

THE FATE OF THE APOSTLES.

St. Matthew was martyred in a city in Ethiopia.

St. Mark was dragged through the streets of Alexandria, in Egypt, till he expired.

St. Luke was hanged upon an olive tree in Greece.

St. John, after having been put into a caldron of boiling oil at Rome, and receiving no hurt, died a natural death at Ephesus, in Asia.

St. Peter was crucified at Rome, and, according to his request, with his head downward, thinking himself unworthy to die in the posture which his Lord had died.

St. James the Great was beheaded at Jerusalem.

St. James the Less was thrown from a pinnacle of the temple and beaten to death with a fullar's club.

St. Phillip was hanged against a pillar at Hierapolis, a city in Phrygia, till he expired.

St. Thomas was pierced through the body with a lance, at Corárandel, in the East Indies.

St. Bartholomew met his death by being flayed alive.

St. Jude was shot to death with arrows.

St. Simeon, the zealot, was crucified in Persia.

St. Andrew was bored to a cross, from which he preached till he expired.

St. Matthias was first stoned and afterward beheaded.

St. Barnabas was stoned to death by the Jews at Salamais.

St. Paul the great Apostle to the Gentiles, was beheaded at Rome by the tyrant Nero.

Such was the fate of the first preachers of the gospel of peace, according to tradition and the best accounts we have of their end, and truly they were "sent forth as sheep among wolves."