

The *Società Emancipatrice*, established some time ago to protest against the temporal power of the Pope, the celibacy of the clergy, the performance of the church services in an unknown tongue, and to ask the Bible for the people, still exists in a somewhat feeble way in Florence and Naples. In one of the last numbers of its organ, *L'Emancipatore Catolico*, its members memorialized the Roman Council, threatening to leave the Church and protest if reform were not introduced. They can hardly call Infallibility reform.

The great thunder-storm in the heavens above at mid-day on the 18th of July, when the Pope read the decree of Infallibility by the light of a taper, was significant of great commotions attended with gloom on the earth beneath.

SPAIN.—In Valladolid, Guadalajara, Avila and Segovia, the Gospel has been winging its way with amazing rapidity and success. Antonio Aguayo, a Romish priest at Madrid, of somewhat advanced, yet not very clear evangelical views, has agreed with some friends in the establishment of a national free Christian Church, with a creed based on the Holy Scriptures, the Apostles, the Nicene and the Athanasian creeds, and the acts of the first four Councils. The form of this new Church is Presbyterian. Many priests, and those in particular at Avila, having left Rome, are engaged on the side of truth. The opposition of the old Catholics is strong, and infamous falsehoods are framed for the purpose of exciting the people against their Protestant teachers. The Bishop of Gibraltar was recently met at Jerez by a deputation from 1,200 Spaniards, who asked for a Protestant minister, determining never to return to Rome. That Protestant clergyman informed them that proselytism from Rome was not desired by him, and that he could do nothing to aid them.

INDIA.—At Simla there is a Union Church, consisting of members of the Scottish Establishment, Free, United Presbyterian, Irish Presbyterian, Independent, Wesleyan and Baptist Churches, with a large number of evangelical members of the Church of England, forming fully one-half of the congregation.

The Brahmos of Bombay recently entertained to dinner a native lawyer, a Protestant connected with the Church of England. He was set off at the end of a table by himself, for fear of ceremonial defilement to the brave Brahmos; and even then, when some conservative Hindoos sat on the proceeding, it was found that both host and guests had broken caste. They had, therefore, in spite of their liberal pretensions, to drink water that had been poured over an idol in order to retain caste. Very humiliating for Baboo Keshub Chunder Sen.

CHINA.—The action of the French, English and Russian Governments in demanding the punishment of the murderers of the French and Russian missionaries and others, and compensation for the injuries inflicted by the rioters upon the mission cause and the French Consulate, will, doubtless, have a beneficial influence upon Chinese missions in general. The Celestials have been some time without a show of European force, and it appears that nothing short of the terrors of bombardment will bring their dislike to foreigners and foreign influence into a passive state. It is matter of great regret that incapable plenipotentiaries, possessing little regard for religion, both on the side of the Chinese and the European powers, should have given encouragement to the lawless spirit that has been exhibited with such fatal results.