, the Saviour of sinners teaches the vanity of worldly things, congregation. Learning, rhetoric, eloquence, and how foolish is the pride of life. Never let us forget, that "the disciple is not above will win souls who does not feel the throbhis master, nor the servant above his Lord." O, how calm that soul, where no angry or does not know their wants-who does not True it was, that the foxes and birds were envious passion disturbs, and where nothing study their lives—who does not understand better accommodated than Christ Our but sacred love dwells—the love of God and how to take the primary truths of Chris-Lord, fatigued with the multitude crowding the love of men! Such a soul has no room tianity, and apply them to the consciences around him, gave commandment to depart to for uneasy cares or afflicting sorrows. The of men in their daily business of life. Such the other side of the lake near which he had place, however humble, where you rest, will preachers, and only such, will be certainly been preaching and healing. As he ap- be a "Bethel, a house of God," as where efficacious; and such preaching is necessary

views were mercenary and mean, which the Son of man now in glory. There, has he Saviour knowing, said to him, "The foxes gone, and "is set down at the right hand of may depend upon it, there is never a man have holes and the birds of the air have the throne of the Majesty in the heavens." who preaches intelligent truth, and preaches nests; but the Son of man hath not where He is now "crowned with glory and honor; it with a living sympathy for men, that peoto lay his head," therefore you cannot expect riches and honors from me. This is made subject unto him." This is a pledge the last we bear of this selfish man; still and assurance of the exaltation of all his faithful followers. Christians are said to be " quickened with Christ, to be raised up tobut spring is returning, and its delightful gether, and made to sit in heavenly places."

Abounding in Faith.

Faith has won its grandest conquests the rocks for the conies." Some birds make straightened and sorrowful fields. If the their nests on inaccessible rocks: "The strength and joy of believing are proportioned eagle maketh her nest on high; she dwelleth to the weight of the crosses for it—and such and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of a rule does appear to have place in the spithe rock and the strong place." Others seek ritual economy—then it is in some such post the habitations of men for shelter; "there of perplexity as a Casar's household, some the sparrow finds a house, and the swallow age of persecution, or close corner of peril, a nest for herself, where she may lay her that we must look for the bravest witnesses young." The swallows will build under the to the truth. So keenly has this been felt eaves of our dwellings, the little sparrows by some adventurous souls, that they have in the gutters, the blackbirds among the holly-trees of our gardens, and the starlings than our common and easy fortunes bring, in the holes of the elms. They are led to giving their religious constancy a chance to select their abodes, by the wonderful instinct prove itself invincible. Sir Thomas Browne which their Creator plants in them. How with his unbounded veneration, had an appetite so hungry for this stimulus to trust, What besides such an unerring instinct, that he says, in one of the passages of his guided by an overruling Providence, can Treatise on the Religion of a Physician, "I irect these creatures to select their different bless myself and am thankful that I lived not in the days of miracles, and that I never able is their sagacity to discover the proper saw Christ nor his disciples; for then my places for their nests, and still more so, their faith would have been thrust upon me, and skill and dexterity in building them. These I could not have enjoyed that greater blesslittle untaught winged beings will collect, ing promised to all that see not and yet bewith their bills, sticks, straws, moss, and dirt, lieve" He envies the old Hebrews their nated. But I cannot think it proper or exand form them into comfortable nests! How title to the only bold and noble faith, since curiously do they line them within, winding they lived before the Saviour's coming, and pany, unless necessity calls, where he may and arranging every thread, feather, hair, or gathered their confidence out of the mystical lock of wool, so as to protect and warm the types and obscure prophecies. Modern society does not abound in instances of such Many birds thatch over and completely plas-ter their little dwellings, to preserve them seem to be asking what is the minimum of from the injuries of the weather and the faith that can be made to serve with safety search of their enemies. This admirable -how much knowledge will release them art which they exert to perfection, is not from here, and Divine indulgence therebut is the gift of that adorable Being, who privileged to keep in reserve. We eulogize bestows wisdom upon irrational as well as virtues that flourish only in a favorable soil rational creatures. He " is wonderful and and climate. We palliate and excuse the deficiency when honesty is missing in the How mysterious and rapid is the flight of birds! The carrier pigeon, and even the minute humming-bird, fly much faster than the cars on a railroad : the former has been the current piety of the Church, of society, known to perform a journey of hundreds of and of the market, sinks and dwindles inmiles at the rate of eighty miles an hour evitably unless it is replenished by the energy The distance from Lyons to Brussels is about of those valiant examples which will dare 600 miles, and a carrier pigeon flew over to bear testimony and be true the very pathis immense journey in seven and a half laces of power and fashion and mammon.

