

SINCE BEGINNING OF HISTORY CALABRIA HAS BEEN SCOURGED

No Part of the Earth That Has Suffered So Severely from Earthquakes and Volcanic Eruptions—Contrast Between Ancient and Modern Times in Treatment of Disaster.

ITALIAN CITIES WHERE LOSS OF LIFE WAS HEAVIEST.

Cities in which loss of life was heaviest were as follows:

Messina, population 100,000; wrecked by shock and swept by tidal wave.	Reggio, population 60,000; destroyed.	Catania, population 140,000; in ruins.	Casertina, population 67,000; in ruins.	Cosenza, population 21,000; nearly all dead.	Seminara, small village, destroyed.	Scilla, population 7,800; in ruins.	Paterno, population 24,000; in ruins.	Vittoria, population 32,000; badly wrecked.	Naro, population 12,800; half destroyed.	Riposto, population 7,000; in ruins.	Alì, Mino, Patti and Castoreale, Sicilian towns, all badly damaged, with heavy loss of life.	Palmi, Bagnara, San Giovanni and Cannitello, Calabrian villages; all in ruins.
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The portion of Italy affected by the recent earthquake is the most volcanous-submarine region of the globe. The main area of disturbance was the extent of Greek cities on the island of Sicily were shaken and a tidal wave inundated that island's sea coast.

Notwithstanding the fact that since the beginning of history the ground in Calabria has been known to have the habit of opening as if to swallow up its inhabitants, the region has always been well populated. Nearly a million



and a half of cheerful, reckless people lived there. The Apennine mountains through the region for a distance of 100 miles, considerably reducing the area amenable to tillage, but the valleys and plains are among the most fertile anywhere in the world, yielding in abundance a variety of crops. The neighboring fisheries are important.

In respect of the property damage inflicted and the number of lives extinguished, as well as in respect of the extent of the disturbance, the earthquake far eclipses the great disasters of its type, such as that which destroyed Lisbon in 1755 and that which visited the western coast of South America in August, 1906.

Reign Always in Turmoil.

Probably no part of the earth of equal fertility, population and historic note has suffered more severely from earthquakes and volcanic eruptions than this part of the Mediterranean basin. From the beginnings of recorded history Stromboli has seldom been quiet. Vesuvius has been frequently in eruption, and Etna is always growing and periodically is in violent action.

With or without eruptions from these volcanic the region has felt disastrous earthquakes. In almost every century a serious eruption has been written. The eruption of Vesuvius which overwhelmed Pompeii and Herculaneum in 79 A. D. is most spoken of because of the relics of antiquity which is so strangely preserved, but within the last eight centuries there have been many earthquakes there about which caused great loss of life and property.

For instance, Catania, which is again visited, is said to have lost 15,000 people by earthquake in 1137 and was being wholly destroyed, with a loss of 40,000 lives in September, 1693. In this earthquake 54 Sicilian cities and towns and 200 villages were reported wrecked, with a total loss of 100,000 lives.

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