

now reach Italy from Switzerland, *under it*, in five and twenty minutes. A railway has also been completed, running from the level of the Bay of Naples, up the slopes of Vesuvius to the verge of the crater.

Scarcely has any ecclesiastical appointment given more satisfaction to the friends of evangelical truth, than that of the Rev. J. C. Ryle to the Bishoprick of the newly constituted Diocese of Liverpool. Mr. Ryle is the author of some of the most widely known and valuable devotional tracts in the English language. "His appointment," says *Evangelical Christendom*, "is a guarantee that in the new diocese now constituted Ritualism and Ritualistic innovations, whether in doctrine or worship, will find no favour, and that if they hold or gain ground, it will not be as the result of episcopal encouragement."

Reports of some of the May meetings in London have been received. At the British and Foreign Bible Society's 76th Anniversary, Exeter Hall was crowded. The Report acknowledges receipt of funds sufficient to carry on the year's work and make up for the deficiencies of the past two or three years. More than a quarter of the free income was from legacies. One friend donates £1000 for colportage in China. The interior of that country is widely traversed by colporteurs and the work hopeful. Japan, with its 35,000,000 of people, is making amazing progress in the path of religious liberty. A native christian bookseller last year, as a private venture, brought out an edition of a portion of the Bible in Japanese.

BREVITIES.


In the present British House of Commons, there are eight or nine Quakers, sixteen Unitarians, five Jews, and one Atheist.

The French Senate, by a majority of 55 has passed the first reading of a Bill to repeal the law of 1814, which rendered obligatory the observance of Sabbaths and holidays.

There are fourteen hundred millions of people in the world, and one thousand millions have not yet heard the Gospel.

A Missionary labouring amongst ten thousand Fijians says:—"I do not know a single house in which there is not family worship."

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