

we desire to assure you of our brotherly love and care for you, our joy over you in the Lord, and our prayer to God for you that we may "provoke you to love and to good works." Partakers with you of the grace of God, we entreat you to remember that God has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light, that may show forth his praises by having your conversation honest among your Heathen and Mahomedan fellow-countrymen and neighbours, that if it be that they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works which they behold glorify God, whose will it is that with well doing ye should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. And if you suffer persecution, remember the words of the apostles, that 'if when ye do well and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, that is acceptable with God, for even hereunto were ye called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps.'

One thing further we desire to impress upon your minds, viz: that on each individual of us is laid the responsibility of endeavouring to win souls to Christ. We hope, therefore, that you think of, speak to, and pray for those in your own families, villages, towns, and neighbourhoods, who are still far from God, that you are not content to leave them alone, but that with a holy jealousy for that God who will not give his glory to another, neither his praise to graven images—with a love that 'seeketh not her own, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth,' and with a tenderness that 'beholds the transgressors and is grieved because they keep not God's word,' you endeavour to persuade them to follow Christ, remembering that it is written by St. James that, 'he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins;' and again it is recorded by the Prophet Daniel, that 'they that be wise shall shine as the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.'

And now, brethren, let us remember that the time is short, that the Lord is at hand, and that the sure word of promise is, that them which sleep in Jesus, God will bring with him, and that they which are alive and remain unto his coming shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Let us therefore keep our loins girded and our lamps burning, and ourselves as men that are waiting for their Lord, that when he cometh and knocketh we may open to him immediately. O blessed hour! when Jesus shall come again, when, if we continue in the faith grounded and settled, he will present us holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight, and you

and all your missionaries, whose joy and crown of rejoicing ye are, and we and all the redeemed of the Lord, shall meet around the throne of the Lamb, and be for ever with the Lord.

Finally, beloved brethren in the Lord, we pray to the Lord for you, that he may make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you, to the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

We are, your affectionate friends and brethren in the Lord.

By order of the Committee.

The Hon. and Rev. Baptist W. Noel has preceded from the Church of England. He preached his farewell sermon on Lord's-day, the 3rd instant.

Italy.

A JESUIT CANONIZED!—At a recent anniversary held in Rome, to commemorate the death of Saint Joseph Calasanzio, a worthy of the 15th century, the "Great Reformer," as the Pope is called, bore his solemn protest against Protestantism. On the third day of this festival, Pius IX. administered the sacrament, and then, being seated on his throne, published the decree for the beatification and canonization of the reverend father, Peter Claver, of the Jesuit Society. The Pope having received the thanks of the Father Postulator, replied—

"I render thanks to God, who, in these days of so many difficulties, testifies to Italy and to the world how much He has at heart his holy religion, by raising up men of fervor in those places where the labourers are few and the harvest is abundant. It is no small encouragement given to us by the Lord, when he gives to our contemplation men who have for so many lustres devoted themselves to enriching the Church with new conquests. This consolation is the more grateful, as it is most painful to see, in the times in which we live, that there is being introduced into all Catholic Italy, and even into the centre of Christianity, Protestantism, not by one accomplice, but by thousands and tens of thousands of accomplices. They manifest the most ardent views for Italian nationality, and yet, in order to promote it, they use the most abominable means, calculated only to destroy it. At the moment when Germany, animated with the same spirit, acknowledges that a diversity of religions is the greatest obstacle to the end proposed, inasmuch as the Protestants form projects of a union, there are found in Italy men who, without dreading an immense religious scandal and