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THE STATE OF ITALY PERILOUS TO THE POPE.

Two eventful years have elapsed since the eloquent apostle of Italian Protestantism uttered to his English sympathizers the following striking words:—"I shall return to my Italy, with the Bible in my hand, to preach the Gospel of the living God; to uproot and to overturn with that tremendous lever the incubus of ages, and to add the little blows of my pilgrim's staff to shatter out from the granite walls, built by bigotry and superstition around my beloved land, windows for the True Light, and channels for the living water of the Eternal Word." Such a profession of faith was well worthy of the patriot and the Protestant who has put into jeopardy life and fame and honour to free the land of his birth from the thralldom of Popery, and the souls of his fellow-countrymen from its deadening superstitions. No living men have done more for

Italy than GAVAZZI and his friend and associate, GARIBALDI. These are the men whom the Vatican still dreads, and at the sound of whose names the capital of Popish Christendom still trembles in all her chambers of corruption. Rome has reason to be still in peril from such men.

From a Roman Catholic organ of last week we copy the following, which speaks for itself:—

DEFENCE OF ROME.—A correspondent writes us a letter, urging the perilous position of Rome and our Holy Father, and urging more energetic action on the part of Catholics, in joining the "Army of Crusade," and contributing to the Defence Fund, suggesting that the bishops should be invited by the laity to name a day for general collection, as well as the establishment of committees for enrolment of volunteers. We must warmly sympathize with our correspondent, and are sure that the bishops would only be too glad to feel themselves compelled by a holy violence on the part of their laity to take