

see it sanctioned ; but though I offer that prayer, I am afraid they will not ; if they do, so much the better, my disappointment will be very thankfully accepted. It will mean some \$20,000,000 of annual loss to the revenue of India.

Some one hundred years ago the famous Warren Hastings, the Governor-General of India, found the people using this drug as a medicine in China, and conceived the idea of cultivating a taste for it, as a sensual indulgence among them. With this object in view, he gave large quantities of it away. Within two or three years after he sold it, having succeeded in creating the taste. He so succeeded in creating the demand, and they set to work to supply it. The law of cause and effect is as operative in the physical world, and I do hope that Great Britain will shorten the punishment that we will have to receive at the hands of China for that great crime against that innocent people who were forced, for these many years, to take opium. You do not cheer that at all ; you do not like to hear of anything going against Great Britain ; but it is against her, and it will be against her at the judgment day, and the sooner she gets rid of the crime the better, if she loses forty millions a year.

In the second place, by the beast is meant some large and leading religious organization whose chief characteristics are earthly. If this be at all correct, and that I am compelled to make a choice from some existing organizations or churches, I am sorry, but my choice will fall upon the Roman Catholic Church as meant by the beast. I am sure no other church in the past or at present can lay so good a claim to this name as the Romish Church. Its earthly features may not be seen in a country like ours—though there is enough here to merit the name ; but let us go to some country where this church has full swing and absolute control, to see how appropriately the name fits the Jesuitical cunning and viciousness of the will-power, with the sly instincts and savageness of a wild beast ; besides, you will generally find that the prophets connected with the beast in the Scriptures, as prominent features, worship of its head, images, tyranny, persecution and compulsion. Can you point out any church having these characteristics more vividly portrayed than the one I have named ?—none. I have no doubt when the pious editor of the Roman Catholic *Review* of