

**INDICATIONS OF REVIVAL IN FRANCE.**—There are indications of an awakening or revival of religion in France. The *Mission Interieure* says: "We have called with our most ardent desires for the dawning of a new day—and, behold, the day dawns!" Reference is made to devotional meetings of a most pleasing and cheering kind in Paris. At a monthly meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, meetings were held such as had never before taken place in Paris. At the closing meeting, above 300 persons, with 30 pastors of various denominations, united in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

**ITALY.**—We learn from *Evangelical Christendom* that the Rev. Jas. Davis has just paid a very interesting visit to Italy. An Italian branch of the Alliance has been organized, with committees in various places. It is hoped that before long there may be a meeting of the great Alliance itself in Rome. In the meantime it is pleasing to find that all the Italian brethren agree to give open and substantial evidence of their union in the best of bonds—their faith in a common Redeemer.

**ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS IN SCOTLAND.**—True friends of the Established Church cherished the idea that the abolition of patronage could pave the way for the return of all Presbyterians to the Establishment. This is not at all likely to be the case. While the Established Church maintains that she has all the freedom that Presbyterians can desire, the Free Church declares that she is still as subject to the State as ever, and that union with her in her present state is, for all Free Presbyterian Churches, utterly impossible. It is likely that before long dis-establishment will be the great practical question of Scotland. Already large and enthusiastic meetings have been held in the leading cities, at which strong resolutions on the subject have been passed.

**INTEMPERANCE.**—We observe that in almost every country, very prominently in Britain, in the United States and in Canada, intemperance is, in some form or other, attracting public attention, especially in connection with the license question. It seems amazing that in civilized and Christian countries the evil should have been allowed to reach the magnitude to which it has attained. The multiplication of places where intoxicating liquor is to be obtained—many of them simply drinking places—no doubt has much to do with the increase of intemperance; and the reduction of the number, especially in our large cities, is a work which should call forth and unite the energies of the friends of religion and morality. The evil is a gigantic one, and needs to be met with vigour.

**SPAIN.**—The accession of King Alfonso to the Spanish throne does not augur well for the evangelization of the country. It is to be feared that the work may be suppressed, and Popery again hold unmitigated sway.

**DEATH OF REV. DR. FORBES, OF GLASGOW.**—Intelligence has just been received of the death of Dr. John Forbes, of Glasgow. Dr. Forbes was an able preacher, and ever highly respected in the Church and community. His attainments as a mathematician led to his being chosen as a corresponding member of the Royal Institution of France, a distinction reached by but few Scotchmen.

**THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—A conference has recently taken place at Baltimore between committees of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches. The object was to confer as to friendly correspondence between the two bodies. The conference ended without having accomplished anything.