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tured twelve months ago to pray audibly in the presence of their nearest relatives, can now, with calm composure, and with great appropriateness, lead the devotions of a large assembly.' And the activity of the members of the church we have witnessed, in all these ways, everywhere in Ulster."

These statements are most cheering, and show that the Presbyterian church in Ireland is becoming practically Methodist, and we are sure our Wesleyan friends there will greatly rejoice that such assistance is rendered in diminishing the power of the "man of sin." Contrast these fruits of revival in Ireland, with the fruits of Mohamedanism in Syria, and mark the difference, Satan triumphs in blood and murder—Jesus sways the sceptre of life and peace. Pray ye that the truth of Christianity may every where prevail!

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### THE ITALIAN QUESTION.

With the complications and agitations of Italy most people are familiar. How they have been partially adjusted, and then again reopened, and still continue unsettled, we need not here recapitulate. The Divine Ruler has a controversy to settle, and until the decision is attained, which shall be accordant with His Sovereign will, the strife will continue. He will overturn, overturn, overturn, until he comes, whose right it is to reign over all nations, and therefore he "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God, sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God," must be dethroned. The usurpations of the papacy have a predicted end, and the end draweth nigh. Of the political issues we do not venture an opinion, we look at all these commotions in their religious aspect, and we hail the

appearance of freedom for all the oppressed nationalities. The latest Christian intelligence satisfies our mind that the prospect of a great religious revival is before the Church of Christ in the Kingdom of Sardinia, for since the peace of Villafranca and the great events resulting therefrom, thousands of copies of the sacred Scriptures have been put into circulation, means are used for a general issue, and it will add to the grounds for Christian joyfulness, when we state on good authority that in most places throughout Italy the word of God is eagerly sought after and cheerfully received. We cannot but look with interest on the movements of Garibaldi and his hosts, when we have assurance that he seeks the good and welfare of mankind—the emancipation of millions from the thralldom of the direst of oppressors. We wish him success. Who that loves the souls of men—who that believes in human freedom, can desire the continuance of such a rule as that of the imbecile, cruel and bigoted King of Naples? Such a government as he controls, or is controlled by, cannot be long a possibility. It is doomed, and the truth of Christ shall be proclaimed freely and successfully in those lands where Paul preached, and again, it shall be known even in Rome that the gospel "is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth." The successes of the Italian hero would lead us to suppose that he has a message from God to Venetia and Rome. Mighty hosts have sometimes trampled on righteousness and overthrown the good, but seldom has the few overcome the many, except when the strength of truth was in the heart of the numerically feeble. We say God speed the right and let the oppressed go free.