

be doubtful whether the whole earth presents a field which, in the event of success, promises such large results as a mission to these two millions of Manchus."

#### MEXICO.

The *Record* of the American Bible Society publishes the following:—"Mr. Hickey is prosecuting his labours diligently in Mexico, without let or hindrance. He writes: 'The desire for the Scripture increases every day, and we must strain every nerve to satisfy it.' He states that 'a priest that could not induce his people to give up their bibles to be burned, himself burnt five. One of these was that of the poor pious woman who, when she bought it, prayed that the Spirit of God might teach her to understand it. I called upon her on my return here, and I do not know that I ever felt more sad than when she told me she had given up her bible. She said she keenly felt the loss, but the priest compelled her. She had not means to buy another, but said if she had the means she would buy one, and would not, on any account, give it up.' Mr. H. promised to bring her one on his return. Several in this place who owned bibles, utterly refused to give them up. It is also worthy of note, that it was not the priest belonging to the place, but one from a distance, who was concerned in this act of oppression."

#### A NEW MOVE TOWARD EVANGELISING ROMAN CATHOLIC COUNTRIES.

That valuable Society, the American and Foreign Christian Union, has resolved upon a measure than which there has been no finer stroke of aggressive evangelism—one which will produce the wildest wail in the next Encyclical. A systematic effort is to be made to establish Sabbath Schools, or Scripture classes at every accessible point in Southern Europe and South America, where the Bible has been so long and systematically closed against the people, Alfred Woodruff, Esq., of Brooklyn, has accepted the position of Associate Secretary of the Union, with this work for his specialty. He was moved to it by his personal observation of the need and hopefulness of such labor in Italy, Germany and France, and his long experience of the power of this form of instruction in home effort. He is a gentleman of ample means and gives his service gratuitously to the Union—a fact which is of itself a pledge of enthusiastic zeal in the work. *The Independent*, in a fuller account of the plan, says that Mr. W. "proposes to apply the scheme wherever there is a missionary or colporteur, an American traveler or resident, or a single person, young or old, whose heart the Lord had touched with the desire of knowing more of the Word of God. All the

apparatus that is necessary to begin is a Bible, and that two or three persons should agree to meet steadily on the Lord's day, at any convenient place, in a house or under a tree, to study it together. It is good according to the means available, and capable of boundless extension until the world is filled with its fruits."

#### REVIVAL EFFORTS IN LONDON.

We find the following paragraph at the conclusion of a report of the proceedings of the N. W. Branch of the London F. M. C. A., April 29:—"Every Sabbath afternoon we are called to rejoice over fresh trophies of the Lord's grace, and frequently at the Wednesday evening meeting it is our joy to raise "Glory, honor" over young men "passed from death unto life." The open air work has commenced in right earnest, with most encouraging results. Lisson grove was visited on Lord's day last, and twelve open-air meetings were held. In the evening over fifty young men started on this mission, and the need for such services was soon demonstrated by large groups of laboring men at the corners of the streets, and apparently whole families at the windows of houses. We have reason to believe these services were useful to souls.

We also clip from *The Revival* the following testimony respecting the work wrought in East London, where there has lately been a great increase of tract distributions, mission halls, open-air services, and other religious meetings. "An elderly Christian who had known 'Spitalfields in its glory,' said that if the story of the reformation in the East of London were told, it would be found to be miraculous. How great is the change! Thieves, vagabonds, drunkards, blasphemers, scoffers, and infidels have become converted and are preaching the gospel. Jews, too, and men of other nations have confessed Christ before the world."

UPWARDS of £9000 have already been collected to secure a ship in place of the good old *John Williams*. This sum has been raised mainly by Sabbath School children. The new vessel is to be built at Aberdeen, and is to be 350 tons burthen. She is to be ready by the end of October, and to sail for the Pacific in January or February.