

down to the basement rooms and prayed with him. He blessed my lips when he left me, and I promised to visit him soon.

## Mission Work in European Countries.

### ITALY.

This country, whose commission, entrusted with the selection of primary school text-books not many years ago, decided to exclude every book in which appeared the name of God, is now raising up statesmen who are acknowledging His power.

The Church of Rome, in spite of a seeming change of attitude, still keeps the Bible as far as possible from the people. The Bible societies, however, are doing a grand work in putting the Word within the reach of young and old.

The mission of Pastor Cav. Capellini to soldiers in Rome has now been in existence for twenty-two years. The Military Church began its life amid conflicts with priests and Jesuitism; and although the Church of Rome has never ceased its persecution, and just now is making every effort to draw away converts by opposition services and to otherwise hinder the work, yet every year greater progress has been made.

The Waldensian Church, of historic note, numbering over 20,000, and forming the bulk of Italian Protestants, reports as one result of its mission work, 44 churches, 63 stations, 43 ordained pastors, 6 evangelists, 76 other helpers, 5,018 communicants, and 55,194 adherents. This Church has recently passed through a remarkable spiritual revival, and almost daily meetings have been held with undoubted manifestations of the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Evangelical Church in Italy reports 26 churches, 35 stations, 132 places visited regularly, 21 ordained and 10 unordained preachers, over 50 other regular helpers, 1,697 communicants, and 6,315 adherents. Work has been carried on amid much opposition from the Church of Rome and in the face of serious difficulties arising from hard times, emigration, and the prevalent indifference, superstition and infidelity.

The Sunday School Union of Italy shows encouraging vitality. The number of schools which have joined the Association is 203. There are 9,444 scholars on the list, and those actually frequenting the schools regularly are 8,605.

### FRANCE.

Statistics of Protestant churches in France report Protestant houses of worship in 781 localities, 887 Reformed pastors in charge of congregations,