

an immense political danger, presume to introduce the pestilential seed of separation of the unity of faith, in order to obtain unity of nation. This is the point to which passions blindly lead. Let us pray to God that He will disperse this darkness, and confiding in Divine promises, let us recall to our minds that the gates of hell shall never prevail against the Church."

Austria.

The Agent of the Religious Tract Society writes thus:—

"I will now refer to the Tracts I have printed here. They are, 7,000 'Extracts from the Fathers, on Reading the Scriptures'; 7,000 'Search the Scriptures, or, Church of Rome and the Bible'; 7,000 'The Master and the Servant, or, Christ and the Pope'; 10,000 'St. Peter's Plea for Reading the Holy Scriptures'; 10,000 'the Priest and the Bible'; 5,000 'The Priest and the Bible,' printed on a large sheet of paper, to stick on walls; 7,000 'The Mass'; 7,500 'Do you want a Friend?'; 7,500 'The Brazen Serpent'; 17,500 'Art thou a Christian?' and 19,500 'Come to Jesus,' No. 574. I have rather exceeded your grant, which, however, the circumstances in which I am placed will I am sure, excuse me.

Before requesting a further grant, and stating some facts respecting the way in which the Tracts printed here have been circulated, I will refer to the present state of the press in Vienna. It is now free, and it cannot astonish any one at all acquainted with human nature, if we find it shows itself in a licentious manner, and that there prevails at the present moment the greatest rage for reading. The number of new political papers that have appeared in Vienna since March amounts to sixty-seven, of which some few (about five) have ceased to exist. These numbers I have been favoured with by a bookseller. This rage for reading is not confined to this city, but is to be found in all parts. The town of Wels, containing 5,000 inhabitants, had, before last March, not a single newspaper, but now it has three.

There appear daily in Vienna many placards or bills, which are stuck on the walls, and sold by hundreds to persons in the streets, the most of which are of a political nature, but many of a religious kind, a few of which I will here notice, in order to give you an idea of their contents. 1. Those seeking a reform in the Roman Catholic church. Among these I will mention, 'A Letter fallen from Heaven, written by the Virgin Mary. This is against the pilgrimages to Mariæzell, a place visited by tens of thousands of persons of Vienna and its neigh-

bourhood.—' Words addressed to the Archbishop of Vienna.' This is a comparison between him and Christ, in which our Saviour's words and actions are contrasted with those of the Archbishop. It is written in a deferential spirit. 2. Against the Roman Catholic church. One of the greatest of these bills (it is 2½ feet broad by 2 feet long) is entitled, 'Secrets of the Most Reverend Consistory of Vienna, or, the Archbishop, Vicar-General, and Chancellor.' This is written in a most abusive and personal manner. It was stuck everywhere on the walls of the cathedral. 3. 'St. Peter demands his fee.' This pretends to relate a conversation between St. Peter in heaven, and a priest and a soldier who demand admittance. 4. Some few have appeared in favour of 'German Catholicism,' which, however, I do not notice, as I have said enough of the sentiments of this party. 5. Decided irreligious bills or placards, as, 'The New Gospel of Vienna, or, Appropriate Passages from the New Testament on all the present parties in Vienna.' A greater perversion than this, of the word of God, I have never seen. There is a passage of Scripture under each of the following rubrics: The spirit of the times; the emperor; the ministry; the seven ministers; the diet; the different classes of society; the seventeen political and religious parties; the fifteen chief newspapers; the four faculties of the university; and concludes with a passage for an Austrian, Hungarian, Pole, Italian, &c.

The great liberty that now prevails for the spread of the gospel through tracts, is best seen by the fact that I have placarded Vienna and the suburbs with your tract: 'The Priest and the Bible; or, why does your Priest forbid you to read the word of God?' printed on a large sheet of paper; the title being in letters of an inch and a half, or two inches. I only know of one of them being torn down during the day. Although I gave orders that not one of them should be pasted on churches, yet I found one morning a copy on the chief entrance of the cathedral, and as I passed in the evening it was still there. I have seen persons everywhere standing reading it with the greatest attention, and even in the midst of much rain. I have in such cases given them a copy of it printed in a tract form. I have also placarded 'The Church of Rome and the Bible.'"
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India.

The following statements were made by Archdeacon Dealtry at the Jubilee Meeting of the Church Missionary Society:—