

Baal. This is a crisis somewhat like that which came in Poland three hundred years ago. In Poland at that time the land was nearly half Protestant and the government was almost entirely Protestant and it was customary in Poland at that time to not make anyone king except as he gave a promise that ~~Protestantism~~ Protestantism would never be interfered with. Under those circumstances the Jesuit order of the Roman Catholics sent able highly trained debaters into Poland who ~~became~~ began holding meetings here and there attacking Protestantism, arguing against it, trying to show that it was wrong. The people of the other Protestant countries about ~~there~~ --England and Germany and the protestant nations were so busy with their own affairs that it does not seem ~~at~~ that time to have occurred to them to try to help the Polish. The Poles already had the gospel. The land was a third Protestant, third to half, why should they bother to try to help them? They went to countries who didn't have the gospel at all. They were interested in problems in their own land. Poland was left without help ~~from~~ the Protestants, but when the Roman Catholic trained debators were coming into the land ~~just~~ just as they have been coming into this country in the last forty years, coming in and holding meetings widely and issuing propoganda in favor of Roman Catholicism and gradually ~~to~~ they won important people among the Poles and won some of the nobility to their side ~~and~~ until eventually they had a majority in the land. As soon as they had a majority, they got the law established that made Protestantism illegal in the land even though nearly half the people were Protestant. Then they introduced the inquisition and destroyed the leaders of protestantism and were so effective in their work that within a hundred years there is hardly a Protestant left in Poland. Today I believe there are probably 98 or 99 per cent of the Poles are Roman Catholics in Poland or in this country. I have heard it said that ~~in this country~~ our criminals in this country that there is a far larger proportion of Polish extraction than of almost any other background. It is not ~~that~~ that the Poles are addicted to crime any more than any other people, but it is that that they have not had a chance for the last two hundred years to hear the gospel preached or to receive any presentation