

humanity; and may He quicken our ebbing life as we press onward to eternity, proclaiming with our latest breath the stirring words of our text, "אלהינו " אחד אמן סלה".

"I NEVER LOVED A FLOWER."

STANZAS WRITTEN IN A MOMENT OF EXTREME HILARITY,

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I NEVER lov'd a flow'r,
And cherish'd it with pride,
But it wither'd in its home of love,
And bow'd its head and died.

I never lov'd a star,
And dream'd it gave reply
To my spirit's deep imaginings,
But it faded from on high.

I never lov'd a friend,
But parting's fiat came,
And sympathies were sever'd, that
Ne'er seem'd again the same.

I never felt deep gladness,
But a silent shadow stole,
E'en 'mid the laughing flow'rs that twin'd
A moment o'er my soul.

Then oh! be still my spirit,
Hush thy full joyance now,
Bid hence the rays that light mine eye,
And sparkle on my brow!

Back to thy calmness come,
Break from the glitt'ring chain
So strangely o'er my full heart thrown,
Back to thy home again!

Deck not this earth so brightly,
Joy hath not here its rest;
His whisper hath too sweet a tone
For aught of mortal breast.

Oh come back to thy stillness,
And dwell there with thy God;
His blessed paths of quietness
Securely thou hast trod.

And tho' no dazzling flow'rs
May there breathe tales of glee,
And mirth's light laugh no echo finds:
In safety thou wilt be.

Our Father's smile will lead thee,
His love will go before—
Return! return, my spirit—Oh
Come to thy God once more.

PAPAL LAW REGARDING THE JEWS.

WE have been for some time past in receipt of a monthly sheet, commenced in London last May, by a number of apostate Jews, intended, we presume, to give to the world some reasons for their apostacy. It contains such expositions of Scriptures as Christians generally advance to justify their belief. We have had ample opportunity of refuting some of the arguments it has put forth; but we are so loath to have any dealings with apostates, that we could as yet never resolve to notice the arguments of this anti-Jewish organ. We can reason with a native Christian without heat or prejudice; we do honour the sincere followers of the Nazarene system; but we confess, that for the apostate Jews we have no respect, and we are determined to avoid any intercourse with them, if we can help it. It is not owing to bigotry that we thus feel and act; but simply because we suspect as a class the honesty of all Jewish converts, from the knowledge we have of the motives of many of them. We do not mean by this that they are all hypocrites; but that those we