

arrangement be made in every town, by a little timely attention on the part of clergymen, or through the agency of the County Auxiliary in which these Associations are embraced?

The formation of Young Men's Bible Societies in the large towns, in many parts of our country, has proved a successful way of advancing this cause. It has occurred to your Directors that perhaps a more effectual mode of accomplishing what is greatly needed in the manufacturing villages of our State, could not be adopted than by encouraging the young to unite in such an organization. The multitudes of youth who are flocking to these villages, might in this way be furnished with the volume of sacred truth, and it may be by its influence preserved from destructive and polluting vices.

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#### SPAIN.

LETTER FROM AN ENGLISH GENTLEMAN.

MALAGA, October 1st, 1837.

Mr. C. tells me that in his letter he has requested you to forward to Malaga some Spanish Bibles, and other religious translated works, understanding them to be furnished by your Society on the same principle as that of London, viz. for gratuitous distribution among such Spaniards as the person intrusted with them may think likely to make a proper use of them, avoiding, of course, an *indiscriminate* distribution, which would perhaps tend to defeat the object.

There is not the least shade of doubt in my mind that Divine Providence is now opening a way for the dissipation of the horrible abuses and crimes which, under the holy name of religion, have so long stained this most unhappy but finest country of the globe, and of which the intelligent portion of the nation are now beginning to see the effects. Believe me, Sir, when I tell you, from my own personal

observation as well as collected information, that the way is now open, and if proper and prompt measures are adopted, we may reasonably expect, ay, *even in our time*, to see the Gospel *founded on the apostles and prophets*, and not on *tradition*, that great corner-stone of Romish superstition, established in this country. But let it not be imagined for a moment that this will be the work of a day, or of little exertion. No—the prejudices and pre-occupations of more than a thousand years are not so easily overcome. Let it not be supposed that without immense exertion we can hope to see even a moderate degree of success; people bred from the cradle in the exercise of unhealthy opinions, however they may be convinced of their fallacy, are not so easily, after so long a course of indulgence in them, made to consent to their alteration, and particularly by reasons urged by persons of that name so generally disliked in matters of apparent innovation, *foreigners*. But as I have said before, let us not despair; the way is open, and, the horrible carnage of the day between the parties contending for empire at an end, we may with reason expect to see a field open for our exertions, spacious enough to afford labor to hosts of those real Christians who ardently desire the extension of Christ's kingdom upon earth.

The moment that toleration is publicly allowed, then will be the time to commence our labors; even now, I am convinced, no objection would be offered. But let the way be prepared slowly, and at the same time zealously, in the distribution of the Scriptures and other religious works, and the assistance of a few truly pious ministers of the church, and we need not doubt of success.

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“Fear God and keep his commandments.”—*Solomon*.