

ognizing, since 1840, three grand divisions of a civilized monarchy : king, legislature, judges ; and going beyond our own in declaring that no law shall be enacted at variance with the letter or general spirit of the Word of God. In 1846 the religion of Christ was established as the national religion, and freedom of conscience in faith and worship, Sabbath observance, etc., were guarded from invasion.

These people have from the first profited by a literature in their native language, learning to read and write, and evincing capacity for literary culture not only by eagerness to read, but by original contributions to the press, and by grappling successfully with the problems of arithmetic, algebra, surveying, geography, etc.

From the beginning the Bible has been a text-book in morals and religion.

How can such results be regarded with indifference ? An organized Christian government, with a constitution and laws accordant with the Word of God ; nearly one third of the whole population numbered among the members of Protestant churches ; native education provided for by the government ; houses for worship everywhere built, and regular service maintained—in a word, all the requisite machinery for healthful, intellectual, social, and spiritual development, and all this as the fruit of less than forty years of toil !

Well has it been said that, as to the progress of this nation in Christian civilization, *the history of the Christian church and of nations affords nothing equal to it.*

A CALL TO NEW PRAYER AND EFFORT.

A MEMORIAL from the Presbytery of Los Angeles, California, was sent to the late Presbyterian General Assembly at Detroit, asking for the issue of a Pastoral Letter, addressed to the churches, and calling upon pastors and people to make the coming ecclesiastical year—the year 1891-92—a *year of specific, continuous, prayerful, and hearty endeavor for the salvation of souls.* Though this is always the chief business of the Church of Christ, the General Assembly is entreated to give special emphasis to the enforcement of this duty now. Facts and figures are given to show how vast is the work before the Church, and how inadequate are the efforts to overtake this work. The memorial urges the need of a great, powerful, all-pervading Revival of Religion, which is to be looked for only through the “ministry of personal, systematic, unanimous work for souls.”

When such a story as this of the Hawaiian Islands is before us, and similar marvels of grace in modern missions, one is disposed to ask, What is to prevent such mighty works in our day, and in every part of the habitable globe ? Surely God's arm is not shortened, nor is His power straitened. We are straitened in ourselves. Let unbelief, prayerlessness, and selfishness be put away, and mighty prayer go up to God.—EDITOR.