

is a greater scourge than war or pestilence." Chinese Christian converts are earnestly opposed to this monster evil. The members of the Peking Society for the Prohibition of Opium, promise "to be faithful unto death ; with all my heart and strength to use every righteous method to destroy the evil and injury of opium-taking." Such indications of the intensity of feeling among Christian converts are very touching.

Last month three whole days were spent in London, England, in prayer for the arresting of the evil. A large anti-opium meeting was recently held in London. Every available seat in Exeter Hall was filled. The meeting was specially called to welcome Mr. Cheok Hong Cheong and Miss Sonnderbai Power. Mr. A. S. Dyer, of Bombay, addressing the meeting said : " When I first went to India, about four years ago, I had no idea that the British Government in that country were propagating the opium vice among our fellow subjects there, in addition to exporting the poisonous drug to curse the Chinese nation. The facts in reference to the consumption of opium in India have come upon me as an awful revelation, through careful investigation."

Mr. Cheong's speech was very powerful. In course of it he compared the opium to the octopus getting hold of its victim and then extending its arms in every direction throughout his body, mind, conscience, and will, until he hopelessly succumbs to the power of the victorious foe. Miss Power, an Indian Christian lady, from Bombay, said in her native land opium is easily obtained by the poorest person, and is a fruitful source of infanticide and suicide. In India with its thirty millions of gods the female idol worshippers said, " Tell the English people that if they will stop this trade we will regard them as our gods." When missionaries go to preach in the zenanas, they are told to " go and convert your Christian Government first, and then come and tell us about Christ."