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#### The Distant Land.

Where dost thou lie, O Land of Peace! Across what foaming ocean's swell? My heart, with sighs that never cease, Yearns in thy palaces to dwell; But yet, O fair and distant land, I cannot see thy shining strand.

Sometimes when morning's iris light Is flaming in the eastern sky, I say, beneath that rose and white The blessed realm must surely lie! But morning's brow by noon is fanned And thou art still the distant land,

Falls warm upon the water's breast, I see beyond the glorious fold Must gleam the islands of the blest! But stars steal out, a silent band, And thou art still the distant land,

That I have gained thy tranquil bowers, And lo! life's sorrows only seem Wind that a moment bent its flowersand thou art still the distant land,

I watch, I long, I faint for thee ! Canst thou not open wide the door, That I may enter in and be Part of thy peace for evermore? O send that sleep so sweet, so grand. And thou shalt be no distant land.

#### Religious Miscellann.

#### From the Christian Advocate and Journal. Infallibility of Rome.

Opposed to Civil Liberty-Cardinal Wiseman — Infallible Interpretation — Treatment of Heretics-Supremacy of Eccle-

The following notes and historic facts, carefully transcribed from the Rhemish Testament and other authenticated commentaries of the papacy, are submitted to especially to those who sincerely, but erroneously conceive popery to be radically re-

These notes and quotations, from accredited expositors, demonstrate that the Roman Church is in its very nature and tendency inimical to free institutions, and incompatible with the great principles of civil and religious liberty. It is argued by politi-cal demagogues that Rome is not the intol-erant and tyrannical system which, in the pontificate of Alexander VI, consigned Savonarola to the flames, and in the reign of Mary lighted the fires of Smithfield. whole system of Romanism rests, and if it scholar and statesman: "Although Rome heard this last warning from the lips of the ceased, the main element of the witchery by has for the present relaxed many of her aged Christian. "It may be, you have which she has deluded and deceived the

That Rome in all her canons is unchangeable and stereotyped, is evident from the declarations of her ablest apologists, one of whom, Cardinal Wiseman, recently stated in a lecture, "That the Roman Catholic Church is in principle unchangeable, and that it admits the great doctrine of infalliable and stereotyped, is evident from the dethat it admits the great doctrine of infallibility as the basis of all its dogmas." This subtle disputant in this short sentence expresses the belief of the whole Roman Catholic Church. He believes that she has undergone no change; that she remains in her persecuting principles the same as when Dominus Deno invented the Inquisition.— Simper eadem is her motto, or, as the Irishman said, "She gets worser and worser." Our Lord Jesus Christ, in Luke ix., 51,

what she calls an infallible interpretation of

the Church:
"Verse 65. (He rebuked them.) Not the Church or Christian princes blamed for putting heretics to death, but that none of these should be done for our particular revenge, or without discretion and regard of their amendment and example to others. - schoolmate when a boy. His parents were Therefore St. Peter used his power upon Ananias and Sapphira when he struck them both down for defrauding the Church."

the patronage of the late pope, is very can- or frowns. but heretics have promised and professed

teaching and practice of Rome upon this command of our Lord? Here is what she calls an infallible ex-

"Lest perhaps, the good must tolerate the evil where it is so strong that it cannot be repressed without danger and disturbance of the whole church, and commit the matter to God's judgment in the last day.—
Otherwise, where ill men (be they heretics or other malefactors) may be punished or suppressed without disturbance and hazard of the good, they may and ought by public authority, either spicitual or temporal to be

Ballarmine, already quoted, says on this " But when the Lord prohibits the wicked this or that man should be put to death; but he prohibits that the good should endeaonly teaches that it can never come to pass that all the wicked should be eradicated before the end of the world."

follows on this Scripture: "There are some that abuse this place, by trying to prove that heretics are not to be punished or put to death, which they who do seem to be anxious about themselves. They who deny

from the Canon Law of the Church of Rome. Here are a few: The laws of kings have not pre-eminence

over ecclesiastical laws, but are subordinate the consideration of American Protestants, or subservient to them." "The pope may dethrone the emperor for lawful causes.

ties of the country with which she is con-GEORGE W. PEPPER.

