

as his predecessors did, great power—claiming for himself infallible wisdom, he has certainly failed to show that he was qualified for the honour and capable of using his power to advantage, or of administering the affairs of his kingdom with such wisdom as to command the respect of his own subjects. There is a probability that he will leave his church at his death in a most unsatisfactory state. She has lost all power in Germany. Her authority is called in question in Switzerland. In France and Spain and Austria, her people are fast falling away into infidelity. To-day, the unlimited power and authority which she once claimed in ecclesiastical and political affairs, are not recognized in any part of the world to any great extent. In the event of his death at the present time, there would be immense excitement over the appointment of his successor. It is supposed that trouble will arise on this point.

FRANCE and Spain are still in great political trouble. It is difficult to conceive what would restore peace and order and harmony in these nations. Strong factions in both contend for power, and are willing to run to any extreme to accomplish their selfish ends. Thiers still holds on his way with as much ease as could be expected under the circumstances. There are rumours of a conspiracy against his life. A cold-blooded murder of this kind would have the effect of plunging the whole country into the most destructive and bloody of civil wars. Surely France has witnessed more of the horrors of war, within the past few years, than she would care to see in this generation. It is more than difficult to conceive what will be the issue of matters in Spain. The people are naturally excitable and restless. They scarcely wait to think. They seem to act on impulse; consequently, they are one thing to-day, and something else to-morrow. The Carlistserm to be strong and bold. In Catalonia, they have almost absolute sway. Newspapers here and there, even in Madrid, have espoused their cause. Editors openly sympathise with them, and have published advertisements with liberal offers to those who join them in opposing Republicanism. The chief or king of this party is sanguine of success. He assures his friends that while

the Republic must have its turn in power, yet his triumph will not be long delayed. In the face of such opposition, Republicanism will have a hard struggle for life. Failing in at once restoring order and peace to the country, many who supported it at the outset will soon lose conceit of it, and join with others in seeking a new change. R. J. C.

Intelligence.

MEXICO.—Twenty-four young local ministers, in the Boston Theological Seminary, are pursuing the study of Spanish, under a native instructor, with a view to missionary work in Mexico, and other Spanish-speaking populations on the Continent.

NEBRASKA.—A Missionary found a boy 15 years old, in Nebraska, who had no conception of the object of a Sabbath School, who had no Bible or Testament, and had never read a word in either, and knew nothing of the Saviour. When asked if he knew who Christ was, he said: "I do not think there is such a man living in this neighbourhood." This fact, with others frequently coming to light, show that heathenism is not unknown in Christian America.

MINNESOTA.—A lady in Northwestern Minnesota has been sustaining a Sabbath School of 45 scholars for nearly two years. But two sermons have been preached in that region for three years, so that this school furnishes all the means of Bible instruction enjoyed. What spiritual destitution must prevail in this locality!

SWEDEN.—Great revivals are reported in Central Sweden, and large gatherings to the churches.

JAPAN.—The Japanese English Dictionary, prepared by Dr. Hepburn, has just been reprinted. The Gospel by Mark, in the Japanese language, has also been put into circulation, and meets with a ready sale. Brighter days are in prospect for this long-benighted land, but German Infidelity and Rationalism are exerting a baneful influence.