

the decorum of the ceremony. I was particularly struck with the piety of one of the children, twelve years old, daughter of the English consul, but whose mother is a French Catholic; I was still more pleased, when I was informed that she shed tears upon being told how much her pity pleased me. On the following day, another consolation, not less agreeable, was reserved for me. A Parisian lady, wife of a French engineer, came to me to know whether she could be god-mother, without having received the sacrament of Confirmation; and on my replying in the negative, she solicited the double favour of going to Confession and receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. The remainder of my time was spent in regulating some accounts connected with the chapel, in administering to the wants of some individuals in distress, and in giving advice about some family affairs, concerning which I was consulted by many families. After a residence of nine days at Patras, I sailed five o'clock in the evening, on board another schooner belonging to the same company, and was put on shore the following morning at Navarino.

### MISSION OF NAVARINO.

On my arrival at Navarino, I perceived that the captain of the port, though a schismatic, had prepared the inhabitants to give me an honorable reception, in return for the protection I gave their countrymen at Syra, during the war of independence. I was received at the house of Mr. Bussiet, of Marseilles, who expected me with impatience, as he knew I was to bring with me a Missionary, destined for the church which this excellent Frenchman has built at his own expense. The Missionary employed the first eight days in instructing the children, while I was taken up in paying the usual visits, and making an excursion along the harbour, which is three miles long and two broad. The English have undertaken, on condition of having half the profits, the recovering the cannon of the Turkish fleet, which was burned in 1827, the squadron of the three united powers.

"A small vessel, bearing British colours, was stationed on the spot, in order to direct this difficult operation. The captain, a Protestant, but whose brother is a Catholic clergyman, invited me on board to see the machine in which the divers descend. It is worked by four horses: the diver is entirely covered with a kind of dress, which is in the form of a casque, for the protection of the upper and kinder parts of the head; the fore part is arranged so as to give air and light, by means of a tube, which is opened at will. To the back and breast, as well as to the legs, considerable weights of lead are attached. With this apparatus, a man can remain twenty feet under water, for the space of three quarters of an hour: when he gives a certain signal, he is hauled up in the diving bell. All this, however, surprised me less than the dexterity of some workmen from the island of Colynno, who, unassisted by any machinery, dive with admirable precision, and recover more cannons than the English themselves, in whose service they are employed, for only a fourth of what they recover.

"I afterwards examined the different points of the harbour, which forms an oblong basin. A number of small islands close up half the entrance, so that in coming from the west, it is not discovered until arriving at it. The first spot I visited was the grotto of Nestor, a curiosity which awakens the interest of all travellers, on the ancient walls of which they are careful to inscribe their names. The next object which attracted my attention, was the place which contains the tombs of the French who died during their occupation of Navarino, and amongst others, that of Prince Paul, son of Lucien Bonaparte, who was killed by a pistol shot on board an English vessel at Poros, and buried at Navarino, with many thousand of his countrymen. It is outside the city that the greater number of the French were buried, in a vast cemetery, in the centre of which rises an humble wooden cross. The wall which surrounds it is broken down in different parts, and leaves it exposed to profanation. I went, through the inscriptions of the tomb stones,