

A coffin and a grave below—
A body lowly laid,
Treasures secure from moth and rust,
Joys that shall never fade.

Below, the cry of stricken friends—
The weary heart and hand—
The memory of happier days—
The footprints in the sand.

Above, the "cloud of witnesses,"
The welcome words, "Well done;"
And weariness is lost in death,
And Christ and Heaven are won.

Below, are pain and solitude,
To those who fondly grieve;
Above, a joy no tongue can tell—
No finite mind conceive.

July 16th, 1872.

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Faded into the beauty of death,
In the calm, still even' of light;
Borne down by the weight of honored years,
Ripe for a harvest—not of tears,
But of everlasting life.

Breathe not his name but in tenderest tones—
The softest whispers of love,—
For his prints are deep on the sands of time;
Acts of kindness and deeds sublime,
That meri' reward above.

There's a broken chord and a missing note,
A song with a sad refrain,
A heart bowed down and a soul oppressed,
An angel soaring to realms of rest,
A glance that we seek in vain.

A sorrowful heart and a lonely way,
A cross that is heavy to bear;
But a voice thro' the gloom of the silent night,—
The cloud of sorrow fringed with light—
The calm sweet hour of prayer.

The cross is lightened, the burden gone:
'Tis the path His feet have trod,
Through this vale of tears to the grand forever;
The union of hearts at the shining river,
Close by the throne of God.

Hamilton, July 19th, 1872.

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In Italy, the work of evangelization still goes on with encouraging results. There are several religious periodicals which warmly support the cause of a free Gospel, and urge the people to study the Scriptures for themselves. A Bible Society has also been organized, and already the Scriptures have been issued from its press.

NOTWITHSTANDING the great political changes that are taking place in Spain, the spread of Gospel truth has not ceased. Preachers and Evangelists are penetrating the country in every direction, scattering, as they go, the precious seed.

ANOTHER secession from the Established Church has taken place on account of the Bennet decision. The Rev. Richard Gardner, Vicar of Christ Church, Winchester, an officiating clergyman of nearly forty years' standing, has felt it to be his duty to withdraw from the Establishment.

"The First Union," and "Notes on the Methodist Rules," are both crowded out of the present number. They will appear in due time.

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