

hope of obtaining the crown of Italy. The Grand Duke of Tuscany from inclination and imitation. The King of Naples from force. And the smaller princes will have enough to think of besides the repressing of reform. Do not trouble yourselves about the part of the country occupied by the Austrians. It is possible that reform, turning their flank may cause them to advance more quickly than the others in the path of progress. A people to whom a constitution has given the right of demanding may speak in a lofty tone, and may at need command by means of insurrection. But a people still in slavery can but sing its needs, so that the expression of them may be heard without occasioning too much displeasure. Take advantage of the smallest concession to make an opportunity for bringing together masses of the people, if only in attestation of gratitude. Festivals, songs, agglomerations of people, numerous relationships established between men of every shade of opinion suffice to cause the generation of ideas, to give the people the sentiment of its strength, and to render it exigent.

[It is impossible to avoid noticing the exactitude with which the directions here given correspond with the conduct of the people in the days following the proclamation of the amnesty. Mazzini was well served by the apostles of his gospel! And he himself was a consummate master of the business he took in hand.]

II. THE GRANDEES.

The assistance of the grandes is an indispensable necessity for the increment of principles of reform in a feudal society. If you have only the people, misgivings will arise at the first step, and all will be lost. If the movement be led by some of the grandes these will serve as a passport to the people. Italy is still in the condition in which France was before the revolution. It has need of its Mirabeaus, its Lafayettes, and so many others. A great magnate may be held in check by his material interests; but he can be taken by his vanity. Few of them will be willing to go on to the end. The essential point is that the goal of the great revolution should be unknown to them. They must never be allowed to see farther than the first step to be taken.