

enable them to raise, not perhaps a house, for the material cannot be so quickly procured, but some temporary hut or building, before the severity of the winter sets in. Relief must be promptly rendered, and we would meanwhile do what we can, relying on the sympathy which may be felt at home in such a cause.

All seem now glad to return to their homes, naked and bare though they be outside, and much spoilt and defaced within. The schools will ere long be re-opened. A part of the buildings which have stood a second flood will require considerable repair, but the whole will, we hope, be in order by my return the beginning of October, and the busy work proceed as before—the toil of the mind and the body—man's appointed preparation for heaven. The melody of former times may be renewed; and, if I should be brought to my home again in safety by the hand of God; if I should be permitted to take my accustomed seat in that hall where our daily worship is held; there will be behind me the same engraving as before, that from the original of Andrea Sacchi, of Noah rearing his altar of thank-offering, when saved from the waters of the flood. It has hung there almost unnoticed by us for years: it will now be a memorial of the past never to be forgotten.

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