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### From the Southern Christian Advocate. Life Sketches. THE LAST CALL.

"Time enough yet!" I heard him say. has recorded his emphatic denunciation of as he walked away from the Church door; the pesecuting spirit which he saw looking while the aged friend who had kindly urged him to prepare to seek his God, stood gaz-Now what does the Church of Rome say ing with troubled and tearful eyes, until the teachings of the great Teacher!—
How does she interpret his severe rebuke and frown on the unlovely and exclusive morrow," and silently, yet thoughtfully, remorrow," and silently, yet thoughtfully, returned home. I stood unperceived, but from the kingdom of heaven? Here is near enough to hear this conversation, and after the old man had left, I remained alone to ponder the solemn truths, so faithfully justice, nor all rigorous punishment is here and the more impressive warning contained forbidden, nor Elias's fact reprehended, nor in these words, "It may be too late to-

morrow." upon the case of the young man, whom I had known from childhood, having been his pious, and had endeavored to instil virtuous precepts into his mind, and instruct him in those things which concerned his present Cardinal Bellarmine, whose works have and eternal welfare; but he was obstinate been published with the sanction, and under and vicious-heedless alike of their smiles

When thirteen years old he was left an secuting epirit. In one of his works he anticipates this very passage, as a direct argument against the practice of Rome of put- aunt, who, having no children herself, inting heretics to death. The words are: dulged these boys to such an extent, that, in "The Lord saith to the disciples who desired to burn the Samaritans, 'Ye know not what restraints of domestic authority, and became manner of spirit ye are of.' I answer, first, the constant companions of low and profli-there is the greatest difference between those Samaritans and heretics, for they never had acquired and pertinaciously followed.— Samaritans and heretics, for they never had acquired and pertinaciously followed.—promised to hold the faith of Christ, but it About two years after the occurrence I am was then for the first time offered to them; about to relate, one of these young men died, but he had, on his death-bed, professed that they will keep the faith of Christ, and conversion, and from all appearances, enjoy-

But again, God, by His providence, called him to the paths of virtue and religion. He was engaged to be married to a young and beautiful girl, and the time approached for the celebration of their nuptials. One night, as they sat together around the family circle she swooned at his side. The physician was summoned in haste. Remedies were quickly administered, but all in composure.

vour everywhere to extirpate all the wicked, and not leave one of them, for that could not be done without a great slaughter of the heresorted, but O, how miserable the exist sat by his bed and held his hand, now cold "During the time that a

sion first alluded to, at the church door one ed. The last effort was made! Maynooth College, Ireland, comments as 185-. A young friend had met him as he but the heart was still struggling with its altar, invited sinners to approach for prayer, family.

This is the end of mortal existence.

Mary lighted the fires of Smithfield.

This argument overlooks the fact that inman known throughout the world as a soul. I had watched them, and unobserved, pretensions, she never entirely loses sight of heard the last sermon, George," said the them; she is a power which has forgotten nothing and has learned much. She is a before for many months, and I know you power which has neither infancy or widow- feel that you ought to be a Christian. Why

was the last call.

soon as the bandages were removed. He was insensible, and breathed irregularly, and with stertorous murmurings. His pulse "Opposite the barracks the infuriated"

The Redeemer on another occasion gives his testimony against uncharitableness, and the forbids his followers to take upon themselves to decide who are the tares and who are the

less forever! What a terrible summons! at each inspiration; and the pulse receding How fearful the spectacle! She had com- from the extremities at each throb of the without relief. There was no comfort, no that body "shall return to the dust as it

good; therefore the parable is general, and ence so utterly destitute of consolation! and clammy, and watched his heaving bothis third call, when I saw him on the occa- respiration became more and more prolong-Sabbath evening, during the summer of dilated no longer. He ceased to breathe;

