

mighty to the pulling down of the strongholds of error and superstition. They also demonstrate that in spite of the unremitting hatred of the priests, and their often successful efforts to prevent its reception by the people, there are strong feelings of discontent and resistance latent. These by God's blessing will ere long break forth openly, and even now manifest themselves in an increased willingness to receive the missionaries and listen to their reading and exposition of the Bible and kindred literature. Several instances are given of the painful superstition in which the church of Rome nurtures her votaries, and notices are given of the encouraging labour among the French and Italian immigrants. These results cannot but interest the friends of the Redeemer and call forth more prayer, so ardently desired by the missionaries, for a plentiful outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that a rich harvest of souls to the glory of the Lord Jesus may be gathered in.

I.—ENCOURAGING RESULTS OF MISSIONARY WORK.

*The Gospel Message Welcomed.*—I went to see an old man, eighty-three years old, who was very sick. After I had read to him about the sufferings of Christ, he shed tears. I tried to make him understand salvation by grace and by faith. He said to me, "is it really true that God will receive me just as I am?" "Yes," I said "if you believe with all your heart that Jesus came to save your soul from eternal death." As both he and the family were so well disposed, I left them a Testament and some tracts, which they thankfully accepted.—J. V.

*Steadfast in the Faith.*—In two places I visited, I found the converts still adhering to the truth as in Jesus, making progress in knowledge, and I hope also in sanctification. At S. we had a precious time reading the Scriptures

together. At L. the friends were anxiously waiting for me to get spiritual food. There is a new family that takes great delight in the Gospel.—A. S.

*An earnest enquirer.*—At H. I visited a poor woman to whom I had given a Testament some years since. She expressed great pleasure at seeing me, and at her request I read her the parable of the prodigal son. I afterwards explained it, and she said she understood it just in that sense. While in a house one day she had heard my wife pray, which had done her much good. I prayed with her, and on leaving she begged me to come often. This woman cannot read well, but the way in which her Testament was marked, showed that she had not neglected it.—E. R.

*Searching for the Truth.*—A commercial traveller came into the Depository and said he had some conversation with a fellow boarder, who had lent him a Bible, and directed him to me. He told me his mind was troubled about the doctrines of his church, but he had no other guide but the priest, whose explanations were not satisfactory to him. After I had explained the various contradictions and blasphemous errors of the Romish Church, he exclaimed, "that is enough, I have done with the Church, and now I am no longer afraid to meet any priest upon this subject." He bought a Bible and a pamphlet, and promised to come back. One thing he dreaded was the grief of his parents by leaving the Church of Rome. A few days afterwards an Italian, whom I had been an instrument in the Lord's hand some years since in bringing out of Romanism, called, and I found out that it was he who had sent the young man to me.—L. V. B.

*The Gospel listened to.*—I have the pleasure now to see at our Sabbath morning service several Roman Catholic gentlemen with their wives, also young men and women, but their at-