

parts of Italy, excepting Venetia, and what remains to the Pope of the former 'Patrimony of St. Peter.' Rev Dr Stewart of Leghorn has twelve colporters under his direction, and derives the money to support them from friends in Scotland."

They write from Naples that Gavazzi is showing himself more and more zealous and indefatigable in the work of evangelization. He preaches every week two conversational sermons directed against the Roman Church, and six sermons of instruction and edification. He meddles less and less with politics in his discourses, and it is remarked with joy that these are becoming more and more purely evangelical. There are always crowds at his predication.

REVIVALS ON THE SEA.—It was lately announced in the Mariner's church, New York, that in three ships of war belonging to the Gulf Squadron, now stationed off Pensacola, a daily prayer-meeting is held. There is a most earnest interest on the subject of religion, and some conversions are taking place from time to time. The pastor said also that he had received letters from the Niagara, when at Kanagawa, Japan, giving a detailed account of a sailors' prayer-meeting, held by twenty-five pious sailors on shore, in an idol's temple. It was a most animating meeting, and these devoted men of the sea thought that the glorious times of the millennium were just at hand when this could be done—a sailor's prayer-meeting held in a heathen temple! Cheering news was also communicated from some of the ships in the African Squadron, and some of the men had signified their intention of leaving the sea as soon as possible, to enter upon a course of preparation for the Gospel ministry. One or two had already done so.—*Presbyterian*.

THE NATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY.—In Ulster there were 1,602 schools, with 72,888 Protestant children of all denominations and 81,414 Catholics. In Munster there were 433 schools, with 1,974 Protestant children and 49,092 Catholics. In Leinster 509 schools, with 3,108 Protestant children and 48,890 Catholics. In Connaught 354 schools, with 2,147 Protestant children and 35,737 Catholics. The totals were 2,898 schools, with 80,117 Protestant and 215,133 Catholic scholars.

ITALY AND PROTESTANTISM.—Travelers in Italy soon become aware of the fact, that while a real protest against the odious authority of the Pope is active, growing, and all but universal, the name of Protestantism is repudiated with warmth. Luther was a heretic and a reprobate, and he was the father of Protestantism. Italy united and free, is still to be Catholic Italy. No Pope, in the sense of No King-Pope, if you please; but No Protestantism either. Such ideas and sentiments you meet at every turn; the people are becoming virtual Protestants while repudiating the name. Private letters from Italy illustrate this view continually, and we have seen one curious instance of such illustration. A Protestant conversing with an Italian patriot, had for some time been eliciting these usual sentiments, when they were interrupted in a narrow street by a crowd gathered at a shop window, where they were told there was a picture of a friar burning the Pope's allocation. They supposed, of course, it was the recent allocation; and the people were grinning with delight. But on looking into the window it was found that the object of popular approbation was a picture of Martin Luther casting the Pope's Bull into the fire at Wittenburg. This was an apt text for a homily on the identity of free Catholicism and Protestantism. And if the Italians begin to look with pleasure on the portrait of Luther burning the bulls of the Pope, they will go further ere long. When political emancipation shall have given liberty to the Bible in Italy, the Bible in turn will soon make Italy the scene of true spiritual freedom. How curiously and wonderfully the double work of the sword of war and the sword of the Spirit is seen going forward together in so many lands!—*The Compass*.

There is an increase of £3,353 2s. 6d. in the Sustentation Fund of the Free Church of Scotland for the present year.

The Court of Session will not deliver judgment in the Cardross Case till about midsummer.

The Session of Knox's College, Toronto, was closed in April. Three students completed their course, and are candidates for license.

The Union is to be consummated between the Presbyterian (Free) Church