

who were thus turned aside, there had possible been no belief in Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah at all. The creed of the Unitarian, or the Rationalist, is already Judaism in unbelief; and is wanting in certain elements which even Judaism has.

A great plague of locusts has again fallen on Galilee. The insects seem to be of a peculiarly horrible character, and they illustrate powerfully the well-known description of the prophet Joel. Here is the appearance of one of them, given in the 'Jewish Chronicle,'—"Its size is that of a bird; its length exceeds a hand-breadth and a half; its head is like that of a lion, and upon its head it has two horns; it has six feet, which resemble saws and sharp swords, with which and with its teeth it devours every plant; its color is reddish or greenish."

A proposal has been put forth by M. Dunant, of Gen'va, for the colonisation of the Holy Land. It is attracting considerable attention from the influence which its author is supposed to have on such subjects with the French Emperor. The scheme is, that an international society should raise funds for developing the resources and colonising the waste places of Palestine. A railway from Jaffa to Jerusalem is one prominent part of the undertaking. An Israelitish emigration from various lands is another. "Its programme," says M. Dunant, "at the same time economic, humanitarian, scientific, &c., is also international. Influential men in France, England, and elsewhere, are favorably disposed to the scheme."

#### A Child's Thought of Heaven.

Our little Frank, when about four years old, was playing in his mother's room, who was busy reading. As the sound of his play had ceased, she looked up to see what was the matter. She found he was lying on the floor, looking up out of the window at the clear, blue sky, which, from our suburban residence, could be seen to great advantage.

He gazed for some time with an earnest, puzzled look. At length his lips began to move. Closing her book and listening attentively, his mother caught the following soliloquy, which is given *verbatim*, as it murmured from his own childish lips:

"Heaven is a great way off. I wonder how I can get there? Oh! I know how. I will get a ladder, and put it on the top of a great big tree. Then I'll climb up and knock at the door of heaven. Then God will open the door and say, 'Who is there?' And I'll say, 'It's me—little Frankie.' Then God will open the door and say, 'Come in, little Frankie.'"—*S. S. Times.*

#### Notes of the Month.

THE war in Europe having closed, the con-

solidation of the Prussian acquisitions goes forward. Rumor speaks of a close alliance between France, Italy and Prussia. The French claims are, however, not abandoned. A new order of things is rising in the political state of Europe. The people of Britain are congratulating themselves upon a good harvest. Patriotic men, who wish well to their country, must lament the wholesale bribery which has been proved to be practiced at many elections. These facts must have an influence upon the question of Reform in the franchise qualification. With the lowering of franchise, corruption will increase. There is among the people generally an apathy on the subject, which no monster meetings got up by political agitators have not sufficed to remove.

THE Roman Catholic organs speak despondingly of the prospects of the Pope, when the French troops leave Rome, as to all appearance they are about to do. Should he remain in Rome, he will of course receive the protection of a citizen; but will the nations of the world continue their submission even in spiritual matters to a citizen of Victor Emmanuel? Will they have faith in the independence of his judgment in spiritual things? Will they not suspect illegitimate influences? And thus will he retain his spiritual power in the world? These are questions. The temporal power and Popery are indeed different things, but will the loss of the former not impair the influence of the latter? Apart from other arguments of weight, such as the loss of prestige, the acknowledgement of bad government and the contingency of the Bishop of Rome being no longer able to live in Rome—his diocese, we would be inclined to answer the last question in the affirmative.

IN this country, we have been celebrating the successful close of the Atlantic Cable enterprise—the scientific glory of our age—an awful mystery proclaiming that in this our earthly dwelling place we are in constant contact with invisible forces that Almighty power can employ to bless or blast, to beautify or burn the earth, as may be most for His glory. The triumphs of science will tempt no man of enlightened piety to deity man, but to behold the littleness of man brought into comparison with the power and goodness of the Almighty, who permits a puny creature to place his puny hand upon, and use for his little purposes, a mechanism which, turned against himself, would destroy him in a moment. It is generally admitted that the picking up of the Cable of 1865 is the greater feat. The grappling line was nearly three miles long. In ten minutes an answer was received from London, and cheers arose from the middle of the ocean. By the other Cable the news was also sent at once to America. There has been a controversy as to the claims of Messrs. Field, Gisborne, and Morse, to be the projec-