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It is not often, we think, that so much success has *at once* followed a venture of the kind, and we therefore have great cause for thankfulness.

How much good has accrued to the Church and to individuals by our publication, we shall not venture to estimate, although we are constantly receiving kind and unasked-for letters, which speak in warmest praise of its value and importance in parish work.

Certainly, two million and eighty thousand pages of printed matter, conveying in concise form and homely phrase, "facts, notes, and instruction" about the Church; stating, explaining, defending her doctrines and practices, cannot have been circulated and read without producing some good results.

Whatever those results may have

been, and whatever good the paper may have accomplished, to God's Holy Name be the praise; with the editors it has been in the largest sense truly a labor of love.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

THE last quarter of a century has witnessed some of the most momentous changes that have taken place for many centuries. We are living in the midst of startling events, which, to the student of prophecy, betoken "the beginning of the end," yet we fear that their bearing on religion is much neglected. If every sign that man can see does not deceive, God is at this time preparing the world for a great change. What the nature of that change may be we cannot tell. It may be to herald the Second Coming of the Lord, or to inaugurate some great change in His Church, but we may safely say that terrible events may be expected shortly to take place. In this number, we shall give some of the great changes which have taken place in our day, and in our next we shall show the singular correspondence there is between the present