

also been opened for the laborers. Twenty Romanists attend; some to learn to read, others to use their knowledge of reading in searching the Holy Scriptures."

Turning from the favored west, it is delightful to find that a very similar tale can be told as to the English-speaking regions.

Nov. 12th.—The Rev. D. Massey, Killishen, Carlow, thus writes to the Committee, who send him £1 per month, collected for the school by one kind friend:—"The best proof I can give of the value of this benevolent supply is, that the Romish priest, in his efforts to withdraw the children from learning God's Word, had offered a weekly sum to their parents, on condition of removing them from our school, which has been refused, with the unpalatable information, that the children like their Protestant teaching and Protestant breakfast better than the instruction and relief which he offers. I have opened a nightly lecture in our reader's house each Saturday; it is always crowded. Several of our Roman Catholic scholars attend, and are obliged, from want of room, to sit under the table. One boy leads his blind father, and I assure you, the poor old man's answers are very affecting, in the views which they give of the spiritual light which is dawning on his soul. One little scholar lately came to church, and on his return, said, that he ought to have gone there six months ago; and that he would, if he could, take his mother on his back there. May the Lord enable your Society to go forward in the work of mercy, which supplies food to many little ones, enabling them, like the hungry multitudes of old, to follow and hear the Saviour's words!"

For two years a very trifling assistance has been given to Miss Stubbs, Rossdroit, who, under very many discouragements, has been "doing what she could" for the well-being of the poor in her father's parish. Antici-

pating the wants of the winter, Miss Stubbs thus writes:—

"I am wishing much to know how your Society stands as to funds at the beginning of a new winter, or how far your Committee can help us. They have already done so much, having altogether given us £9 7s., that I almost hesitate to write; and yet I know the poor Romanists who do come are so much in need, and that the meal a day you have enabled us to give them has really kept several from the poorhouse, so that I should feel almost guilty in not seeking to procure the interest of their kind Scottish friends. We are building a new school-house in a central part of the parish, and expect that our numbers will much increase. At present we have but twenty-five on our roll, fifteen of them are already in much distress, often staying from school from not having any breakfast. I have latterly given them a piece of coarse bread, baked by our housemaid, every second day. I have 2s. 7d. of your last kind grant remaining; but this I must give for meal this week. This is the state of our parochial school; will you ask the Lord to give it his blessing, and that these little ones, ragged and wretched externally, may be trained for heaven? How wonderful to look at them, and think they possess within an invaluable jewel—an immortal soul purchased by the precious blood of Christ; what a stimulus to exertion! for are we not fellow-workers with God? I am now trying to get up a ragged infant school in a little cabin in a remote part of the parish. That attractive system is unknown here, and I think it may prove stronger than priestly influence. I hope to try at all events; some kind friends enable me to set it up and support it for three months; if it prospers, the Lord will give me means to continue it. If you can aid us in any way of food, it would be a strong inducement to the children to come, as there is much wretchedness in that locality."