

Pope at Rome; and those efforts were directed, not to lead perishing sinners to Christ, but to make Romanists of them; and we have too much reason to believe that this so-called conversion was but a mere form. The Jesuits went forth on their mission, and with a zeal worthy of a better cause did they perform it. In those days steamers and railroads were unheard-of, roads and public conveyances were seldom found by the solitary traveller, and yet we read of the Jesuits in every corner of the World. They climbed over the great Wall of China, learned the language, dressed themselves like Chinese, and thus in disguise penetrated as far as Peking, which, you know, is the capital of China and the abode of the Emperor. In South America, long before any other white men had settled there, the Jesuits made their way through vast wildernesses, and began their labours among the savage tribes: and so it was in every part of the World. But God did not appear to bless their labours, for all the trials and privations which they endured have produced but little effect. The savage tribes, which for years have had priests among them, are savage still, or, if they have thrown aside one species of idolatry, it was but to assume another of a less revolting description.

Let us tell you, for instance, how the Jesuits often made what they called Converts to the Romish Church. Imagine yourselves in China on the banks of one of the immense rivers which traverse that wonderful country, and through which the usual mode of travelling is in boats. Near some beautiful pagoda, as a Chinese temple is called, the Jesuits land and find numbers of the Chinese worshipping. These last are soon collected, for they are full of curiosity, and, like the people of Athens, of whom you remember to have read in the Bible, are always ready *either to tell or to hear some new thing*. The Jesuits preach to them, get them to repeat some Latin words of which they do not understand the meaning, and then sprinkle holy water over the multitude, whom they call baptized, and triumphantly number among their Converts. You may well exclaim, Can such things be true? Alas! they are, and thousands of converts, whom the Jesuits made during the last century, had no more claim to be called Christians than what we have described.

While Rome, and especially a college there for the education of Priests, of which you may have heard as the "College of the Propaganda," was thus active in spreading a false faith, the Protestant Churches slumbered. In our own beloved Kirk of Scotland towards the close of the last century, as you will see, a