The Sick Neighbor.

Richard Baxter one said, " I seldom hear the bell toll for one that is dead but consci-In the same spirit Swinnock says: 4 It

wisdom hast thou made them all. The earth then it will be too late to counsel or advise much for Satan. Other creatures are not is full of thy riches; and thy tender mercies him. Disease, both bodily and spiritual, must be purged away before death, or never-Our blessed Saviour represented his own He that is filthy at death, must be filthy ture, the saint is the excellency of man; destitute circumstances to the scribe, who still, even to all eternity: all the tears in grace is the excellency of the saint, and glory seemed so anxious to "follow" him: "The hell will not wash out the least spot in the is the excellency of grace. Son of man hath not where to lay his head." | soul; all the fire in hell will not purge out He was exposed to the common infirmities the least dross. Therefore, Christ took the of human nature—to bunger, to thirst, and opportunity of dropping good counsel into weariness; and, like other men, was liable the heart of the thief on the cross, knowing to suffer from the inclemency of the seasons that if he omitted it a few hours longer the in Baltimore, says of excessive denominacomforts, but was often destitute of them. Hadst thou a friend going to sea, and never love for souls, something is wrong. So fear-

to acquaint him with it, lest he should b Neither did the Son of man possess a under sail before thou didst see him? Would splendid palace or large estate—not so much it not cut thee to the heart if he should mishis own; for his lodging, as well as his food, cation is easy. The soul of every neighbor destitute even of a lodging; is not this in- ocean of eternity, whence he shall never, ferable from his sleeping in a fishing-boat? never return more. He waits only for a The faithful and laborious man of God well wind, a word from God, and he is gone. The which have often been performed at a great that is more worth to him than his life, that expense of strength and spirits. How re- is of as great value as his immortal soul and freshing, and balmy, and thankful is sleep eternal salvation. Now, thou mayest acunder such circumstances! But such was quaint him, while he is on the shore, with not the case with our blessed Lord: "He his danger and the way of his delivery; but came to his own, but his own received him if once he launched into the main, thou mayst call loud and long enough after him in vain .- O! will it not pierce thee to the quick if his soul should be swallowed up in and repose at the close of the day—" the the boundless and bottomless sea of divine

Who are the Great Preachers?

The great preachers of the world have been those who were in direct sympathy with human life, and who had an end to gain with the men before them. But with culture and scholastic habits, men have interpreted the glory with him before the foundation of the word of God, "Follow me, and I will make world. We often imagine that upon his appointment of sermons." The end of word of God, "Follow me, and I will make

heart. Fine sermons have nearly ruined but the princes of this world knew him not; good preaching. If ministers cared more their proud and prejudiced minds did not for their people and less for their own serdiscern the Son of God, the Prophet and mons, they would be more useful. Preaching has almost ceased to be a living business between a man's heart and the wants of his bing pulse of his whole congregation-who proached the ship a certain scribe or doctor Jacob lay, although the ground was his bed to the filling of the churches. Were such

A Short Memory.

A good descon returning from church one " Sir, did you see a boy on the road, driv-"I think I did." said the deacon, music y; "a boy with a short memory wasn't he?"
The man looked confused and said: "Why

o you think he has a short memory, sir?"
The deacon seemed to enjoy his confusion, nd even determined to increase it "I hink so; and I think, moreover, that he

said he, more perplexed than ever. man, assuming all of a sudden a very grave and solemn manner; because God Almighty has proclaimed from Mount Sinai, among other things, 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,' and he has forgotten all

deed, very."

Worldly Associations. " Can a man walk on pitch, and his feet fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?" If he can, he may then mix verences, blasphemed, or, at least, profaned; where that Book, which he esteems to be the Word of God, will, if mentioned, be alluded to only to awaken laughter or ' adorn a tale; where the laws of good breeding are almost the only laws which may not be broken with impunity; and where everything he hears or sees has a strong tendency to extinguish the glow of devotion, and entirely banish seriousness."-Payson.

Our Safety.

With God as our God we are safe and dreary moor came upon a cottage, and entered into conversation with its inmate, who was standing at his garden gate When

about to leave, he said : "Are you not sometimes afraid to live in his lonely place?"

door at night, and mercy opens it in the " He that dwelleth in the secret places of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him will I trust." "He careth for us."

