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The conflict between the Papal power and the German Empire proceeds without abatement. The Jesuits have been expelled from Germany for their disloyalty and disobedience to the laws. They were and always are plotters and schemers, subordinating everything to the interests of their own order. They have the Pope under their own management, and hence his violent cursing of the new German Empire. In Prussia, new laws have been enacted, compelling priests to be properly educated, and protecting loyal priests from the tyranny of their bishops.—In Switzerland the conflict rages fiercely, Jesuits and lawless bishops have been expelled from the country. In Austria also, an agitation is rising for the expulsion of the Jesuits who are regarded as dangerous in exciting the working people to get up strikes, riots and secret societies.

It is to be noted that the Jesuits, expelled from continental Europe, are crowding into England, Scotland, and America. It becomes all friends of civil and religious freedom to be on the alert, watching the insidious foe of all that is pure and good and precious in Church and State.

The priestly factions in Spain have succeeded in compelling the abdication of King Amadeus; and now every effort is put forth to restore to the throne some weak puppet of the Papacy. In France too, there is a steady endeavour to bring back the days of Ultramontane ascendancy.

England is tormented with the Ritualist

folly. Day by day services that are tolerated in the Established Church approximate more closely to the services of the Church of Rome. Even in St Paul's Cathedral the abominations of the Mass are being exhibited. The dissenters are agitating disestablishment.—We are glad to note that Presbyterianism has advanced more rapidly than any other church in England, and that union, harmony, zeal and progress are the order of the day.—In Scotland the Established Church has been excited by the appointment of Dr. Wallace to the Chair of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh. The appointment has been earnestly protested against by the friends of Evangelical truth of all denominations. In the Free Church, the Presbyteries have by large majorities approved of the Mutual Eligibility plan. The Anti-Unionists are holding meetings and violently agitating the congregations, with the hope of influencing the approaching General Assembly.—A Committee of the United Presbyterian Church has issued a manifesto against Church Establishments. The Missionary funds of this church for last year amount to about £40,000.

Revivals are reported from very many Churches throughout the United. We read of fifties, eighties, hundreds being added to the churches.—From heathen lands we read of friendly conferences and mutual confidence and helpfulness on the part of Missionaries from different churches. A day of Prayer for Missions was held late in December throughout the Church of England. The good effect has been felt already