

A LEGEND OF VENICE.

They crossed themselves, and stared in wondering awe ;

—With heavenly light the water was agleam—

And there, within the pearly depths, they saw

The lovers clasped in love's immortal dream.

And ever since, the hallowed tide doth draw

Those vowing love beyond death's shoreless stream :

But only those, who have love's faith, may see

These storied lovers,—so love telleth me.

