

## FAREWELL TO EGYPT.

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"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Parao'h's daughter ;..... esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt : for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt."—(Heb. xi. 24, 26, 27.)

It has been remarked with truth, that a recent ruin is never romantic. The fresh marks of the pick-axe and crow-bar speak of violence in a language too distinct to be pleasing ; and it is not till time has passed his softening hand over the rough work of the spoiler, that you can look at it with an interest that includes no pain. Fresh-fallen plaster and shattered doors and timbers still smoking are not poetical ; and it is not till the grey lichen has weathered over the chipped and fractured stones, and the wall-flower is clinging high on the tower, and the cold arum and adder's tongue are growing in the sunless recesses, that the ruined convent or castle grows picturesque—so picturesque in the disguise of mysterious time, that you tread with pensive step and swelling heart on ruins which when recent would only have been counted rubbish. We fear, that the tale we are about to tell labours under this disadvantage. It is recent ; for the catastrophe occurred last month. And it is too