

EXTRACT FROM THE ALLOCUTION OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE GREGORY XVI.

"Above all, we recommend strongly to you the Society for the Propagation of the Faith," founded 1822, in the ancient and noble city of Lyons, and thence extended far and wide with wonderful celerity and success. We recommend to you, with no less solicitude, the other similar associations founded at Vienna in Austria, and elsewhere, although under other names, but equally intended to propagate the faith, and protected by the favour of religious princes.

"This truly great and holy work, which maintains, increases, and strengthens itself by the scanty offerings and prayers of the members—this work, which contributes to support the labourers of the Gospel, which exercises the works of charity towards the neophytes, and which delivers the faithful from the fury of persecution appears to us to be in the highest degree deserving of the love and admiration of all good men.

"And we must not suppose that so great an advantage has been conferred in our days on the church, without a special council of divine Providence: while the infernal enemy torments, by every sort of machinations, the cherished spouse of Jesus Christ, nothing could come more seasonably than the assistance of the united efforts of all the faithful, who are inflamed by the desire of propagating the Christian faith.

"Accordingly, we, notwithstanding our unworthiness, called to watch over the church, have neglected no opportunity to festivity, after the example of our predecessors, in the clearest manner, our affection for this important as-

sociation, and to excite in its behalf the charity of the faithful. You then, Venerable brothers, who are called to share in our solicitude, do you apply yourselves assiduously to give to this work a daily increase among the flocks confided to your care. Sound the trumpet in Sion, and see that those who do not yet belong to this pious society, may, by your admonitions and paternal persuasion, speedily become members, and they who have already joined it, may persevere in their resolution."

From Travels in the Holy Land, Egypt, &c., by Wm. Rae Wilson, Esq., F. S. H., M. A. R.

Palentine Mount of Olives.

After visiting the ever memorable garden of Gethsamene, I passed a narrow bridge over the Brook Cedron, and proceeded to the summit of Olives,

"A mount by fame through every region known."

lying to the east of Jerusalem, forming part of a chain of hills, north and south. One particular spot is shown, whence Christ poured out his last farewell in a strain of heart-melting pathos, and pronounced that ever memorable prophecy which has been so awfully and strikingly fulfilled, even to the very letter.* A short distance to the right, is the place, where, in compassion to our ignorance, he gave a form of prayer so beautifully and simply comprehensive, that with it all which learning and talent have effected in the composition of human liturgies, will not for one moment bear a comparison.

* Luke xix. 41. 44.—The army of Titus encamped on this very spot, and cut down the olive trees with which the mount was covered.