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NORWAY AND ITS PEOPLE.

LOVERS of the beautiful in art and literature have come to look for the holiday volume of travel, annually issued by the London Religious Tract Society, as one of the most elegant of the year. We have thus had Swiss, French, Italian, Spanish, English, Scottish, Canadian and other "Pictures with Pen and Pencil." But in its last issue the Society has fairly surpassed itself. The volume of Norwegian Pictures* is one of exceeding interest and beauty. It contains a hundred and twenty-seven engravings, by Whymper and others, many of them full page, and the mountain views especially are of superior artistic merit. The very texture of the ice seracs in the glaciers, the gleam of the snowy waterfall, the wonderful atmospheric effects of the mountain-shadowed fjords are marvellously rendered. A large folding map accompanies the volume. Through the courtesy of the publishers we are permitted to use a number of the fine engravings of this book and to give a brief outline of its varied and valuable contents.

Norway is one of the most picturesque countries in Europe, probably surpassing in this respect even Switzerland. It is a land of mountains and fjords, of cascades and waterfalls, of lakes and rivers, of glaciers and snow-fields. Our author gives first a historical retrospect, which should be of special interest to all Anglo-Norman people; for the blood of the Vikings flows in our veins, and the Norse love of liberty and love of the sea are manifested by their descendants in every land.

* *Norwegian Pictures, Drawn by Pen and Pencil, Containing also a Glance at Sweden and the Gotha Canal.* By RICHARD LOVETT, M.A. 4to., pp. 224. London: Religious Tract Society. Methodist Book-Rooms: Toronto, Montreal and Halifax. Full gilt, illuminated cover. Price \$2.75.