

by the realities of war is very notable.—Theatres are closed; churches are thronged; devotion is not frowned down or sneered at; and the Bible and good books have an unprecedented circulation.

The nations who are spectators of the war are also learning important lessons from what they behold. Thrones built on violence and iniquity have been overwhelmed in ruin. Kings are not saved by the multitude of their hosts. The avenger smites the tyrant sooner or later, however hoary and venerable his tyranny. A power that ignores God and shuts out God's truth, and persecutes God's people, is sure to be destroyed by the breath of God's mouth.—We have seen within the past four months events that would make half a century illustrious. On the 13th July the Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church united in their final vote in the Council, giving to their Pope the attribute of Infallibility. Two days after that vote, negotiations between France and Prussia ceased and a state of war commenced. The first act of the "Infallible" Pope was a futile attempt to stop the war,—a war between the Emperor who for twenty years maintained the Temporal power of the Pope, and the principal Protestant monarch in Europe. Caesarism in the State, and centralized Infallibility in the Church stood together and fell together. The connection between the fall of Napoleon and of the Pope was not arbitrary or accidental. The liberty wherewith God endows his people is forever at war with error and wrong and oppression in Church and State. Whoever plants himself as an obstacle in the way of truth and right will be overwhelmed and overthrown as Louis Napoleon and Pio Nono have been. Thanks be to the King of kings and Lord of lords that He is making His righteous judgments manifest in the earth, and avenging the blood of His servants the witnesses for the truth, who have fallen by reason of the machinations and the cruelty of Rome and her supporters. The hour of just judgment has come. We have lived to see a part at least of the doom of the mystic Babylon!

What shall we render to the Lord for the peace and comfort of our own lot?—

The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places; we have a goodly heritage. Our cities are not subjected to bombardment, starvation, fire and sword; our fields are not trodden by the feet of foemen; our food is not devoured by a hungry soldiery; our homes are not saddened by wailing over husbands, sons, brothers slain in battle.—Let us bless God for His great mercy towards us, and let us show our gratitude by earnest efforts to advance the kingdom of the Prince of Peace. The wide world is open now to the colporteur, to the missionary, to all sorts of evangelistic enterprises. Rome itself is now free and open to the Gospel. There is joy in Heaven, there should be great joy in all christian lands, over this glorious consummation. Let us hasten by every means in our power the overthrow of the kingdom of Satan and the universal triumph of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

CHRISTIAN LIBERALITY.

It has been well said that if the glorious work of evangelizing the world is ever performed, it must be by generations of Christians *trained* to large, frequent and conscientious giving from their youth. We are happy to notice that this training is going on. In religious Magazines and Records, in published sermons and tracts, the subject is much more frequently discussed now than at any previous time. The Society, of which Dr. Cather is agent, has kept the subject pretty constantly before the Christian people of Great Britain. The increase in the number of free places of worship in London and New York, and from those downward, is surprising to those who have not marked the progress of the change, and gratifying to those who have.

We have offered these remarks to introduce to notice some little works on the subject, which may be procured very cheaply from Mr. McBean, of the British American Book Store in Granville Street. We notice—

First, "Giving made easy and pleasant." 16 pages, by Rev. John Ross of Hackney.