## Gavazzi in Galway.-Ponish Violence.

The Galway Correspondent of Saunders time enough yet, you know;" and he turned away from the old man, but he took him pears, had it arranged that the affair was to by the arm and entreated him affectionately to serve God without delay. "O, do commence from this night," he said. "Do, for I fear you will never have another opportunity." The young man drew himself away, and uttered these words, so often an excuse and uttered these words, so often an excuse and his stormy language against the Pope had irritated the Romanists, as was evident from their conduct on Monday even and uttered these words, so often an excuse for procrastination, and yet so deceptive and dangerous, "It is time enough yet," and in an hour afterwards was mingling in the society of his worldly companions, forgetful of the entreaties and warnings he getful of the entreaties and warnings he had a cheef time hafars. This had heard, but a short time before. This further progress was stopped by the large was the last call. About twilight the next afternoon, as I across the street, and one of the rioter sat in my office reading, a young man ran sprang forward and seized the reins of the to the door, and throwing it open with horses. Mr. Brownrigg having got off the great trepidation, said, " Do, doctor, come car, succeeded in pushing the ruffian away, s quick as you can. George E, has been but at the moment he was assailed by a vol nearly killed, and is lying speechless at his and brickbats, and received a aunt's, where we had him carried." unt's, where we had him carried."

I was soon at the house. Gathered which he is still suffering. The driver, around the door was a crowd of spectators however, succeeded in passing the obstrucn these words, "It may be too late tomorrow."

As I walked slowly homeward, I reflected

Curious to learn the fate of the poor man.
He was lying upon his back, and his face shouts, proceeded as far as Mainguardand clothes were covered with b'ood .- street, where the Rev. Mr. Brownrigg was There was a large fracture on the left side of the head, from which blood streamed as shelter. Signor Gavazzi, however, succeed-

and with stertorous murmurings. His pulse at the wrist was without volume, and its mob waited ready to ponnee on their prey beat was slow and intermittent. The frac-tured extremities of the bones pressed upon the brain, and threatened immediate death. the brain, and threatened immediate death.

The triphine was applied, with the aid of the Rev. Mr. M'Manus, Presbyterian another surgeon, and the depressed bones Minister, happening to be passing, a cry was removed, in the hope of rescuing our patient; but he had already lost too much blood before we saw him, and his constitution, and volley after volley of stones were tion, shattered by intemperance, could not survive the shock of the accident, and he reach were at his head. The Rev. gentleremained unconscious until midnight, when he died. "How long since this accident Mainguard-street but he was thrown out to happened?" I asked the attendants at his bedside, soon after I reached the house. In a large street out he was thrown out to the mob, who again surrounded him. The mob having followed him down Bridge-"About an hour ago, sir," replied one street, where two Roman Catholics put their young man who was very much agitated, arms round him to protect him, the Rev. and trembled as he stood by his dying Mr. M'Manus endeavoured to go into a restherefore are justly compelled. Again, James and John did not desire to burn the Samaritans so much from zeal for the salvation of souls as from a love for revenge, therefore they are justly reproved. But the Salvation of souls, which heretics pervert; like that zeal with which Christ himself drove out with a lash the sellers of sheep and oxen from the temple, and oxen from the temple as the stood at the open grave, in the man in the family. "I have warned him repeatedly about his horse racing, but he would not mind what I said, and deen the would not mind what I said and old gentleman the family. "I have warned him repeatedly about his horse racing, but he would not mind what I said, and the open grave, in the man in the family." I have warned him repeatedly about his horse racing, but he would not mind what I said and termbled as he stood by his dying pectable public-house for shelter, but as be went in he was pushed out again to the went ed the fornicator to Satan for the destruction of the fiesh; not to speak of Moses, Phinehas, Elias and Mattathias, and others, who, through zeal for God, put very many to death."

This is the exposition of Bellarmine, an authoritative Romish writer, whose views are almost universally accepted and advocated by modern Romanists.

