

the same energetic action in the case of the St. Peter's Pence and Defence Fund, as has been taken by the Episcopate of France, backed by the vehement approval of the whole body of the Catholic laity.

The tongue of GAVAZZI and the sword of Garibaldi have yet more victories to achieve for Italy. The southern portion of that land of unfading loveliness and undying heroism is yet to be wrested from the hand of one who reigns no longer by the will of the nation, and is upheld only by the chassepots of a foreign intruder. To what has the Pope come, when he can now no longer rely on the patriotism of his own people, or find security in the bosom of Italy. If rumour reads the future aright, we believe the hero of Monte Rotondo will yet enter the gates of the Eternal City in triumph, to give to Italy her natural capital, and to break up for ever that Popish institution *which has proved itself a mockery* to the Gospel and the foe of all freedom. The cruel and indiscriminating butchery (during the last outbreak) of the raw Italian youth, undrilled, undisciplined, and unarmed as they were, has planted in the heart of the Italian nation a thirst for vengeance which blood alone can slake, a vengeance which pants for the day when the Red Shirts shall again be summoned to confront in the shock of battle the hired ruffians of a foreign potentate, whose only title to rule is the principle of universal suffrage, a principle which he not only denies to the descendants of the heroic conquerors of the ancient world, but endeavours to drown in a torrent of

Italian blood. These brutal, inhuman butcheries will have the moral effect of combining Italy, north and south, as she has never before been combined. From the white and snowy Alps to the dark blue waters of the Straits of Sicily, Italy will utter but one voice and act as one man, and we trust the brave KING who now wears the crown of Italy will not again put it into peril by halting between two opinions, and standing by in a state of hesitating inactivity at a crisis pregnant with the fate of an empire and with the welfare of a great and growing people. In vain have the patriarchs of Venice and other Italian Bishops summoned convocations and urged every priest to redouble the catechetical instruction of their parishes, to give their best attention to Popish Sunday-schools and week-day schools for the young, and to anathematize all who attend the popular preaching and services of Father GAVAZZI and his noble band of Evangelists. We have reliable statistics before us, in a valuable and most interesting book published by NISBET, entitled *Records of Two Years' Christian work in Italy*, and from these we learn the surprising magnitude and astonishing success of the work accomplished by GAVAZZI in Venice, in Milan, and in the birthplace of Italy's greatest and grandest poet, VIRGIL. No man could be better fitted for the task of evangelizing Italy than GAVAZZI; his fervid and impetuous eloquence, his learning, his perfect knowledge of the Italian mind, its habits, its peculiarities, and its passions; his appeal to