A Thought from Secker.

Cicero complains of Homer, that he teaches men to live like gods. It is lament able that we should live so long in the world. and do so little for God; or that we should live so short a time in the world, and do so more below a sinner than a saint is above a sinner. Man is the excellency of the creais the excellency of grace.

A Christ-Like Sentiment.

Rev. Dr. Johns, an Episcopal clergyman The circumstances of his birth were humble; a stable being his bedchamber, and his cradle a manger. His life was a life of poverty. While a preacher of righteousness, he was indebted to the generosity of men for sup-

Religious Intelligence.

It appears from the news given under England, that Rationalism, in a very advanced form, is spreading in the Established Church of England, and that it has influential patrons. This will increase the efforts for a separation between Church and State. which just now is strongly advocated by the High Chuhchmen also. We give an inter-esting extract from a Romanizing paper of Assembly. Spurgeon has returned from England to America.

Our report on the Greek Church of Turkey is taken from a tractarian paper of London. which would like to promote a union be-tween the Greek and Anglican Churches, but must bear testimony to the sad condition

The Methodist Missionaries in India report the conversion of a native prince. In Farther India the Baptist Missions continue to enjoy extraordinary success. In China the number of missionaries is still increasing. Africa and the Sandwich Islands will soon receive a band of missionaries from the Church of England, who, in the former country, will work in union with other so cieties for the conversion of the natives. while it is feared that in the latter they will act the part of intruders.

GREAT BRITAIN.

RATIONALISM IN THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH. - The last number of the Christian Observer, (of England,) has a review of the latest volume of Oxford Essays, in which it compares the opinions of Theodore Parker with those of the Essayists. After drawing the comparison in detail, it says :-

1859, Francis William Newman in 1850, singing. But the songs I used to sing are and the Seven Essayists in 1860 are all in not the songs I love now. harmony. In language, indeed, in freeness of tone and expression, there is just the difference which might be expected between men who, like Parker and Newman, have thrown off all conventional bondage, and those who, like the Seven Essayists, are Professors in Oxford, or Vice-Principal, or Head But while there is this difference in the lone and freedom of expression, there is none in actual creed. All are agreed, the seven as well as the two, in rejecting 'supernaturalism.' in placing conscience above the Bible. and in throwing altogether out of sight, the must belong to a family with short memo- grand topics of God's word—the introduction of sin, and the gift of a Saviour-man's ruin and man's redemption. Our conviction is, that none of them bave any faith in either

he one or the other of these great truths." MR. MAURICE AND HIS THEOLOGY,-Mr. Maurice is one of the most gifted and influential champions of the Rationalistic school, described above. His late appointment by the First Commissioner of Works, about it. His memory was very short into the important metropolitan incumbency of St. Peter's (which was mentioned in a preceding number of the Methodist.) is creiting great and peculiar agitation throughout appointment comes enters largely into the difficulty. The patron is Mr. W. Cowper, a son of Lady Palmerston, by her first marriage, and hence a brother-in law of Lord Shattesbury. Mr. Cowper was for years connected with the evangelical interest, and but recently had been associated with latitudinarians. Not only, therefore, because the Premier has a revisory power over such apmovement has ceased to be of mere private

TISTS -Among the bappiest events in the his dying darting, she said, Daddy, sing modern history of Germany, we regard the astonishing success of the newly-planted Me-thodist and Baptist missions. They are the foremost champions of a genuine and untrammeled Evangelical Protestantism, and, as we expect, have a great mission to fulfil. appy everywhere. A gentleman crossing even in the political regeneration of the country. The Methodist missions have been referred to in our last number. The success of the Baptists is no less cheering. Revd. Dr. Oncken, of the German Baptist mission. states that such has been the progress of the work of God in Germany, that 1058 persons have been added to the churches during the past year, an increase of fifteen per cent. while many more prodigals have been converted and reclaimed from their wanderings. At the close of 1859 there were 756 preaching stations—an increase of 107 over the previous year. Eighteen new missionaries were sent out by these German Christians o Poland and elsewhere, who have been cheered by great success.

