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ADVICE TO THE FLOWERS.

BY ALICE CARTER.
Keep your muddy feet clean, flowers,
Nor dare to open your eyes,
For all this month you have the Sun,
Will only tell you lies!

Letter from Rev. J. L. Lyons.

TRIPOLI, Syria, Feb. 18, 1855.
DEAR FATHER:—Your last letter reminds me of my promise to give you an account of my recent journey to Homs.

to depend for direction, partly upon our own judgment and partly upon such vague information as we were able to elicit from those whom we chanced to meet.
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acteristic of nearly all the large rivers in Syria, for here and there, at intervals, are to be seen, in the course of the river, the commingling waters burst forth suddenly into view, forming a large, rapid stream at the very source, the real source of sources being many miles away in subterranean reservoirs among the mountains.

Passing around the base of a high and rugged mountain, the river took a sudden turn to the left, and we were compelled to take a different course to that of the river.

zily over our heads in quest of prey. Aside from these, there was little outside of our company to indicate either life or motion. All was there vast desolation.

Two or three thousand years ago, Riblah was probably a large town, but now it is a little, dirty village, containing not more than fifty or sixty inhabitants.

towns whose names and history have for the most part perished. We had not proceeded far along the border of the lake, before we descried in the distance a large party of Arabs thirty or forty in number, mounted on camels and horses, advancing towards us.

We advanced as composedly and undauntedly as the exigencies of the case would permit, and the result was our complete success.

fect that a few years ago, getting angry with an obstinate man who dared to disobey him, he caused the poor, dumb beast to be hung up by his neck to the bough of a tree, till he was quite dead.

Most of the young men who come to Mr. W's house are of the Greek Church, though some of the old Syrian or Jacobite sect.

On Tuesday morning, according to previous arrangement, Mr. W. and myself, accompanied by Saleh, and a young man named Saliba, set out for a visit to Hamath, seven or eight hours ride to the north.

We were not long in getting out of sight, and then we breathed more freely and thanked God for our deliverance.

Arriving at the lower extremity of the lake, we met a man who informed us that there were several parties of Arabs in advance of us, and he urgently advised us to change our route.

Without further interruption or incident we arrived at Homs at half-past one o'clock, truly grateful to the kind Providence which had brought us safely through all the dangers of the way.

On Monday morning, I set out with a few moments to pick up my baggage, and, having done so, I immediately put on my double periscope that I might better understand the nature of the danger I was in, and the source from whence it proceeded.

Little before sunset we went into a Greek church near by, and remained till the time of the evening prayers. There were only twelve or fifteen present. The priest, in the usual nasal twang of his order, went rapidly through the service, after which some of the people paid their respects to the picture of the Saints and of the Virgin Mary.

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