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Articles on the Holy Spirit.

The following letter to a young christian, by one deeply experienced in divine things, we commend to the prayerful consideration of our readers. The texts of Scripture classified in it, will, we hope be turned to and thoroughly examined. The idea which prevails with some, -and which we have heard advanced by some teachers—that there is no higher attainment in christian life than that enjoyed at conversion, is a most dangerous foe to christian progress and christian usefulness. To stop at the FORGIVENESS of sin, is to stop at the first stage heavenward. It is only the beginning of the life of faith, and without the indwelling and teaching of the Holy Spirit, there will be no progress. We hope that every believer who reads the following article will ponder it well; and that every young convert under whose notice it may come, will be profitted by it, and induced to pray. and seek for a constant work of the Holy Spirit

No. 2. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. "So run that ye may obtain." "Speak unto the children of Israel that they

forward." "Let us lay aside every weight." "Let us run with patience the race set before t

looking unto Jesus." DEAR FRIEND, - The above passages contain the substance of the letter I would wish to write to you. It is because I would have you saved and sanctified, holy and happy, spiritually minded and exemplary, that I now address you. I am in earnest about your salvation, whether you are so

You were awakened; you were anxious; you were inquiring after God; you were stirred up to flee from the wrath to come. The mighty utterance of Jehovah of hosts sounded an alarm through your whole soul; and you felt as if one had come specially to you with the dreadful message: "Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross dark-

That was an awful time in your experience! seemed as if the great God had, for the first time, drawn near to you. His holy law gleamed fiercely like a burnished sword brandished over your devoted head. The God of holiness seemed to come forth from his place as if to take signal vengeance. Your case was a miserable one! Justice was flaming over you; hell was "moving" beneath you; your conscience was on fire within you; and God, the judge of all, seemed to be before you, ready to hurl you, in all your guilt and pollution, down to penalty of your life-long transgression with the bored since with unabated zeal and devotion. devil and his angels!

the bitterness of soul you then endured, the anguish of mind, the torment of conscience, the breaktide in the affairs of your soul.

You will also remember the gush of joy which entered your heart when you believed that you saw "the fountain opened" for sin, and when you heard, as for the first time, that it was a fountain for you to wash in, that your "scarlet sins" might become "white as snow," and your "crimson sins" like "wool." You believe that you have seen him who was "wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities;" and that you, by the witnesses of the Holy Spirit, have heard him say to you: "Be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole; thy sins are forgiven."

You have also, I trust, come out from the we ld, and have taken up your cross to follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth; thus "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." This is the life of faith-not the end. You have now battle to fight-a race to run-a prize to win-a crown to gain. And Immanuel calls upon you to follow him fully, with all your heart, and for all your days, if you would be among those who shall | united from the parent body. see the King in his beauty, and enjoy the rest of the "promised land."

From love to your soul I send you this letter, to the Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth 1.0. prayerful, vigorous, useful, devoted disciple of Christ. When you were awakened, it was the Spirit who aroused you from your sleep of spiritual death; and He only can keep you awake, and enable you to live to the glory of God If you have enjoyed much comfort, or received much instruction, or had many convictions, consolations, or streams of refreshing, it was "the Lord the Spirit" who was sent by Jesus with all you have re-

seek to know about himself. Amen.

1 Pet. i. 23; Eph. ii. 1-10; Ezek, xxxvi. 26. II. The Holy Ghost convinces of sin .- Joh, xvi.

Acts, xvi. 25-34. III.—The Holy Ghost sanctifies us. Rom xv. 16; 1 Peter, i. 2. He sanctifies in several ways:-(1.)

By applying the blood of Christ, Heb. x. 10, and xiii. 12; 1 Cor. i. 30. (2.) By the Word of God, John, xvii. 17, 19; Eph. v. 26, 27.

IV. The Holy Ghost is our Comforter.-John, xiv. 16-26; xvi. 7; xv 26. As Comforter (1.) He communicates joy to saints, Rom. xiv. 17; Gal. the control of its own affairs, while it secures v. 22; 1 Thes. i. 6. (2) He edifies, Acts, ix. 31. those advantages arising from the connexional (3.) He testifies of Christ, John, xv 26. (4.) He system. Rejecting all State grants, they rely imparts the love of God, Rom. v 3-5. (5.) He solely on the voluntary principle for support. imparts hope, Rom. xv. 13. (6.) He dwells with, One hundred and ninety-three ministers are teaches, and abides with saints, John, xiv. 16, wholly engaged in the care of the churches, near-

ii. 7; Eph. i 16, 17; John, xiv. 26.

