

before men, that others seeing their good works, may glorify our father, which is in heaven."

Whatever attainments we may have made, either as christians or as a church, let us beware of self elation. What have we that we did not receive. By the grace of God we are what we are, and him let us praise for any degree of faithfulness to his commands, we may have been enabled to exhibit. "I thank my God, through Jesus Christ, for you all."

It is lamentable that the character of this church should so soon have changed, and that instead of the virgin purity of its early condition, it should have become the cage of every unclean and hateful bird. Let us hope, however, that God has yet in store good things for that city, and that a Church shall yet be founded there, whose "faith shall be spoken of throughout the whole world." We may here mention that there have been for some time two Protestant places of worship in Rome, one for English residents and the other for Germans. The English Chapel, which is capable of holding five or six hundred persons, is generally well attended in the winter season, or rather from October to June, during which time many English and Americans visit Rome. The service is that of the Church of England. The German

Chapel will hold from two to three hundred persons, and has in general a considerable attendance. We observe also, that arrangements have been made for the opening of another, in connexion with the United States Consulate. But there is no Protestant worship for the natives of Rome. A few months ago, there was the prospect of soon seeing a flourishing Church there. By the labours of Dr. Achilli, a large number of copies of the Word of God were put in circulation, and it was evident that a taste was being awakened for its truths. But by the destruction of the Roman Republic by the French arms, these hopes have been for a time blighted. The intrepid bible distributor was committed to the tender mercies of the Inquisition, his recent release from which has excited the rejoicing of Christendom. But there is yet hope for that city, over which Popery has so long thrown its darkest shade. Dr. Achilli assures the people of Great Britain, that he has left there brethren of the same faith and hope with himself; and though the spiritual despotism of the Romish Church has been again established, yet God has written the doom of that gigantic system of delusion, and already we see the signs of the gathering storm, which will raze it from its foundations.

### Some Missions.

#### MEANS OF COUNTERACTING ROMANISM AND PRACTICAL HEATHENISM.

A great struggle is going on in our day, between light and darkness, and it is not easy to determine, which is on the whole in the ascendant. On the one hand, missionaries are labouring successfully in many heathen lands, and the bible is making inroads in the domains of Anti-Christ. On the other, we see many nominal christians, in the lands where the gospel light shines most brightly, being seduced back into popery; and great masses of practical heathenism remain untouched in the midst of professing christian lands. There can be no doubt that Satan and his emissaries are now especially active

in the countries where the gospel has been most clearly preached, and most extensively received. It is therefore the duty of christians, to be especially watchful, and active, that they may be able to withstand this (perhaps the last) great struggle of the adversary, to re-establish his shaken kingdom.

The chief danger to the cause of Christianity in these Provinces, appears to be in the Emigration from the Old World. Annually, large numbers of the votaries of Rome, and of those who are destitute of any form of religious belief, are landed on our shores; and they are fast rising to numerical importance among our population. Are we prepared contentedly to acquiesce in this increase of false religion or no,