

THE CITY OF GENOA.

"The second great capital of Sardinia, the beautiful city of Genoa," we are told, "lies on the coast of the Mediterranean at the foot of the Ligurian Apennines in the recess of a wide crescent-like gulf. The town stands partly on the declivity of several hills, rising in the form of a semicircle round the spacious harbours, and partly on a narrow strip of ground between them and the sea. It is enclosed on the land-side by a double line of fortifications, the external one being 8 miles in length. The higher Apennines rise immediately behind, dividing the waters which run to the Mediterranean from those which flow northward into the Po. Upon the summits of these mountains, which are near enough to command Genoa, are several detached forts. The appearance of the city from the sea is really superb. A succession of fine buildings lines the shore; palaces and gardens, churches and convents rise on the steep sides of the hills." We want to add to the interest of this interesting city—interesting, not only on account of the natural beauty of its situation, but its former political glory and ascendancy among the nations—by planting there, in the form of a visible temple, the standard of the true Cross. Often has the rude hand of a ruthless foe carried fire into its palaces and streets, and laid the city in a heap of smouldering ruins! We trust such days are for ever gone. We would ask the friends of truth and holy peace to combine to carry thither another torch—the torch of the truth of the Gospel—that may burn up and utterly consume every vestige of a soul-destroying superstition, while it introduces the light of a blessed peace, and joy and heavenly hope into the hearts and homes of all its people. Already a congregation has been formed, and plans and contributions devised and begun for the erection of a church. But considerably more funds are wanted to carry out the design. "We have been in treaty," says a correspondent, in speaking of the difficulties on account of the necessary expense, "several times for pieces of ground, but have been obliged to give up the purchase for want of means; for, however economically we may build, a church cannot cost much less than £5000; and all we can do now is to buy the site. We are still on the look-out for a suitable spot, and I trust we may soon succeed. In the meantime we have hired a place for two years, more in the centre of the town than M. Geymonat's house, and which can contain 400 people; so that your idea is already realized; and we would have made any sacrifice rather than allow our service to be stopped. I hope that this information will suffice to enable you to obtain subscriptions."