VI. The Holy Ghost dwells in us .- 1 Cor. iii. 16; vi. 19; 2 Cor. vi. 16; 2 Tim. i. 14; Acts, vi. 5; Eph. v. 18; Rom. viii. 9, 11, 15; John, xvi. 13; Gal. v. 18, 22; iv. 6; John, ii. 27.

Beloved friend, "meditate on these things: give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all." You will know "the love of the Spi- the most important congregations in the Connexrit," and the love of Jesus also, if your teaching ion. Beside various places at home, their miscome from God. How blessed for us if we can sionary operations comprise the United States, say, "God who commanded the light to shine out Canada, Prince Edward Island, and Australiaof darkness, hath shined in our hearts," &c. Can In the adress of the Rev. Thomas Binney, at the you say, "He hath shined into my heart, and colonial missionary meeting, held shortly after shown me Jesus as my Saviour?" Hoping you can the return of that gentlemen from Australia, we say this, and that you esteem Jesus precious, I find the following allusion to the Bible Christian will copy a few sentences for you about his won- \_\_ "Beside the old Welseyan church there are drous love, from Dr. Bonar's beautiful book, "The two or three other bodies of the same type, and Eternal Day," which I hope will refresh your soul one-the Bible Christian -is very active and

"It was on the love of Christ that the early Church so strongly leaned. This love is our refuge, commodious, with something of arcitectural pretoo-our true and quiet home. The knowledge of tensions, was opened by this body when I was in this love is perfect peace. We sit down and let Adelaide, in which I preached for them." this love breathe freely into us, and straightway all is calm. Each storm has gons to rest, each gust has died away. Love beyond all loves, in greatness, in freeness, and in efficiency! gifted with strange power of soothing, and healing, and comforting! He who has possession of the love has got hold of a hidden spell, mighty to charm away tended with considerable success. Three Conall heaviness of heart, all bitterness of soul. What nexional magazines are published monthly. can withstand it? In this love are all the loves of earth gathered up and centered. It is a father's love, yet far beyond the love of earthly father. It is a brother's love, yet passing far above it. It is a bridegroom's love, as the Song of Solomon shows us, but tenderer than the love of mortal bridegroom. It is a husband's love, yet truer and more faithful than the love of the truest and most faith- of the characters : we refer to Orville Gardner ful husband upon earth. It is a love without be- of New York, and Richard Weaver of London. ginning and without end-a love without any in- Both were common bullies. The former was termingling selfishness, or jealousy, or coldness, or known in New York for years as Awful Gardner, torgetfulness, or weariness - a love without inter- and he gave the Police more trouble than any mission, a love without fickleness, a love without other man in the city. Richard Weaver was decay. 'Who shall separate us from the love of prize-fighter. Both are now sober, pious, zea-Christ?' What can untwine our mutual embrac- lous Christians. Facts such as these are ings here, or hereafter? Separation is an impossibility, from the first moment that we apprehend

And, in concluding, my prayer for you is this 'That ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and themselves to the degrading and shameful practo know the love of Christ, which passeth know- ice of tippling. No drunkard shall enter edge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness! Heaven; and if a man kills himself by the use of of God." Amen.

tinuance of a good religious interest in the pects and those of their families for time and churches with which we are laboring. Since eternity | But the Gospel is sufficient to rescue out notice of the improvement in Fredericton we even these. have been holding special services daily in Douglas. Brother Downey of Woodstock joined us 45 bottomless perdition," to endure the righteous in these on Thurday the 14th inst., and has lagood interest exists, and seems to be increasing. population is thus enduring the hardships and You doubtless will remember as long as you live | Last Sabbath ten were baptized on the profess sion of their faith, and on Monday evening we gave to these, and two others previously baptized, ing of heart. That was the crisis of your life-the the right hand of fellowship into the church .-Relying on the Holy Spirit to apply and make the truth we preach and teach effectual in the salvation of souls, we intend continuing our special efforts in Douglas for the present.

Bible Christian Denomination.

