

In France, while there continues to be much Protestant activity and success, the spreading of a gross materialism among the educated and uneducated becomes more and more alarming. In Germany there has been the great celebration of the Reformation at Worms. The revival of religious life goes on in many parts. The old Protestant spirit of Bohemia is reappearing with new power, since the pressure of Romish intolerance has been removed by the war of 1866. Austria has torn her concordat with the Pope to fragments, having learned the fatal influence of her Papal alliance, and in many parts of her eastern empire, we may expect to see reappearing the old Reformation spirit—long crushed, but not extinguished.

While Romanism is being checked everywhere else, it is receiving much encouragement in England. Many, especially of the higher classes, are continually joining its ranks, while, worst of all, the so-called Catholic party are, with the most daring effrontery, preaching every Romish tenet and introducing every Romish practice into the services of the Church of England. The Church seems not to have sufficient power to keep them in check. They openly avow that their object is to lead England back nationally to the tenets she abjured at the Reformation. The Protestant feeling of the country is, we believe, too strong for this, but still their presence unopposed is a danger, and a special evil to the Church of England.—*Christian Times*.

EVANGELISTIC WORK IN SPAIN.

A Correspondent of the *Revival*, writing from Madrid under date Dec. 16th, gives some interesting particulars of the spread of the Gospel in Spain :—

"The British and Foreign Bible Society are beginning to act with energy and promptitude. Their agent, Mr. C——, is opening relations in the provinces for the sale of the Scriptures ; and the supply recently arrived will, perhaps before the end of the year, be exhausted by the demands of these provincial depots. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the edition they propose printing in Madrid will be carried through the press without delay. A central repository is also about to be opened in a good street in this capital. The United States were quicker to act, and with characteristic zeal seemed not to understand the attitude of our English societies. The publications which the Religious Tract Society has authorized us to print here, in editions of from five to twenty thousand, have met with ready acceptance. Large quantities have been sent to fellow-labourers for distribution in the provinces, whilst in the capital they are read with avidity. These, of course, are commonly given. A few days ago, however, we gave some copies of 'Andrew Dunn' to a poor old man, saying he might sell them if he could at two cuarts (a half-penny) each. He soon came back for more. The sale was feeble, he said, at first, but it was sufficient to say it was a 'Protestant' publication to gain immediate purchasers. A respectable but starving family next joined in this tract colportage, and in the cafés, and other places of resort, have not only sold hundreds, but find new orders awaiting them for purchase through the waiters. Whilst I write these words, I have had to lay down my pen to fill the broad basket of a man who has found ready vent for three hundred. I have given him as further supply 300 'Andrew Dunn,' 400 of 'A Saviour for You,' and 1,000 tracts for gratuitous distribution. Sometimes a priest objects, but his opposition is of feeble consequence.