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In the current number of the *American Messenger of the Sacred Heart*, Rev. T. J. Campbell, S.J., contributes an absorbingly interesting paper on the religious status of France. "Will France turn Protestant?" is answered in the negative, and in support of his view he marshals up very conclusive arguments. French Protestantism, he tells us, is decaying numerically. A century ago it boasted of 2,000,000 members, to-day it can claim but 650,000 adherents. Another reason for the decline of Protestantism in France is the existence of party rancor between the orthodox and liberal camps. The latter, by identifying themselves with the atheists and free-thinkers, have been reprobated by their orthodox brethren. The evangelization of France—the aim of Protestants—means, as Fr. Campbell observes, simply the overthrow of Christianity. This is proved by the words of Eugène Réveillaud, the general agent of the Tract Society, who in his plan of crusade against Catholicism calls for "anything and everything, no matter how iniquitous, to destroy what faith there is in the world beyond. As Catholics are the only ones who are found to cherish that belief, there must be a united movement to destroy them. This is what is meant by the evangelization of France." France might perhaps be de-Catholicized but never will it become Protestant, for as Paul Bourget says: "For the last hundred years, when a Frenchman ceased to be a Catholic he ceased to be a Christian."

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The Dominicana (San Francisco) gives promise of attaining a respectable rank among the magazines. The contents of the November number include papers by Eliza Allen Starr, Rt. Rev. J. M. Farley and Rev. J. R. Newell, O.P. Bishop Farley's contribution, *Why Church Property Should Not be Taxed*, is particularly noteworthy.