The following Lotice of this body of Christians in England and whose missionary operatives are being extended to other parts, we find in a recent number of the London " Christian Cabinet. It may be interesting to some of our readers to know something of the origin and history of this zealous and growing people. The there is he seen who does business upon the

The Bible Christian Denomination was establishe deep. lished in 1815. Although it may be regarded well; but it is not all. It is only the beginning of as a branch of the Wesleyan family, yet it was internal commotions which have been associated Within four years one of the mariner's churchwith the severances of some of those existing off- es in New York has received into its communion shoots of Methodism which have become dis- over three hundred seamen, besides two hundred

-who, having attained more than fourecore years, addition to the u-ual evening and Sabbath serviis now spending the evening of life in America- ces, all of which are largely attended. A simicheer, comfort, and encourage you to "go for- first proclaimed the unsearchable riches of Christ lar state of things exists at other ports. The ward" in your heavenward way, "looking unto in some of the darkest parishes of Devonshire, hundred or more seamen converted on board the Jesus." There are many things which I might en. till now, the growth of the Connexion has been North Carlonia are now in all parts of the world join upon you, or remind you of; but there is one of a healthy and satisfactory character. Wil- carrying the prayer-meeting and a religious inthing especially that I would wish to bring before liam O'Bryan was soon joined by James Thorne, fluence wherever they go. The captain, some of that nations where that Bible circulates and is cent bewilderments have sufficiently proved. The you: that is the work of the Holy Spirit. "It is and others, all earnestly desirous of spreading a the officers, and twelve or fourteen sailors of the read have preserved a strong, deep, and endur- conventional view of his genius required that his Saviour's name; and although Mr. O'Bryan at Niagara, on which the Japanese ambasaedors ing religious faith; while in the countries where thing." Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that, first had no idea of organizing a new body, yet embarked for their home, are pious; the chap- it is not known, one is obliged to deplore a moral you have much to do with the Divine Spirit, if you he soon found it necessary to do so, for God lain leads in daily morning and evening prayers, superficiality and want of principles, for which a were brought from darkness to light, among Within ten years, fifty million pages of tracts Let the learned theologians discuss on the au- One line of action all the time crossing another graded members of society. The first ministers more largely for emigrants brought by them to of the Denomination were men who with no this country and for distribution in foreign and other patron than God generally took their stand Roman Catholic ports. There is scarcely a port in the open air in those benighted parishes where of any size on the face of the globe, where Spanish Dissenters were unknown; and there, with the Portuguese, Italian, or French is spoken, that Bible in their hands, and God's love in their has not thus received religious truth, again and ceived. To help you to a knowledge of the Hely One and his love and gracious work, I will give hearts, with earnest simplicity they told the story again. you some passages, on which you can meditate, of the cross. The progress of the Connexion

rica, and 54 in Australia, to many of which school-I. The Holy Ghost is the author of the new rooms and ministers residences are attached, bes birth .- John iii. 3, 5; i. 12, 13; Rom. viii. 2; 1 side which they preach in 235 cottages or other Cor. vi. 11; Gal. vi. 15; Titus, iii. 5; James, i. 18; places. About thirty thousand children are gathered together in their Sabbathaschools, and above 6,000 teachers are gratuitously engaged in 8-11; Acts, ii. 22-37; Acts, ix. 6; Zech. xii. 10; kindly pointing these young immortals to that Saviour who died to redeem them.

The doctrines of the Connexion are precisely those held by the Wesleyan Methodists, but the church government is of a more liberal and popu-

The annual conferences are partly composed of the laity, and each circuit has to a large extent, ly all of whom are pledged abstainers from intox-V .- The Holy Ghost is our Teacher .- 1 Cor. ii. | icating drinks, and strongly favour those quest-9, 10, 12, 13; Isa. xxx. 21; Ezek. xxxvi. 27; Rev. jons of social science which are now gaining hold upon the public mind, while they unitedly refuse to adopt or recognize the term reverend. The itinerant ministers are assisted by 1482 lay or local preachers, who gratuitously dispence the Word of Life, many of whom are gentlemen whose ministrations are acceptably received by

> us-ful, penetrating and missionary in its character. A new place of worship, substantial and

That fifty-four chapels have been reared in that colony, in the short space of ten years, by the ing churches are established, is ample proof that the labours of their missionaries have been at-

