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"We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved."—Acts xv. 11.

"I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."—1 Thess. iv. 13, 14.

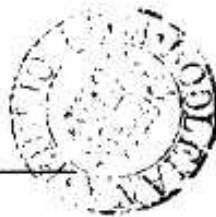
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THIS brief narrative of some of the more prominent circumstances connected with the illness and death of the late Earl of Erroll is drawn up, not for the purpose of eulogizing the dead, but of glorifying the living God, and adding another testimony to the power of that "grace which reigns through righteousness unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord." For, of its triumphs over the natural propensities of the human

heart, and its tendency to lift it above the things of earth, and settle its affections on things above, this memorial cannot fail to furnish a striking illustration.

It appears that, in consequence of the very delicate state of his health, Lord Erroll resolved, in the month of October, 1845, to quit England, and repair to Italy, in the hope that a change of climate would tend to arrest the progress of disease. But on his arrival at Paris, he found that the journey which he had contemplated would prove too fatiguing: and he therefore abandoned the idea of proceeding further. Nothing remarkable occurred until the 30th of November, when he was seized

with violent inflammation of the lungs, and continued very unwell throughout the months of December and January. At this time, he begged to see the Rev. R. Lovett, Chaplain to the Earl of Roden, who expressed himself much satisfied with the state of his Lordship's mind. On the 29th of January, more alarming symptoms having manifested themselves, Lady Erroll called in one of the most eminent practitioners in Paris, whose prescriptions seemed, for a fortnight, to afford him material benefit. But this amendment was only temporary: for now his strength gradually declined: although he was enabled, by the mercy of God, to be present at the marriage of his second daughter. After