

Italy is taking up the question of education as one of life and death...

Obituary.

Died at St. Andrews, on the 28th inst., of consumption, in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection...

The removal of the children of God's people is a dispensation of Providence manifestly intended, as it is well calculated to deepen conviction...

Such is the lesson, not unknown before, but again brought home with thrilling emphasis to the heart by the decease of Collis, our daughter...

The following lines are among the last she ever wrote:

NO CROSS, NO CROWN.

I kneel in agony alone, And then in sorrow pray, O take away this heavy cross...

"I cannot, cannot bear this grief Through all life's weary day, Its weight hath bowed me to the dust O take it Lord away."

I scarce had spoke when from the sky There beamed a shining light, And I before me wondering eyes, There stood an angel bright.

"I come," she said, with pitying look, "To take away thy cross, Ah, mortal, thou dost little know Thy blessing or thy loss."

And as she took it from my hand, I saw a ray of glory shed, The cross with golden hue.

And then around my spirit fell A darkness deep as night, When suddenly appearing, she, And longed the crown to wear.

The angel paused, and softly cast A plying look on me, Then softly, sorrowfully said, "Thy cross, thy cross shall wear."

"The crown I take to her who bore, The grief thou couldst not bear, She bears the cross a little while, Thy cross she now shall wear."

The angel ceased, and silently Pursued her onward way, But in a faltering voice I cried "O, blessed angel bright."

I ask not of your hand that gem, It is another's cross, I only ask another crown, I'm waiting for the crown."

The angel hastened then away, A beaming smile she wore, But soon returning in her hand, A cross for me she bore.

And through these many, many years, I've wandered up and down, I've bearing yet the hallowed cross, I'm waiting for the crown.

Dear child, she has borne the "cross a little while"—she is wearing the crown forever.

WILLIAM SMITH. St. Andrews, Aug. 29, 1862.

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Noble Attitude of British Workmen.

War is always a dreadful evil, though sometimes it becomes an imperative necessity. It is born of human depravity, cradled and nurtured by wicked passions, and is productive, throughout its bloody course, of an incalculable amount of suffering both to the innocent and the guilty.

We behold a partial illustration of the truth of our remark in the present conduct of England's starving artisans, now fast verging toward the brink of utter destitution—a collateral result of the ever-to-be-regretted American war.

Humanity is both ravens and unmercifully, yet these men who have felt its pang, and upon its ravages upon the wretched forms and blackened cheeks of their wretched children...

These worthy sufferers clearly perceive that their Government could readily move the principal European nations by its influence and authority to co-operate in promptly bringing to a termination the disastrous conflict which is spreading the silence of death throughout the great Mill-palaces which but a short time ago were vocal with the busy hum of industrial life.

Honour to these patient, patriotic, heroic workmen! They as much merit their country's love as though they were falling in her cause upon the high places of the best-contested field.

The Church of Rome has just given to the world another striking illustration of its absolute indifference to the character of the means by which it accomplishes its much-coveted ends.

The latest declarations of President Lincoln are very significant. His address to the colored man to whom he gave audience at the White House, with a view of encouraging African colonization in Central America, is worthy of perusal.

"Such a history is a bond. More than one glorious memory, more than one illustrious name, carries the hearts of men to beat alike in the North and South. Far from discovering there two peoples naturally hostile, I cannot help seeing a single people, and a people whose unity seems founded on indelible bases.

With such evidence before us we cannot but regard Count de Gasparin, and all who entertain the same sentiments in regard to the principles actuating the Washington Administration, as labouring under gross hallucination.

"During the glorious crisis, which they are passing through in the name of the gospel, and for the only cause of justice, the United States counted on the support of England, above all of Christian England. England is their mother she has absorbed into the Anglo-Saxon nationality the later immigrants.

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