## RELIGIOUS PARAGRAPHS.

There are two recent instances, says th Presbyterian Witness," of the power of the gospel to tame the civilized savage which deserve special mention on account of the notoriety ground of encouragement to lead us to hope and pray for the worst of sinners. Even de him. That love is unperishable and unquench- bauched and miserable drunkards are not beyond the power of the Gospel-though theirs is a most perilous condition. Especially perilons is the position of respectable men who yield strong drink, or dies under its unmitigated sway his eternal ruin is certain! How many of your REVIVAL IN DOUGLAS .- We are glad to be acquaintances, reader, are thus killing themable to report to our readers this week the con- selves? How many are ruining their own pros-

It is estimated that there are more than two millions of men engaged in a sea-fearing life; or one out of every five hundred of the earth's perils of the sea to supply the remaining four hundred and ninety hine with the comforts and luxuries of life, or in defending the rights and the honor of the nation which he represents. In English vessels there are 300,000 men. There are 150,000 American seamen engaged in foreign commerce, and nearly the same number are found upon our inland waters. The whale fishery alone employs 20,000 and the navy 7,000 to 8,000. Nearly one half of the whole number of seamen are open to the truth as it is conveyed in the English language. Of this large class of our fellow-men it may be truly said, their field is the world. Go where you will, you find the

"Where'er the breezes sweep, or tempest breath great waters, and beholds God's wonders in

The religious interests among sailors has shered into being without any of those unhappy never been greater than at the present time. other members. At this and another mariner's From the time the founder, William O'Bryan church daily meetings for prayer are held, in

And may the "Holy Ghost come upon you," and their humble origin, they have now 613 chapels ing to perpetrate a joke on Rev. Mr. Riley. of

that little social company to give up the world, preaching only occasionally. and devote the remaining portion of their lives to the true interests of their immortal souls. His remarks had a good effect upon the hearts of tive Methodists in Ireland unite, and Mr. Wilthe company present, and many eyes were wet with tears. After offering up a prayer, Mr. phlet on the subject. The Primitive Methodists Riley retired from the ball room.

crease of salary, but we find in an exchange a selves. capital story of an old Connecticut pastor who declined it for very substantial reasons:

His country parish raised his salary from three hundred to four hundred dollars. The good man objected for three reasons.

give more than three hundred.

more than that.

"Third, because I have to collect my salary, which, heretofore has been the hardest part of evidently increasing in numbers among children my labors among you. If I have to collect an and youth as the natural fruit of the influence additional hundred, it kill me."

A baptistery has been constructed under the Still, some of those fathers had the reputation of pulpit of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's church, being liberal in their contributions for buildin Brooklyn. For several years past the pastor of churches, sustaining preachers, Sunday-school Plymouth church, in receiving new members to celebrations and the like, and at the same time its communion, has been in the habit of adminis- their sons are in the habit of drinking their glass tering baptism in the mode most consonant with of liquor until they become drunkards, and that the individual views of the applicant. He does in early life. Of seventy-five families visited in all others wrong; and while, for his own part, he name of keeping in their house and using in prefers sprinkling, he never seeks to disquade a toxicating drinks more or less. Never, in candidate who prefers immersion. But hereto- my experience as a colporteur, have I witnesse fore, in administering baptism by immersion, he the ruinous consequences of rumselling so has been compelled to resort to some other tonsively as in these few days. church-edifice for a baptistery-usually to the One woman said,- I suppose religion is Baptist church in Pierrepont street, whose paster good thing,-I would like to have it, but many and congregation have always willingly offered things prevent. I am poor, with several little chilevery facility for the performance of the ceremony dren; Ihave not been to church for three or four The frequency of these occasions at length de- years, it is so far away. I have no religious termined the trustees of Plymouth church, at the books except a Testoment.' But worse than all pastor's suggestion, to place a baptistery in their she has a drunkard for a husband. own building. The new baptistery-a spacious "Another said,-'Before we came here I used last Saturday afternoon in the baptism of two school, and we had enough to eat and wear. to witness the impressive scene.

you out a blessing," was very much impressed of benefiting her dear children. She said, as lost. Reader, go and do likewise .- prove the be seen.

