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THE RELIGIOUS SITUATION IN ITALY

beautiful evangelical churches exist, the crowd comes of its own free will. We may also add that means to carry on the work are scarce, and when means are lacking many things which would be useful cannot be done. Nevertheless the work of faith continues on a modest scale, but without faltering, and God, Who does not abandon those who trust in Him, cannot but bless the work to which the Waldenses and others have given in the past, and give to-day, their best energies, convinced as they are that the greatness of the country is inseparable from the knowledge and application of the truths of the revelation of Christ.

By way of conclusion to this brief sketch of the evangelical movement we wish to add one word to those brethren who do not seem to regard with sufficient sympathy the work which the evangelicals are fulfilling in Italy. May we remind them of the world-wide importance of this task of forwarding the penetration of the Gospel, world-wide because an Italy more completely penetrated by the Gospel of Christ would, for obvious reasons, represent a great benefit not only for the Italians, but for all the world.

The Eternal City

It is safe to assert that no other single city has ever exercised such a great influence, political and religious, as Rome. She has passed through many vicissitudes of fortune. The population which, at the dawn of the second century, reached 1,200,000, had declined to 55,000 at the opening of the sixteenth. At the beginning of the Fascist régime it was about 700,000 and is now over a million.

The greatness of ancient Rome was ascribed by her historians to the 'rare and almost incredible alliance of virtue and fortune.' Byron, visiting her in the days of her decadence, called her the 'Lone mother of dead empires. . . . The Niobe of nations.' Yet to-day she flourishes once more, and, whether in art, history or religion, and increasingly in politics, her place and influence cannot be ignored.

There are a number of evangelical churches in Rome, the principal ones being those of the Waldensians, Methodists and Baptists. There is also an agency of the British and Foreign Bible Society, a theological college, and other centres of evangelical work.