

Signs of Progress in Mexico.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions held in Detroit at the time of the American Presbyterian Assembly in May, Rev. James Menaul, for ten years connected with the mission work in New Mexico, gave encouraging information regarding the advance of Protestantism in that country. He said:—

"The influence of Catholicism is so far declining that nine-tenths of the teachers in the public schools will next year receive their instruction in Presbyterian institutions. The Methodists are also doing good work in New Mexico, and between these two denominations the people will yet be led out of the darkness of superstition into the light and freedom of Protestant Christianity."

Dr. D. M. Thomas, Secretary of New Mexico by appointment of the United States Government, also gave testimony to the wonderful progress of missionary work in that territory, particularly in the line of domesticating the Mexicans and instructing them in agricultural pursuits. Dr. Kirkwood, of Colorado, said that the mission schools had never done better spiritual work than last year. In southern Colorado, among the Mexicans, there had been more converts among the men than the women, because the latter seem to be more under the influence of the priests.

The Church at Home and Abroad says on the subject of Mexican missions:—"The problem before us to-day is not so much to prove the unscripturalness of Romanism in her pretensions. This was done long ago for the great mass of the thinking Mexicans, so that they are much more intelligent and bitter enemies of the Romish system than are our people at home. Our calling is to convince the people by writing, preaching, conversation and, above all, by godly living on our own part and that of our people, that we are heralds of unadulterated truth and that we practice what we preach. A religion that is loyal to country, favourable to education, obedient to human law, temperate, progressive, charitable, uplifting in its influence on the masses, and in all this sincerely and consistently unselfish, is good news from a far country to this people, and they are quick to own its charm and worth when once they see it as it is. Our continual sorrow is