the deepest interest in Italy, and wished to give any better. As I spoke of the misery brought donations received, that there was no money Alcohol. in the treasuary. "I wish to give you \$1,000 for Tract operations in Italy," said the gentleman Landing t he Treasurer his check. A wide field is now open in Italy, through which this Society can work for Christ if the means are fur- here and there as she turned the leaves of the

The English correspondent of the " Methos dist" remembers " the time when it was considered rather discreditable for a preacher to be seen at any time reading a newspaper. One who was taken to task by his circuit authorities for that offence, said that he read them, first, that he might Know what God was doing; secondly. that he might know what man was doing; thirdly, himself." that he might know what the de:il was doing : and fourthly, that he might know what he was

A sailor's dying testimony is thus presented

by The S. S. Times; "On his sick bed he sent for the man of God under whom he was convicted of sin and through whom he was brought to Christ. The clergyman came. In that interview, on being asked how he felt, he replied. "Oh my brother, the kingdom of God has come with power to my heart. He then sank exhausted on his pillow. After awhile, on being asked again how he felt, he replied, 'My broth r, there is land ahead.' He ceased. In a little while, the question was repeated by the minister, after a so'emn silence of some minutes. The old sulor rallied once more, and with light beaming in his whole countenance, he replied, 'Oh, I'm just entering into the port now. Drop the anchor! drop the

"Much may be said on Protestant diversities sent him to Italy; but he never knew exactly and sects, but one fact remains certain : it is, what he would do when he got there, as his rewhom were some of those who had been the bit- have been placed in the hands of sai'ors leaving thenticity of such and such texts; what are such line of action; and both were marred by the terest opponents of the truth and the most de- this single port, partially for their own use but miseries compared to the healthful and pure complication. We do not doubt that the Ematmosphere which the Bible spreads, wherever peror's head is full of schemes-the accumulait is read, whether in low or elevated classes !" tion of a life of plots and of long broodings

Last year the Baptists of California reported he has any grand plan, or whether he underthirty-six societies and one thousand two hun- stands the Europe in which he is seting, and dred and forty-six members. There are now in which is not that of the First Empire. He has the State, sixty-five societies, and one thousand intrigues going on everywhere-in Hungary, in nine hundred and thirty-one members. These Spain, in Belgium, in the Rhine Provinces, in and over which you can pray for weeks to come. may be seen in the fact that, notwithstanding Some young te llows in Champaign, Ill, think- societies have twenty-nine houses of worship. Turkey, in Egypt, with the seditions of this monster sun Some eight or ten have pastors devoting their with a factious leader af the English Opposition. was to go in time of peace for the burdens of

It is proposed that the Wesleyans and Primiliam Arthur has been requested to write a pamare numerous, but have no ordained ministers. The people are desirous of the sacraments, and Ministers in our day rarely object to an in- in some cases administer them among them

## INTEMPERANCE.

The following testimony to the awful effects of drink, is from the report of one laboring in the State of New York. Hundreds of similar "First," said he, "because you can't afford to cases exist in our own land, especially in ou cities. When, O when, shall the demon of it " Second, because my preaching isn't worth temperance be banished from our midst and the awful picture here drawn, become unknown:-

" Victims of intemperance were numerous an springing from the whiskey barrel which their fa thers had the name of keeping in their cellars not hold that one form of baptism is right, and three successive days, all but five or six had the

Bible Christains, in nearly all of which flourish- basin under the pulpit-was first publicly used to go to church, and my children to Sunday candidates. A brief address was made by Mr. Since coming here we have lived like heathens Beecher. A few hundred persons were prosent among neighbors who live as if there was no God, Bible, nor Sabbath. We cannot go to church, -are poor,-have no clothes to wear and noth A Certain pious person, on hearing a sermon ing to buy them with, -have only a Testament. from the words, "Bring ye all the tithes into the When I think of our condition I almost go crazy. storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, And the poor woman wept as if her heart would and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, if I break: Still another told me the only inducewill not open the windows of heaven and pour ment she had to make any effort was the hope

with the manner of God's challenging the trial, - When I have labored hard to obtain four, Prove me now herewith, &c. He felt it his duty and get my bread and pies ready for baking, my to do much more for the cause of God than ever husband often, in his drunkenness, throws it all before. And at the end of the year he found that in the dirt, breaks the chairs, smashes the winhe had gained twice as much as in the preceding dows and kicks me out of doors.' She gave me year. Sometime after, in order that the chapel the best chair her house afforded, but I could not might be repaired, said he, I give twenty pounds. sit in it without falling, unless I braced myself and afterwards received payment on an old ac- A cloth was hung before the open space for the count of forty pounds which I had long given up | windows where no sush or light of glass was to

