

thing in his judgment that was required to be preserved. Hence, it is most reasonable to suppose that he secured the stone when he had ample means to do so.

*To be continued.*

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GLEANINGS.

SINGING OF CHILDREN.—GOD loves children beyond anything in this world ; more than any of His works, either in heaven or earth, “*for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*” God loved the prophets and the apostles ; but they were *men*, and might fall, of which we have had proofs. A child is *pure* and guileless, the nearest approach to heaven ; and the younger they are the more he *cares* for them, and anxious (if God is ever anxious, and I believe he is about *all* of us) to know they are brought up to *love* him. To cause *this* and win God’s smile there must be a good *example*, and to teach them to *read*, *pray*, and *sing* praises to God, their Creator and Saviour, but singing should be the *main* part, for in singing, the heart, the mind, and the tongue, are *each* employed, and more acceptable. God loves *singing when* it is offered to him, and this is why David was so beloved and prospered ; David always sang, even when minding his sheep, and continued singing *all his life*, even when he was king ; and his *songs were always* addressed to God.

What sight, pleasure, or delight can be compared to three or four hundred children singing to God, or what delightful feelings caused thereby ! The heart, the mind, the soul, are *all*, all lifted up away from the world. No ! not all the concerts, not all the military or naval reviews, not all the corona-

tions or assemblies of *all* the monarchs on earth, can work up the feelings to such intensity of love and adoration to God as the sacred singing of children. “Praise the Lord ! O my soul.”—*Life from the Dead.*

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THE IONIAN ISLANDS.—These islands cost this empire incalculable millions of money to take, to fortify, and to keep. They were of gigantic value to us in the Mediterranean ; infinitely of more use than Malta, or even the mighty fortress of Gibraltar. Yet Mr. Gladstone—for reasons that we could never understand—cooly surrendered them up to the King of Greece, who had no sort of claim upon these magnificent emporia ; and if he had remained in office, he was about to surrender Gibraltar to Spain. We suppose if he had not been turned out in 1874, he would have surrendered Ireland to the United States, as a proper sequel to his conduct in the Alabama business. Yet people want him back. In our opinion Mr. Gladstone is really insane, and ought never to have been in office in this kingdom.

THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST 666.-- Our readers are probably aware that “the Latin Church” (Roman Catholic) has been by its opponents saddled, and rather unjustly, with *all* the characters of the Beast. With different alphabets we obtain many peculiar results. Luther and John Calvin fulfil the number ; while Mahomet, Bonaparte, Fox, John Stuart Mill (omitting the *a* in Stuart), John Bright (with an *e* added), but to crown all we have Gladstone equal to 666 in the Greek Alphabet.