

New Zealand Tablet



V I E N N A.

VIENNA, the capital of the Austrian Empire, lies to the south of the Danube, on an arm of which river it is situated. It is a fine but unhealthy city, containing close upon 600,000 inhabitants, and possesses some splendid buildings, notably the Imperial Palace, the Palace of the Bolognese, and the Cathedral of St. Stephen. It is further remarkable for the beauty of its promenades and parks, the principal of its public places being that known as the Prater. The name of Vienna occupies a prominent position upon the page of history, but there are few who will be disposed to deny that the most important event which ever affected the fortunes of the city was the far-famed siege laid to it by the Turks in the year 1683. And now when the affairs of the nation, which at the time we allude to sent out its devastating hordes, have been again disastrously brought before us, the attempt then made by them and which had it been successful must have been attended with the worst consequences to Christendom generally, assumes for us a fresh interest.

In the beginning of July in the year we have spoken of, it was known in Vienna that Hungary was in a state of insurrection; moreover