The Redeemer on another occasion gives his testimony against uncharitableness, and forbids his followers to take upon themselves to decide the silent tool of the death of his mother had moved his dearn, and though years had elapsed since that time, her gentle voice seemed again to echo from the silent tomb, and call him to repentance. For several weeks after his torother's death, he struggled with these convictions. At midnight his dreams would alarm his guilty conscience, with terrible exhibitions of impending wrath. But he successfully resisted all these efforts, and the gambling in his cart. "O yes, sir!" he answered, when crossing the bridge over the canal, several people called out to the mots till kept throwing stones, so that Mr. Manusell cort, but the mots till kept throwing stones, and the room addressing the lady of the house, that time, her gentle would be better if Mr. Manus would walk quietly home without the recommendation was quickly compliment to repentance. For several weeks after his aid, addressing the lady of the house, and which recommendation was quickly compliment. The mother had moved his heart, and though years had elapsed since which recommendation was quickly compliment to repentance. For several weeks after his aid, addressing the lady of the house, which recommendati

How fearful the spectacle! She had complained of symptoms of disease of the heart, now scarcely able to impel the life-but no danger was apprehended, and yet, in a moment, she was dead. For days together he was disconscilete. At the avening the spectacle of the days together he was disconscilete. At the avening the same time of the special control of the special co to be extirpated, he does not prohibit that gether he was disconsolate. At the evening this or that man should be put to death; hour he would sit by her grave and weep centre of life must refuse to move, and then proved rather strong they proceeded to tears running down from the eyes. Now

> ring the police were standing in Dominick- mary stood up before the people and said,-Several months have now passed since som, as the intervals between the efforts of street, doing nothing; but as they were in "I believe in God, for he has made all Mr. M'Manus. The rev. gentleman, I may quarreling (among ourselves) what good here say, is a retired clergyman from the would be done? But if the enemies of our

that heretics are to be put to death, ought much rather to deny that thieves, much rather that murderers ought to be put to death; for heretics are so much the more permicious than thieves and murderers.—

I he who had not left him since he had don't he that heretics are to be put to death, ought influence of liquor, and they entered the services and weeping. He continued, laying her head on his breast, and weeping. Poor George! Ah, doctor how I have talked to him, and prayed the rioters remained at the military barracks that to all that believe."

Of the numbers implicated some idea may pernicious than thieves and murderers.—
As it is a greater crime to steal and slay the souls of men than their bodies, they are quickly to be plucked up, they are quickly to be burned."

We have thus far cited quotations from the Romish Bible and its commentators, the Romish Bible and its commentators, and the sermon, which was very solemn and affecting, and I noticed that he would occasionally wipe the tears from his eyes, as the minister alluded, with touching pathos, to the merey and love of God in His providence. He appeared to feel the force of the Romish Bible and its commentators, and the man of God, standing in the now one mound of earth covers the entire family.

The mob again hunted them, when they are denoted to slavery with their wives and children; and had gone into the force of the sectors of the departed youth, apparation to reached the word were reduced to slavery with their wives and children; and looked upon the markle features of the departed youth, apparation to reached the word were reduced to slavery with their wives and children; and had commended to the word were reduced to slavery with their wives and children; and had commended to remain the features of the departed youth, apparation to remain the followers of Christ and his Gospel, the remained silent and lo the house of the gentleman who was with made slaves with their wives and children; I thought I could discover from his movement a struggle in his breast, and he would The grave is the receptacle of all the commenced breaking the windows. In vain imprisoned: 2.055 had paid one dollar each the commenced breaking the windows. advance and recede alternately as though he was undecided what course to pu-sue.—

That was a momentous hour! The choice awake with immortal vigor, "some to home to h was all important! What issues depended nor, and some to dishonor," at the blast of they should have. But by this time he had

"Whatever decrees of princes are found injurious to the interests of the Church, are deciared to be of no authority whatever."
The Bishop of Rome is judge in temporal matters, and bath two swords, spiritian and temporal." "The Bishop of Rome is propel princes to receive his legates." "The Bishop of Rome to judge which oaths ought to be sperationed to the Bishop of Rome to judge which not."

Are these enactments in accordance with the genius of free institutions? We conclude this article in the words of Mr. Dupin, included this article in the words of Mr. Dupin, include this article in the words of Mr. Dupin, included the policy of the blast of the chart of the barracks, but not before he had received several sever quence of the conduct of the mcb it was determined that Signor Gavazzi should not determine the signor

Christianity in Madagascar.

met a cordial reception from the king. They ers did with the babe; they answered,

mountains. The result of these proceedings proved the reverse of what was intended; in place of arresting the progress of Christianity, the number of its professors was thereby greatly augmented.