"In an abode of poverty and wretchedness ! found a man intoxicated, lying on a bed which A gentleman of New York called recently looked more like a place for swine than for hinon the Treasurer of the American Tract Society, man beings. The wife also was partly intoxicatinquiring what the Society was doing to meet the ed and only half clad, with her tangled hair present wonderful opening for the Gospel in hinging about her shoulders. She said she was Italy. He was assured that the Committee felt miserable and wicked, and never expected to be the devoted Christian now laboring there the on them by drinking, the man boasted of fightmost liberal aid; but that the Society's grat- ing the battles of his country in the Mexican uitous expenditures had so far exceeded the total war. Yet he was now the slave of the domon

> "The woman sent their little boy to bring her B ble for me to see, and as she spoke of he present condition and prospects, and what she once was, she would cry and swear, reading a verse Bible, -her husband at the same time uttering awful oaths,-telling her to burn the Bible and threatening to kill her. Atter a while the man told his little boy to get some whiskey. He hesitated some time and began to cry, but the miserable father insisted, and the little fellow was compelled to bring the bottle and help his father to a drink, -he being too helpless to do it

## GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

REAL CHARACTER OF LOUIS NAPOLEON.

In a remarkable article on the character and designs of the Emperor of the French, a writer in the "Saturday Review" observes :- We have always taken a view of Louis Napoleon's character somewhat different from that which commonly prevails. He is usually supposed to be a supernaturally far-sighted man, who lays his lans long beforehand, matures them in silence, profoundly calculates the means necessary for We have always maintained, on the contrary that he is a man of very ordinary capacity, terri the tricker which would fire a destructive mine cunning, and, up to a certain point, inventive, but very far from being long-sighted or profound A Roman Catholic periodical of Paris, the cision, and somewhat infirm of purpose. The conduct towards the Italians during the last six months should be stiled "inscrutible;" and it was styled inscrutible on all hands accordingly.

enlighten the eyes of your understanding as you --viz, 449 in England, 16 in Wales, 94 in Ame- that place, invited him to attend a ball. Instead whole time to a single church; twenty-five or He strives at influence for himself or oll sides; of refusing, he went, but went as a servant of thirty more share pastoral or ministerial service but we suspect that, like a magnic stealing God, and in earnest and feeling manner implored with several churches, while the rest have spoons, he scarcely knows what use is to be made of all this influence when it is accumulated.

LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE IN ITALY.

The Constitution of Sardinia secures to all subjects of the kingdom absolute liberty of conscience. This provision Victor Emanuel, though nominally a Catholic, has honorably observed. Under his administration Vaudors churches have been built at Turin, at Nice, before its cession to France, at Genoa, and other conspicuous points, and though the Romish ecclesiastics have attempted to hinder these open demonstrations of Protestantism, the King has stood by the Constitution. Indeed, on the opening of the Voudois chapel at Genoa, the Papel ecclesia astics, baffled in every attempt to hinder the work, indulged their weak malice by putting their own newspaper in mourning-thus giving the Protestant Church the utmost notoriety.

The same provision of religious liberty takes effect in all the provinces annexed to the kingdom of Victor Emanual. His Government is a constitutional monarchy; and the written Constitution secures not toleration, but absolute liberty of conscience. The disposition of the King in such matters, is happily illustrated by his interview with the Archbishop of Florence, detailed in Dr. Patton's letter of last week. The King will adhere to the Constitution.

Almost the first act of Victor Emanuel upon entering Naples was to provide for the educaof the common people. He is not afraid of

As a political expedient, the Jesuits have been expelled from places where they are suspected of reactionary movement; and thus the liberal par ty in the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church is in the ascendant in Italy. It would not be surprising if the spirit of reformation in the Italian Church should proceed from her own clergy, and if under the lead of such men as Gavazzi, thousands of the common people, without hearing of Protestantism, should come to Christ. The great work which Christians are called to do in Italy, is the circulation of the Scriptures. TERRIBLE CRISIS IN AUSTRIA.

