

If matters proceed in this country a few years longer as they have been doing for two or three years past, we shall have cause to anticipate a speedy and glorious change in its character. It will no longer be Volatile, Revolutionary, Infidel France, but it will be Bible-loving, peaceful, religious, highly-favoured France. The windows of heaven seem to be open above her, and the dews of God's grace richly distilling. De Pressensé's communications, as detailed in the Report, are full of consolation on this head. There is however no sweet without a bitter, no pleasure without a pain, on this terrestrial scene. Accordingly, while God is prospering his Word in France, man is endeavouring to frustrate it. Opposition from bigotry, superstition, and false religion is presented on every hand to the progress of truth. A few extracts will clearly bring before you the bright and the dark side of the picture :

"At the very time of my now writing," says Pressense, "at thirty leagues distance from Paris, in an important and principal place, where Romanism has long maintained its sway with great power, one of my friends, a pastor in this city, is preaching the Gospel in a temporary place of worship, attended by persons of every class of society. What appears remarkable is, that his services are conducted in a locality abutting on one side on a magnificent cathedral, and on the other on an extensive convent, with a house in front full of priests attending on the bishop. And who is it that has given rise to so extraordinary a proceeding? One of your Colporteurs, a young man from the country, with nothing favorable in his exterior, who has sallied forth to defy the Goliath of Superstition, not "with a sling or a shepherd's bag full of smooth stones," but with the Bible, and a knapsack, well stored with copies of the Sacred Scriptures. In proof, moreover, of the blessing which rests on the labours of this humble servant of the Lord Jesus, let me add, that he yesterday begged me to send him, with the least possible delay, 50 Bibles; 'for,' (he writes) they are all promised and impatiently expected; and you will do well to send me a further supply, as I have no doubt of being able to sell many copies, so great is the awakening which is here manifesting itself."

"The inhabitants of an extensive commune," says a correspondent of Pressense, "who, from a species of ambition, had applied to the bishop for a settled Cure, to relieve them from being dependent on a neighbouring parish, were disappointed in their application. From that time they began visibly to cool, and even to entertain a wish to do altogether without a Cure. It so happened that one of them visited a place at no great distance, where he heard the Gospel preached. He was greatly affected, and on his return related what he had heard, observing at the same time, how much better it was to attend a similar service, than to listen to a mass conducted in Latin. While this was going forward, one of our Colporteurs made his appearance; he disposed of a number of copies of the Sacred volume, and the discovery was then made, that it was the religion of the Bible which every one was anxious to embrace. After much preliminary discussion, the whole commune came to a reso-

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