ITALT.

become the focus of the Protestant missionary operations throughout the Peninsula, We are glad to learn from a correspondence in a New York paper, that steps are about to be taken to establish an American Chapel for Protestant worship in Florence. Our travelling countrymen, or those permanently

most important of all. THE GREEK CHURCH-RESIGNATION esting extract from a Romanizing paper of London on this question. Great efforts are made at present to bring about a closer union present without a head, as the Patriarch Cylindry of Theological Books.—The Greek Church is at that nothing that has taken place in London has so much approximated in manifested have made it an Inferno. It has been well between the Episcopal Churches of England and Scotland, and a new scheme has been the Turkish Government. Such an act as Scotland, and Wales—sudden and overset on foot to increase the number of Mis- this, although of extreme rarity in Western whelming sense of sin, followed by the clear- some ripe fruit, one sun burnt cheek to the

the continent to England, and Finney from does not speak favourably of the ex-Patri-Under Germany, we give an account of ed man, and by no means adequate to the give under Italy, a full account of the pres- Greek National Assembly, is about to be in- again!"—Pres. Banner. nt condition of Protestantism in that city. augurated. (These important new regulations concerning the election of a new Patriarch, may be found in Schem's Eccles. Year Book, p. 315) The difficulty of procuring theological books of any mark in Constanti nople is excessive, and the few recent ones of any merit which I have seen are translations from Russian. At the same time, the

A New Preacher for the Masses in London.

jealously and dislike of Russia, which pre-

vails among the Greeks, prevents the Rus-

sian Church from exercising as much influ-

ence as might be expected.

er, formerly a prize fighter and a collier in producing very deep and wide-spread immasses of the population. He was announced first of all by a handbill on the afternoons to "preach" and "sing," in the Cumberland Market. And "sing," as well as "presch," he can do to the melting down of

One night addressing a number of poor "Enough then has been given to show that in all the characteristic features of their return to Zion with songs," he said: "I was system, Theodore Parker in 1847 and in always fond of singing; I believe I was born

never, never shall be slaves,' but what slaves you are to your own lusts, to the devil, to the landlord!

" I used to sing, 'We won't go home till morning;" the landlord loves to hear that. I've sung that five nights together, and spent Masters of colleges or schools, or incumbents of parishes in the Established Church, bents of parishes in the Established Church, but I've learned better songs: I'll tell. end. But I've learned better songs; I'll tell you some of the songs I love now. Here's

" Oh happy day that fixed my choice, On thee my Saviour and my God."

" And here's another: "There is a fountain filled with blood,

The Revival, which furnishes these partic-

lars, goes on with its narrative thus: The speaker quoted with wonderful rapidity, but without the semblance of irreverence. at least a dozen bymns, or portion of hymns some of which he sung, the meeting taking up the chorus. Then he related the follow ing anecdote, with a pathos and tenderness voice and manner which told how affecionate a heart and how delicate a mind may

' Here is no rest-is no rest!' no rest.' (preacher sings.)

' Here on the earth as a stranger I roam,

"But his voice couldn't make way against his trouble. Then he tried again, for he ' Here are afflictions and trials severe,

Here is no rest—is no rest! Here I must part with the friends I hold dear, Yet I am blest—I am blest!'

Again his voice was choked with weeping ut the little one whispered, 'Come, daddy, father goes on again -

'Sweet is the promise I read in thy word, Biessed are they who have ded in the Lord; They have been called to receive their reward, There is rest." "That's it, daddy,' cried the child, 'that'

t; and with her arms round the collier's PROTESTANTISM IN FLORENCE.—If the neck she died happy in the Lord."

oundation already laid, Florence must soon Mr. We cannot describe the thrilling effect of Mr. Weaver's singing in the midst of preach-

He is clearly neither an Arminian nor an Antinomian. "It you come to Christ, grace it travelling countrymen, or those permanently residing, have been obliged to depend upon such indifferent accommodation as the several Protestant meetings now existing are able of Protestant meeting now existing are able of Protestant meeting now existing now e al Protestant meetings now existing are able to furnish, or dispense for the time with public worship. Thanks to the beneficent changes which the past year has wrought, religious worship is now free to Italians as well as foreigners, and the privilege is beginning to be taken advantage of. There ginning to be taken advantage of. There on Protestant meetings, with regular worship on Sundays, and on week-day evenings. They are made up mostly of humble, ear-

nest people, with small means, and are not poor thing, drawing her tattered shawl continued to reign in Sicily, under the profurnished with quite as good accommodation as might be desired. When the American Chapel is opened there will be the same number of Protestant churches belonging to foreigners-one Swiss, one Scotch, one Eng- never saw before. Let me but touch his government, which the Bourbons overthrew lish, and that for our countrymen, which it garment, and I shall be as whole as any after their restoration to their old kingdom,

