

Here and there, of course, there are combative Christians, men of war from their youth; but they constitute the very small minority, and with an outpouring from on high they would be carried away as by a flood in the common sympathy and Christian fellowship of the vast majority of Italian Evangelicals. Most of the appreciable bitterness is imported by foreign friends of one or another denomination, who still insist upon their way as the only good and true way to bless this country. This, however, is but as dust in the balance. The various Churches are learning to respect one another. There is less trenching on each other's territory, and a better understanding of the difficulties common to all. There is felt to be no need for Ephraim to vex Judah, nor Judah Ephraim, for there is much land to be possessed, and room for a larger number of tribes than have yet entered in. So that, even apart from a revival, for which many hearts are longing, I shall be surprised if soon there is not a congress of workers, and an adoption by all of the best and most practical plans in every department of Italian evangelization.

### THE GOSPEL IN FRANCE.

The Reformed Church is a degree less agitated since the Rationalists are convinced, by the cancelling of their elections as illegal, that the Government regards the Synod as the true representative of official Protestantism. They perceive that the people whom they have endeavoured to gain by the unfairest of means cannot long be kept in ignorance as to the true state of things, and they are evidently intimidated in some quarters. It is a matter of rejoicing to see the pure orthodox truth, too often frozen up into a block of ice, receiving some of those beams which cause it to flow in living streams.

Pastor after pastor are leaving their semi-rationalism, controversial tendencies, and polemical strife for a higher reach of heavenly ambition and loving action; and in some places Roman Catholics and Rationalists who have attended the meetings for furthering the attainment of a higher Christian life, have come out confounded, saying there is *reality* here!

### MEETINGS OF THE REV. R. W. M'ALL

are increasingly frequented, and are bringing forth evident fruit. The following letter from Professor Rosseeuw, St. Hilaire, will show how much this work is appreciated, not only by the working men who frequent them, but also by those of a higher class of mind who have had opportunity to become acquainted with it: "I am happy to record my testimony in favour of a work with which every Christian in France ought to account it a privilege to associate himself, in rendering to its excellent founder, the Rev. R. W. M'All, the tribute of gratitude and affection. As a humble but devoted fellow-labourer during more than a year in this blessed work, to which it has pleased God to grant a success surpassing all that we had ventured to hope for, it is possible that I am so placed as to be able more fully than many others to appreciate the ever-growing sympathy with which simple Gospel appeals are received among our people—a people so easy to attract, so difficult to hold steadfast. That which astonishes me in this work, which no one could have ventured to imagine possible before our disasters, but which has found hearts prepared to respond to its appeals, is not its success, nor its extension, but its permanence. Not that we delude ourselves by building too much upon the results already realized. While seeing these listeners so intent, so sympathetic, drinking in so eagerly the words addressed to them, we have need often