

the Papacy is coming in for a larger share in the world matters. This is not the least significant sign of the times.

It is well also to remember that it is exactly one hundred years since the last war between the United-States and England. A century of peace is something to be thankful for. We appreciate peace during a war like the present one.

Lastly, consider the beneficent effects of the multiplied presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This world would be the scene of far greater calamities, of more frequent punishments for sin, were its surface not dotted with innumerable churches with Jesus residing in their tabernacles, and were the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass not offered daily "from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,

### III.—REPARATION.

One of the first cries to be heard above the din of the early battles was an insult to Jesus in the person of His Vicar. Pius X was laughed to scorn by the Socialists because he did not prevent the war.

Now the cry is that Christianity has failed. The system of the "Carpenter of Nazareth" is to be cast off as out of date. The modern world needs something more vital than the religion of Jesus-Christ. One would suppose that present day evils were the result of too close a following of the maxims of the Gospel.

Nor are Christ's abodes among men respected. Shot and shell are never so effective as when used on churches. While making due allowance for cases of necessity and accident, we may safely say that more than one shell which crashed into a venerable cathedral was directed by a hater of the Catholic Church, and that the enemies of religion in both armies chuckled to themselves when they saw the crumbled ruins.

Besides, though it is all very well to admire the bravery of the soldier-priests, it is easy to be seen that they are ruthlessly and eagerly sacrificed by an anti-Catholic Government.

And, if we turn our gaze towards Mexico, besides the above mentioned calamities, we behold a systematic persecution of the Church. The destruction of churches, convents and schools; the murder, imprisonment, torture or exile of bishops, priests, brothers and nuns—these and other unspeakable abominations are of every day occurrence. Here, also, Jesus is outraged in person in His Sacramental state. Tabernacles are broken open and the contents