

is abundant ; with God's blessing only men and money are needed to bring about wonderful results.

The changes now working in the Catholic Church are among the encouraging signs of the times in France. Where that great organization had once impressed upon the mind its immutability, all are now struck by its power of transformation. The college of the Sorbonne, which once burned Protestants, now has a Protestant at its head. The people are thinking about religious questions, thousands are looking toward Protestantism with expectation, and the outlook for a religious revival is very bright indeed.

#### IRELAND.

An extremely interesting but quiet work has been going on among the Romanists in Ireland, carried on by students from Harley House, London. The work has been against many obstacles and amid many dangers, but there have been glorious results.

The report of last year's operations of the Irish Evangelization Society tells a tale of devoted effort, accompanied by much encouragement. During the past year 2,375 meetings were held at 146 places. Two movable buildings and many tents are used ; churches, schoolhouses, and barns are employed where possible.—*Missionary Review*.

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### The Gospel in Spain.

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A leading Roman Catholic paper of the place, commenting on a recent public festival in honor of San Isidro, the patron saint of Madrid, says :

"The horrible, the fearful, that which hurts and disheartens, is to see a people that is suffering the calamities that to-day weigh upon Spain, forming part in a procession of penitence and of prayer in the same spirit as they would assist at a bull-fight ; to amuse themselves with the show, to laugh at the interruptions and the occurrences, not in the spirit of simple indifference and lack of religious interest, but with ostentatious impiety, the men with their hats on and making coarse fun of everything—one's soul revolts at the shameless speeches and the blasphemies that are heard on every hand and at every step."

The article in the *Missionary Review* for August, 1896, from which the above is quoted, goes on to say :

"The Word of God is first ruled out of the Church and home, so that the benighted conscience shall become the slave of the priest ; then upon this ignorance and docility is reared an immense fabric of man-made rites