

act with such decision ;—could she venture to send more than a hundred thousand men to the field of combat, when Hungary and Lombardy are ripe for rebellion, and eager for the moment when vengeance shall be consummated upon their oppressors for the atrocities of Haynau and Jallachich, the treason of Georgey, the violation of ancient constitutions, and the cold-blooded cruelties which Austrian minions have perpetrated under the reign of martial law?

Let the young descendant of Rodolph, that wears the crown of St. Stephen of Hungary, give back to the gallant Magyars their venerable Constitution ;—let him throw himself upon the people, and rule for them, and not for the mighty Spoiler of the North,—and the sons of the men, who, against mighty odds, swore fealty and devotion to the brave-hearted Maria Theresa, will rally around the standard of the House of Hapsburg, and burn with martial ardor to meet the brutal legions that trampled down the honor of Hungary in the dust. Let the Emperor of Austria relax his iron rule in Lombardy,—let him permit the glorious country that is being suffocated beneath Austrian despotism to breathe freely,—to regain a moderate share of freedom,—to regain the right to speak, to read and to hope ;—let him do this, and the Lombards will swell the Austrian ranks as grateful volunteers.

But it is doubtful whether humanity can expect more from Prussia and Austria than timid neutrality. The heroic age has passed away from the Houses of Hapsburg and Brandenburg,—respect for the liberties of men never characterized those dynasties. Despotisms in dotage, like that of Austria, are blind in their selfishness, and cruel as they get weak ; hence, while they are cowards abroad, they are doubly tyrants at home. Let, then, Austria and Prussia remain neutral, in our next supposition : what, in