sionary Bishops beyond the British dominions. The Presbyterian Church of Ire-land has held a very satisfactory General ally the means of making the Œcumenical one of these cases was that of a careless lions, and is composed of descendants from young sailor, brought to the meeting by his twenty different races. Nature furnishes mother, and on this Weaver founded the apevery thing that is necessary for subsistence. arch. He is said to be a dull, narrow-mind- peal, "Oh mothers, go on praying for ever; It is the land of the olive and the vine. The never mind what they are, or where they fig, the mulberry, and the almond are abunthe wonderful progress of the Baptists in discharge of the responsibilities of his high are; if any prayers reach heaven a mother's dant. Cotton grows there, and sugar was that country. In Italy, Florence is more and more becoming the great center of all Prostestant operations in the Peninsula. We

General Miscellany.

The Golden Summer-days. BY JOSEPH DARBER.

With a warp of sun-threads golden, And a west of purple rain, Nature, as in seasons olden, Weaves the Summer's robe again Ever brighter, richer, fairer, Grows the marvel of her loom, As she adds, to grace the wearer, Fruital wreath and floral plume

Welcome, Summer! come to win us From our woes, with song and sheen, How the weary hearts within us How the soul her wings uncloses, Soars all sordid cares above, As from lips of opening roses
Pours the perfume-breath of love?

When the glossy waters quiver, Shaken by the wandering breeze, Arm in arm upon the river Dance the shadows of the trees; And while winds and waves and waters Thus in Earth's grand gala play, Shall not we, her sons and daughters, Keep our Mother's holiday?

Yet, fair summer-transient proem Of an epic broad and grand,-Type of the eternal poem Life, in Life's own Fatherland! What are all thy vales, June-lighted, To that paradise unblighted,

Never storm the glory palleth, Never cometh want or wo, In that world, from which there falleth But a gleam on worlds below. There, among the bowers immortal, Ambushed, lurks no serpent guile Through th' eternal Eden's portal

Sicily and the Sicilians.

the Mussulman world, is one of those countries which seem to be gifted with beauty and fertility only that their sufferings from man's folly may be displayed all the more be developed by the grace of God, in a man employed in the hardest work and once addicted to the grossest vice:

man's long may be displayed an table of creibly by contrast. In antiquity, it was the theatre on which Greeks often joined battle with Greeks, to the misery of all parbattle with Greeks, to the misery of all pardid not burst on the devoted city. Auntimentally and the grossest vice:

"I knew a collier in Staffordshire who had ties; and when the last of the great Helleties; and when the last of the great Helleties is a second to the great Helletie one dear little girl, the last of four or five.

This child was the light of his eyes; and as leave the island, he exclaimed,—" See, revolution had broken out at Vienna, Hunhe came from the pit at night she used to what a noble field we have left the Romans gary had raised the standard of rebeliion, meet him at the door of his cot to welcome and Carthaginians to struggle in!" He was the Piedmontese monarch, though vanquishhim home. One day when he came home to right: those rivals did there struggle for ed, was not crushed. England from policy, dinner, be missed his little darling, and go- many years, until the Roman dominion was and France from weakness, requeed all active ing into the house with his heavy coal-pit clogs, his wife called him up stairs. The Rome's gardens, but it was the scene of the terest in the heroic city, and offered at least sullness of the place and her quiet voice most terrible tyranny known to man—the their mediation. The tatal campa gn of Nomade his heart sick, and a forboding of evil tyranny of masters over slaves; and servile vara changed the whole aspect of affairs. came upon him. His wife told him they were going to lose their little lamb—she had an appopletic fit, and the doctor said she couldn't live. As the tears made furrows the place where servile insurrection could be the place where servile insurrection co EXTRORDINARY PROGRESS OF THE BAP- down his black face, and as he leaned over most easily excited, and servile wars be most prostrate at the foot of Radetzky! Venice successfully prosecuted. Spartacus, when alone stood erect in the midst of ruin, but a at the height of his power, and after he had successful resistance seemed impossible! The 'No, my child, I can't sing, I'm choking; defeated several Roman generals, endeavor- terrible news arrived on the 20th of March. I can't sing.' 'Oh do, daddy sing 'Here's ed to get into Sicily, because he knew that no rest.' The poor fellow tried to sing it was incomparably the best field for such Republic. "You have heard the tidings," operations as he was best calculated to carry be said; " what do you desire me to do on, he being the Garibalds of antiquity, and " The government," they replied, " should greater than Garibaidi has ever proved take the initiative." "Are you disposed to himself to be. The "pirates," as the Ro-resist?" "We are, to the last!" "Will mans called them, with whom he had con- you, then, grant me unlimited powers?" wanted to please his sweet little girl (preach. tracted for transports, were so silly as to break their word, so that in after days they there was no doubt, no hesitation Within were themselves easily put down by Pompeius, who claimed to have cut up Sparta- placarded in all the streets of the city. " Vecus's party by the roots. The Verrine ora-nice will resist the Austrians, cost what it tions of Cicero help us to ascertain the hide-may!" The people ratified it with one ous character of the provincial government of the Romans, which was peculiarly bad in to the trial. Master of Lombardy, the Aussing, 'Sweet is the promise.' And the poor Sicily. The Goths conquered the island. when the Roman empire was overthrown, reign of Justinian. Later came the Saracens, and then the Normans. The Germans by his unparalleled atrocities at Brescia, was of the house of Swabia numbered it for a selected as commander of the besieging time among their possessions; and in the forces, in the hope that his very name would 13th century it fell into the hands of the Angevine dynasty who were French, but whose rule terminated in the Sicilian Vesing—it is so natural—so free from everything like premeditation or aiming at effect thing like premeditation or aiming at effect
—it is like living water flowing from a man
filled with the Holy Cheet

