

increasing greatly, even under the shadow of the Vatican, while the Waldensian and Free Italian Churches, with many, foreign agencies, are actively prosecuting the work of evangelization.

The Spanish mission at Toledo, under Mr. Knapp, a Baptist, lost a pastor, an evangelist, a teacher and an organist to Rome, and the Papists have not yet stopped rejoicing. The other Christians stand fast, and many are being gathered into the fellowship of the various Protestant Churches. The attempt upon the life of the King of Spain seems to have strengthened the hands of the constitutional party, and the efforts of the young monarch to improve the morals of the nobility have not been without effect.

Holland has not been behind Scotland, England and France in the matter of tercentenaries. The celebration of the taking of Brill, which laid the foundation of Dutch civil and religious liberty, belongs to the past year. The convention of Young Men's Christian Associations was held in this Presbyterian land, whose Established and Free Churches are awaking into new life, and bid fair to make their influence felt as in the days of the Synod of Dort.

In Sweden and Norway a strong churchly spirit still prevails, but more liberality exists than for many long years has been manifested in Scandinavia. The Baptists and Methodists are hard at work among the dead masses of conventional Lutheranism, but unhappily the Mormons follow close at the heels of these evangelical labourers. In Russia the distribution of Bibles is still carried on with vigour. An Armenian Protestant Church at Shamaki, on the Caspian, was destroyed by the shock of an earthquake, and twenty of the worshippers were killed on the spot, while many of the wounded have since died. The Bulgarians of Turkey have quarrelled with the Greek Patriarch of Constantinople, and are making advances toward Protestantism. A revival has taken place in Nicomedia, a region celebrated in the history of the early Church. The Protestant Churches in Marash, on the confines of Syria and Asia Minor, were never in so flourishing a state. A destructive earthquake in Syria laid the ancient city of Antioch in ruins.

The assassination of Earl Mayo in India has called attention to the Mahomedan influence still working in that unhappy land. The influence of undenominational Universities and Colleges, has led to fears, that while the Hindoos are heathenizing England, the English may heathenize India. Missionary labours are abundant; the Free Church schools and colleges are doing good service in education, and the large numbers of children thrown upon the hands of the United Presbyterian missionaries are being carefully instructed in the truth. Burmah still brings forth fruit in its old age. The new Mahomedan Kingdom of Tali, within the bounds of the Chinese Empire, is seeking to strengthen itself by European alliances, and has opened communications with the many followers of the false prophet in the Flowery Land. Mission work goes on vigorously in many places, and