

men of earnest piety are needed to give even one evangelist to each score of villages? And what are these two provinces to the whole of India? and what is India to China? And yet there are labourers who stand all the day idle! And yet there are little English towns full of Christians, not heathen, with dozens of churches and chapels!

There are countless spheres in Great Britain where Christian workers are treading on each others' toes; and countless spheres in India where no Christian worker is ever seen or heard. Oh should not our abundance be a supply for their need? Think of it, young man! Ask the Master what He would have *you* to do under these circumstances.

CHINA. — A remarkable religious awakening is reported in North China. Two years ago, Cheefoo, a Buddhist, happening to enter a Christian church, became a convert to Christianity, and immediately went to labour among the people of his native town to induce them to embrace the same religion. Thus far there have been 160 converts. The place of the revival is 200 miles distant from the residence of any Missionary, and outside of the ordinary lines of travel.

MR. MORGAN, of Guadalajara, Mexico, referring to the recently enacted "laws of reform," in Mexico, passed by a "large majority," states that all church buildings are to belong to the State, and only a certain number are to be allowed to Roman Catholics in each city, town, &c. Sunday is a legal day of rest, or for religious culture; public feast days are abolished; the Sisters of Charity are banished from the country, and no man or woman may wear a religious habit in the street; the clergy may not receive gifts of property, in houses, land, or

anything, for services to the sick or dying; bishops, and other church dignitaries are not recognized as such, but all members of the church have alike the right of petition, &c., &c.

So not only in the Old World but in the New, not only in Germany and Italy, but in Mexico, the legislation of the day is repressing and curtailing the baneful influence of Rome. It is a leading sign of our times—a daily fulfilment of prophecies inspired 1800 years ago, which should reassure the timid hearts who tremble lest Rome should ever reassert her sway.

In the little bays along the river-bank a side eddy will sometimes make a counter current, which runs in an opposite direction to the main stream. Such is the Papal revival of our days in England—a trivial and passing victory, which cannot arrest the steady course of defeat and decay which everywhere else is the portion of this corrupted form of Christianity.

CONVENTS CLOSED. — Miss Strong wrote from Monterey, January 15: "The President of Mexico has closed all the convents, and the nuns are all to leave this country to-day, for Europe and the United States. This important movement brightens the prospect for Protestant schools."

THE REV. CHARLES NEW (United Methodist Free Church), already well known as a Missionary and Explorer, though only thirty-four years of age, the author of "Wanderings in East Africa," who returned about fifteen months ago to his sphere of labour, has fallen asleep in Jesus. He had undertaken a journey of great difficulty into the interior of a place called Chaga, where he was robbed and forced to return. But he was taken to his heavenly home before he