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## REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR.

The year that has just come to a close has been an eventful one in the history of the Christian Church. Its date, accompanied with pleasant or painful memories, has been indelibly imprinted on the hearts of many who seek the welfare of Zion. The Sower has been sowing the good seed plentifully, and the enemy has scattered far and wide the tares. The reapers too have been busy; the golden sheaves of precious grain have been gathered into the garner, and the noxious weeds have been removed with them to their own place. Here doors have been opened to the word, and there closed; on the one hand, liberty has been striking off the fetters that have bound souls for ages, and, on the other, superstition and will worship have been seeking to bind yet more securely the poor captives of Satan.

Crossing the Atlantic, we find the past year opening with Spanish liberty; and the great work of evangelization that has been carried on in Spain by Christians from all quarters has formed one of the most deeply interesting topics of religious thought and conversation. Spain had long been the favorite child of the Papal See, excelling all other civilized countries in blind devotion to the Romish Church, and in contempt for enlightenment and education. Three hundred years ago, the Reformation made such progress there, that "a Spanish historian of the period expresses his belief