

thousand. We rejoice to learn that they excited much interest, and in more than one place have been attended with beneficial results. It is worthy of remark, that the Bishop of Liege, terrified by the progress which Protestantism has made in his diocese, has recently addressed a letter to his clergy and laity, putting them on their guard against the "new doctrines," and urging them to use efforts to prevent their further spread. As a means of attaining that end, he recommends every member of his flock generously to contribute to the erection of a new church.

Holland.

A large proportion of the Ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church are Neologians. They maintain that the Bible is a human book, not the word of God, but in which the word of God must be sought; that the Son of God is not God, but a creature next to God; that the Holy Ghost is not a power as the Father and the Son; that to the salvation of sinners no satisfaction at all to God's vindictive righteousness was required; that the death of the Lord Jesus was only a manifestation of the greatness of sin, and a testimony of God's unconditioned love, and no suffering and death in our place; that to adore the Son as true God is idolatry; to see in His propitiating sacrifice the ransom of sin, *blood-theology*; to assert the infallibility of the apostolic writings, apostle-worship; in short, in all those doctrines, by which the unity of the living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the corruption of human nature, the indispensableness and all-sufficiency of the sacrifice once finished on the cross, the necessity of conversion and sanctification, are denied or disputed, and by which the mysteries of the Holy Scriptures, which the natural man regards as folly, and cannot understand, 'because they are spiritually discerned,' are argued away 'through philosophy and vain deceit,' in conformity with the claims of corrupted reason.

Meetings have been held by the Evangelical portion of the Ministers to discuss these and kindred topics, and to seek a revival of religion. Good effects are anticipated.

Sardinia.

The Constitution recently granted by the king contains a declaration that "all existing forms of religion shall be tolerated."

It is understood that the way is now open for the circulation of the Scriptures, and other Evangelical efforts, in that country.

At a feast held at Turin, to celebrate the granting of a constitution, the Vaudois who attended were placed in seats of honour. What a change!

Russia.

There are nearly two millions of Lutherans in Russia, and nearly three millions of Roman Catholics. The St. Petersburg Protestant Synod has recently adopted resolutions which will probably lead to a revival of piety. They are, 1. The formation of Sunday-schools in the three larger German congregations of the capital: to commence in August, 1847. 2nd. The establishment of a week-day Divine service in all the Lutheran Churches of St. Petersburg, to commence in October last. 3rd. A regular course of visiting from house to house, to which the pastors pledged themselves, in their respective parishes, in order to form a more intimate acquaintance with the religious state and wants of their hearers, reports of which are to be delivered in from time to time to the President. 4th. That for all those members of the Lutheran Communion to whom the Russian language has become the most familiar and current, religious treatises on Protestant doctrine, and, above all, the Lutheran Catechism, shall be provided in the Russian tongue. 5th. That to those pupils in the Protestant Seminary, whose knowledge of German is imperfect, religious instruction shall henceforth be imparted in Russian. And lastly, that for all these weighty reasons, Lutheran preachers shall be required to make themselves so far masters of that language as to be able to converse in it, with such of their hearers, as from long residence in Russia, or much intercourse with its natives, have become in a manner estranged from their mother tongue. This loss of their native language has been found lamentably to facilitate the proselyting efforts of the Greek Popes, as well as to foster that fanaticism (the offspring of an alarmed and ill-informed conscience) and its invariable concomitant, disorderly nervous excitement, which commenced in Bessarabia and Grusino some time since, through the instrumentality of a sect of *Jumpers*, whose wildly fanatic and (generally) midnight assembling, the government has striven (but of course vainly) to suppress, by penal enactment and corporeal punishments. For this, as for all other illusory religious *convictions*, no effectual cure can be found but in Bible instruction, by which these poor devotees would learn, that "bodily exercise profiteth little," and that the Kingdom of God neither consisteth in, (nor can be advanced by), "meat or drink," or any outward observance or abstinence, but is essentially "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Such religious effervescences occur in all rude states of society. They were rife in Sweden some years since; nor are they yet wholly suppressed. In Grusino and Bessarabia they