



THE ANCIENT CASTLE, MARBURG.

captive, he can be freed by the help of God and our friends." Then Sophia handed her the fatal signet ring and announced the terrible truth, "He is dead." "Then she, clasping her hands upon her knees, exclaimed, 'The world is dead to me, and all that is pleasant in the world,' and rushed distractedly through the palace.

Speedily, to the bitter grief of youthful widowhood, was added the pang of insult and outrage.

Her brother-in-law, Henry, eagerly seized the opportunity to aggrandize himself, ignored the rights of Ludwig's son Hermann, a little boy of four years, and with cruel promptness turned Elizabeth, her children, and her attendants out of the Wartburg! In the midst of winter they were driven out, penniless and unprotected, keeping only such clothing, bedding, and jewels as they could carry with them, and the people of Eisenach



THE UNIVERSITY, MARBURG—A WINTER BIT.