

stories became vast and extensive. She made great efforts at colonization, and promised a glorious future. Immediately after her choice, however, the tide of prosperity heretofore rising now began to recede, and impending ruin appeared inevitable. Her dominion, once so powerful and strong, begins to break her, her dependencies are taken from her, and she lies bleeding from the varied wounds inflicted upon her. But the set time to deliver this empire from the slavery in which she had plunged herself in the 16th century seems now to have arrived and a new day begins to dawn. Under very favourable auspices a good work has been commenced, and is still making rapid progress. Its influence is being felt, not among the few, but is permeating the mass of the people. The long night of darkness by which Spain has been enshrouded is gradually disappearing, the gray dawn now appears, and no doubt will be speedily followed by the bright and effulgent rays of the noon-day sun. God has been working, his hand can be clearly discerned in the movements now going on, and in the instruments which have been employed for the furtherance of the work. The Bible has been largely circulated by the Spanish Evangelization Society of Edinburgh, and private individuals have also distributed copies of the Word of God throughout the whole empire. So eager have parties been to peruse the Scriptures after obtaining a copy, that many have read them behind bolted doors, in cellars, and at the silent midnight hour, where the eye of the infuriated priest could not observe them. The seed thus disseminated soon took root, converts were made and increased, until a little band of faithful followers of Christ were formed. This excited the ire of the Papal Hierarchy, and the priests began the work of fiery persecution. The little flock were compelled to flee, and took refuge on the lofty summit of Gibraltar. Here they were on British soil, and could breath the air of freedom, whilst at the same time they were enabled to receive more instruction in the doctrine of Christianity.—Eagerly they looked for the dawn to appear, and awaiting its appearance they laid

the foundation of a Protestant Church. Five months after this period, Providence opened the door. The Queen of Spain fled, the little band at once descend from Gibraltar, and enter and commence the evangelization of this great country.—Gradually and marvellously the work is progressing; and if there were men to occupy the field, congregations would not be wanting. The nation is stirred to its very depths; and the movement now going on, though not confined to any locality, seems to have taken the strongest hold upon Madrid, the capital. Shortly after the flight of the Queen, a native preacher, in addressing the people in the metropolis for the first time, only obtained an audience of thirteen. In eleven months afterwards his audience numbered nearly one thousand. Never, since the days of the Reformation, has such a deep and universal movement taken place; and the death-blow of the Papacy has evidently been struck in this vast empire. Let us, then, cheerfully aid in the work of Bible circulation, when we hear of such glorious results following it. And let us lift up our hearts in adoration and praise to Him that is wonderful in counsel and excellent in working, that he has flung open the gates of this dark, benighted land; and let us rejoice that a light has been kindled in Spain which neither priest nor potentate shall be able to extinguish.

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LETTER TO A YOUNG MAN.

[The following letter was addressed by the teacher of a Bible Class to one of the pupils. It was not intended for publication but by request of the Editors of the *Record*, the writer has consented to its appearance. The truths so well enunciated are applicable to thousands of similar cases]:

HALIFAX, 25th Feb., 1870.

Dear C—:

Permit me to say a few plain words about a very important subject. Why don't you join the church? I am pleased with the attention you give to the Bible Class. I am certain you know far more than many who joined the Apostolic Church; and I want you to consider that you are doing