Rev. William Ellis has visited them three

times, in 1853, 1854, and 1856, and relates From all the accounts that were given,

less treasure, and hoarded in their hearts as something more precious than gold, and dearer than life. Their faith in its entiresomething more precious than gold, and dearer than life. Their faith in its entireness and solidity was based solely on the Scriptures. They seem neither to have known or thought of any system or creed as known or thought of any system or creed as such, but to have regarded the truth of the Mr. Ellis discovered through a native Bible as that which was able to make them convert that there were eight hundred Chriswise for both worlds. Intimately associated tians in the neighborhood of the capital and with their careful study of the Scripturts seems to have been their constant habit of prayer. It often appeared to me that they might have been apppropriately called by the same name as that by which the early Christians in the South Sea Islands were universally designated, the praying people. The word of God and prayer seem to have been the two sources whence they derived that vigor and maturity of Christian charac. raised almost spontaneously within the brief that vigor and maturity of Christian charac. It is which they have presented to the world. Few copies of the Scriptures have escaped the search made for them, but these were the search made for them. the search made for them, but these were preserved with a carefulness that showed how highly they were valued. Mr. Ellis brought to Europe a New Testament so much soiled and worn, and patched, that it was difficult to recognize the original work. It is now at the depot of the British and Ecseign Bible Society.

But this is neither all nor the chief part of the divine benediction; the "Head of the to sow dissension between Protestants and Catholics. Under this law, accidentally unrepealed, the prosecution has been renewed. Should Mr. Richter be punished, then, as has been well remarked, every Church History Bible Society.

smash the windows, and so far succeeded, are you to do these things, or are you not? as they scarcely left a whole pane of glass |-- for such things, it is said, are done by the the front of the house.

"During the time that all this was occurple are made to take the oath. Then Racharge of a magistrate, the officer could not things, and I follow (or believe) the Gospel his men to the assistance of the Rev. of God. And in regard to fighting and

imprisoned; 2,055 had paid one dollar each;

treated with the greatest indignity. They are laid for her supremacy in Turkey .liver his third lecture on 'Jesuitism' in Galway. During the whole rioting one prisoner was made, and that a little girl, who was, I believe, shortly afterwards liberated. Late in the evening the Mission house was visited, and the building regularly gutted, the inmates being in the utmost terror for their lives. Although this happened the police could not move without a magistrate's order. At the time I write the excitement has not subsided."

The four nobles were burned alive in a place by themselves. Two of them viz: Andriampinery and Ramandalana were husband and wife, the latter expecting to become a mother. At the place of execution life was offered them if they would take the required idolatrous oath. Declining to do this, they were bound, and laid on the pile of wood or placed between split poles, more wood being heaped upon them, and the pile was then kindled. Amidst the smoke and blaze of the burning wood the ondon Society arrived in Madagascar, and informants what the excutioners or bystand-

away;" she was then taken from the place truth seems to have been sought as a price- and sent to a distant part of the country. These fearful deeds of blood and fire were

THE LONDON SOCIETY'S CHINA MIS-China during the autumn, to be followed, it written by a Protestant is open to a similia

## The Gospel in Turkey.

At Philippi where we can trace the first beginning of the Christian Faith which has since overspread the continent, Paul would have seen the young Turk, now called David Freeman obtaining the New Testament, spending his whole nights weeping praying, trying to find "the true way," and oncluding at last, that this was the Gospel, the "good news," and that he must leave all and follow it. Baptized and befriended, amid much persecution, he now pursues his studies at Malta, that he may be fitted to preach Christ to his countrymen. Of old time, Paul left Luke and Timothy at Philippi, and went on to Salonica, seated on the mountain slope, looking down on its blue sea; and there he taught from house to house. From Salonica, at a later day has been called forth Selim Aga, now baptized as Edward Williams, another Turk, to the work of the Christian ministry. He preaches every where at Constantinople, to attentive and respectable Moslems, in their shops in their caiques, in his own house. The Turks take great pleasure in talking with him.— He places before them the great truths of salvation, with singular skill. And, while Turks can thus openly preach Christianity 3,500 Bibles and Testaments have been sold to the Turks in the last two years, and scarcely 30 copies were sold before in 30 Mohammedan children can and do attend Protestant schools. Moslem dignitaries accept the Bible, and read it. The tide of Scripture supply rolls on. The Turkish Scriptures already circulated are doing their work. At the Porte it was one day remarked, "that there was some apprehension less

