

the enemy to a position which would make complete conquest only a question of time.

"We are not in danger of Fenian outbreaks, but of political raids under hypocritical pretence upon our institutions. Last year the city government of New York appropriated over \$528,000 for sectarian schools, of which the Roman Catholics received over \$412,000. Just enough was given to Protestants to relieve the boldness of the outrage. Just at the close of the State Legislature last year, a law was passed, by what means politicians know, but having the effect of legalizing these proceedings, authorizing appropriations of this sort, and \$200,000 by virtue thereof found a way into the hands of the Catholics. These appropriations were under a plea that the children hereby furnished with schooling were not provided for in the public schools, although at the same time there were over 39,000 vacant seats in the public schools of the city. The Catholics first refuse to send their children to our schools, and then make a plea for appropriations in behalf of vagrant children not provided for by our system. This is only one of the endless rounds of tricks of Jesuitism. In our cities a strange combination of Pilate-Herod affinities conspire to throw power into the hands of the Catholics."—*Rev. Dr. Hilbard of Rochester.*

"SPAIN.—Our colporteurs have followed the great fairs which are holden during the spring and early summer in Southern Spain. In two or three instances they have been arrested, at the instance of the priests, who declared that the Bibles were smuggled in—that Spain never had admitted, and never would admit Protestant Bibles. Minor civil courts are bound to obey the priesthood, and deprived the colporteurs of their books, to their great loss, until copies of the custom house certificates were obtained, when they (the authorities) became as eager to adjust and restore, as they were who once put Paul in prison, and then learned he was a Roman, to release him.

"We have leased one of the four kiosks on the great square of Seville. It is opposite the city hall, and its relative location is as if it were placed at the corner of Broadway and the Astor House—just where all Seville passes. Over the entrance, in gas, we have nightly burning, *Dios es amor* ("God is love"). Inside are sold our American Bibles and Testaments. It has been in operation three weeks, and with great success. The clergy are fearfully enraged on account of it.

"The British and Foreign Bible Society are printing Bibles in Madrid.

"I have written you that the Bibles, etc., are sold. I deemed it advisable to put a merely nominal price, as the British and Foreign Bible Society have also done, upon both Bibles and Testaments, leaving it optional in certain cases to give gratuitously. The price just about covers duties and expenses. The Spanish are peculiar; whatever costs them anything is valuable. The British Society gave away in Cordova 2,500 copies of Portions—i. e., Gospels. Their colporteur (who has also had our Bibles and Testaments for sale) says, the priests demanded that all Protestant books should be given them to burn, and he judges they obtained and have burned 2,300 of the 2,500 distributed. If these had been sold at two cents each, they would never have been given up."

THE VATICAN NEW TESTAMENT.

Copies of the long expected *fac simile* edition of the Vatican New Testament in Greek have been received in London. The entire work will consist of six volumes, five of which will contain the texts of the Old and New Testaments, and the other, critical notes and *fac similes*. The book is a large square folio, with three columns on each page, answering to those of the original manuscript, line for line, and letter for letter. The work appears under the special auspices of the Pope, and is edited by Fathers Nercellone and Cozza. The editors promise the remaining volumes at intervals of ten