The French correspondent to the New York

"()bserver" says : -"What agitations and storms throughout the

world! It seems as though, from the extremities of China to the distant shores of Syria, or Silicia, all nations were violently torn by revolutions. Soldiers stand ready armed, awaiting the hour of battle. Statesman, diplomatists.dare rely no longer upon their skill in diplomacy : hey tremble at the prospect of conflicts which they cannot prevent. Political parties hesitate which side to take, inquiring where justice, right and duty are to be found. Religious men groan to see the people resort to arms to decide nuestions which should be amicably settled by devotion to the common good. What then are God's designs towards the children of the generation? Let us bow our heads before the mysteries of di-

Among the empires which are threatened with great catastrophes, none is in so critical a condition as " Austria. This vast monarchy, which occupies a large part of the European continent. and which has taken an important part in the events of modern times, seems to totter upon the brink of an abyss. Every day increases her embarrassments and her peril. The gunstion is " to be or not to be," A celebrated Austrian general, " Benedek," said lately in a tone at once proud and resigned : " In the next war the question will be decided whether Austria will still be an empire, or whether she will become a State of the third order, like Bavaria,'

Various circumstances have concurred to lead to the fatal alternative. The court of Vienna has committed the great error of uniting, or even subordinating her cause to that of Popery. She hoped in this way to obtain the aid of all the Romanists of Germany and Europe; but she has lost many more friends than she has gained. The bishops, priests and Jesuits have become incapable of directing temporal affairs. What was allowed four or five hundred years ago, is intolerable and odious to-day. The chiefs of the Romish Church do not know how to act moderately; as soon as they have the power put into their hands, they dictate intolerant laws, impose unreasonable obligations, oppress all civil officers, claim extravagant privileges, and irritate all classes of the people, not excepting the Roman Catholics themselves. The priests are hard masters outside of the Church. The Emperor Francis Josephihas had experience of this. His Concordat with Rome did him more injury than four battles lost. He would like now to break the bonds which he so rashly formed; but he dares not. Rome and the bishops have to'd him that if he annuls the Concordat, he will be immediately abandoned by the Catholic party in Italy and in Germany. What is to be done The poor Emperor of Austria turns from side ! side, now promising full religious liberty to the Protestants, and then granting to Rome the exclusive supremacy of the Romish clergy. What a striking lesson to princes !"

NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY OR SOLVENCY?

Some croakers can always and everywhere see causes of alarm. No Government, whether Conservative or Liberal, and no administrations, whether extravagant, or moderate or mean, their execution, and adheres to them through all | would secure their approval. The vast and difficulties and accidents with inflexible tenacity. overwhelming magnitude of the British people are not croakers, but thoughtful, and dispassionate, and reasonable men,-people who have deep ble to the world only because he happens to hold | interests at stake, who are lovers of their country, to whom the national honor is an object of -restlessly addicted, indeed, to conspiracies, ambition, and who, therefore, do not utter the cuckoo cry of retrenchment without good cause, and from stern necessity. Some there are who in his calculations, wanting in promptness of de- puff at the warning note of national extravagance simply because it is the utterance of a BRIGHT, Revuedes Deux Mondes, thus discourses : dagger of the Carbonari, levelled at his breast, or Cobben, or other reformer. Anything and everything, in fact, emanating from such a source is unhesitatingly put down to party spirit and personal animosity. The time has, however, now arrived when the national expenditure is no longer a mere Tory or Liberal question-not BRIGHT OF COBDEN, a RUSSELL OF PALMERSTON consideration, but a national question. From would be a holy, happy, enlightened, spiritual, abundantly poured out his spirt. Very many and'a prayer-meeting is conducted by the sailors. Splendid uniformity of rites cannot compensate. But it was, in fact, only perplexed and wavering. command the thoughts of all. In fact, to ou mind it is now becoming a question of national embarrassment or standing; we do not know whether we might not regard the subject in even a more serious phase, as one of national banks solitary imprisonment; but we doubt whether ruptcy or solvency. The statistics supplied by Mr. DIGBY SEYMOUR, in the debate on the QUEEN's address, are well calculated to produce alarm, and to stun this nation into inquiry. T CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER, he stated, announced an expenditure for the year of £75,400

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