among the eight millions of Greeks and Romanists who would hide the Word from the people, and from the seventeen willions of Mohammedans. Rome is fearfully in earnest. She sends forth men by twenties, Those who were appointed to die were and pours out gold like water. Deep plans

smoke and blaze of the burning wood the pangs of maternity were added to those of name of Richter publishes an almanac an agonizing death, and at this awful moment which he calls the "Gustavus Adolphus In the year 1818, misssionaries from the the martyr's child was born. I asked my Calendar." He sets himself to the task of giving a summary of the operations of the Gustavus Adolphus Society, and a series of diligently applied themselves to the acquirement of the language, introduced an alphabet, prepared elementary books, and translated the Scriptures into the native tongue. Schools were also established; and in the space of ten years, between 10,000 and 15,000 of the Malagasy had learned to read, and many of them to write; while a considerable number professed themselves Christians. On the death of the king in 1828, the upholders of idolatry regained the ascendency, and, although the missionaries were still permitted to continue their schools and religious teaching, it soon became evident that the Government was unfavorable to their operations. In 1835, their labours were in operations. In its description of the language, introduced an alphabet with the flames, where its body short historical sketches exemplifying its mecessity. This society, as is well known, has for its object to build churches and schools for Protestants dispersed in Catholic lauds. It fell, therefore, quite in Mr. Richsten the condition of operations, whither a number of felons who had been sentenced to death were also taken to be executed together with the Christians. The latter were put to death by being thrown over a steep put to death by being thrown over a steep put to death by being thrown over a steep put to death by being thrown over a steep put to death by being thrown over a steep put to death by being thrown over a steep put to death by the little dealer of the continue their schools and religious teaching, it soon became evident that the Government was unfavorable to their operations. In 1835, their labours were in operations. In 1835, their labours were in operations, instant and violation of the death of the kernel of the continue the second with theirs to God.

The remaining fourteen were taken to a place of common execution, whither a number of the were also liligently applied themselves to the acquire- "Thrust it into the flames, where its body short historical sketches exemplifying its the Government was unfavorable to their operations. In 1835, their labours were interdicted, and the profession of Christianity by any of the natives was prohibited; it was also required that all Christian books were to be given up to the Government. In the following year the missionaries left the country. After their departure, the native try. After their departure, the native Christians were assailed by violent persecution; some were punished by fire, imprisonment, slavery, and death; while others fled for refuge to the forests and caverns of the mountains. The result of these proceedings over the fatal rock. So far from being in-timidated, she requested to follow her friends, Wylie's prize essay on the Papacy, and on when the idol keeper present struck her on the face and urged her to take the oath and chism," on the doctrine of mass. Dr. acknowledge the idols. She refused, and Hagenbach and Dr. Shenkel are not likely begged to share the fate of her friends. The executioner then said, "She is an idiot and reputation as scholars, or of their position does not know what she says. Take her as professors. Of Dr. Wylie I need not speak in a letter to England; and as to the Heidelberg Cathecism it is to the Reformed Church in Germany what the Thirty-nine Articles are to the Church of England, or the Westminster Confession of Faith to the Scotch Presbyterians.

The first hearing of the case took place on the 28th of last May, the second on the 25th of August. The matter remained in suspense until December, when the State prosecution was suddenly abandoned. Supposing a condemnation to have been pass on these grounds, you would have had a case parallel to what you might imagine among yourselves were it possible for Cardinal Wiseman to punish Dr. Cumming for republishing disagreeable extracts from the Book of Common Prayer. But the prosecution was abandoned only to be revived under another form. In the year 1850, when Germany was first beginning to