was Austro-Burgundian empire that was ruled by Charles V. and his descendants. It secure from assault; the immense develop-

remained a Spanish possession until the ear-ly years of the last cantury, when for a time immediate danger. A triple line of defence became Austrian. When the settlemen:

is expected will in a short time become the made whole. And if there was virtue in revolution of 1820 was put down by the in his garment, isn't there efficacy in his Austrians; and Sicily shared in the evils that followed in the reaction against the re-It is said that from forty to fifty persons volutionists of 1848. The island is one of try. Of the coarser productions of the soil and principal, are wheat, maize, barley, and hemp, but the grain crops are miserable atobtained in the time of the Romans, Sicily being one of their granaries. Among the chief exports are sulphur and barilli. The fisheries are the best in the world. Bref, Sicliy is a country which, if were it inhabited by a Protestant people, and well governed, would be as near a Paradise as could be made on this globe, in spite of volcanoes, earthquakes, and the sirocco. That government can do everything for a country, we do not assert; but it can do much, and there is a wide difference between a government that is active for evil and one that is active for good. Suppose that the Sicilian government throughout the present century had been a good one, instead of being the worst in the world, would not the Sicilians have been in better condition than they are? They wish to get rid of their government, because they know it to be the cause of much of the evil they labor under and they desire to resume for Sicily her old position, which was that of a State, whereas since 1816 the island has been but a Neapolitan province. Thus they are fighting for independence, and against oppress degradation; and so far as depends upon themselves, they are about to succeed in the war - Boston Traveller.

Italian Heroism SIEGE AND DEPRNCE OF VENICE IN 1848.

Italy at present commands the attention of the world. Her friends-and enemieslook with interest upon the exploits of, Garibaldi. Whatever be the occasion of this interest in current events, in that peninsula, there need be little fear entertained or expressed that Italy shall prove unworthy of nerself when delivered from misrule. To say nothing of the short-lived Roman repubic, the terrible struggle of the Venetians in the eventful year 1848, is an earnest of iosing scene in that sad drama of Italian inlependence, and tragical as was the denoument her heroic deeds furnish a refutation of all detractors—in the interest of the Pope, or not-who allege that Italians are vanting in the qualities which should characverize a people aspiring to freedom. How Venice was defended against the Austrians Sicily, upon which the attention of Chris-endom is fixed, and also of no small portion appears in the following account of the memorable siege, which is condensed from one of the English Reviews.

Venice was abandoned by all-the sole refuge of Italian liberty! Yet for many nonths the storm, though darkly lowering, We will!" It was a solemn momentthe course of the next hour, a decree was trian Government was now at liberty to concentrate all its efforts in the subjugation of

Haynau, who had just signalized himself immediate danger. A triple line of defence covered the last asylum of Italian liberty. If he assault was terrible, the defence was neroic; but the enemy still persisted in beteving it would be short-lived, that when