

organised in Europe and America, and administered by the missionaries. The Society has been helping on this movement.

The Rev. G. Owen, of Peking, says :—" We have to express our deep obligations to the British and Foreign Bible Society for the aid it affords us year by year in carrying on our missionary work. This year that aid has been unusually valuable to us on account of the awakening that has occurred in Shantung. Without that assistance we should have been greatly crippled in our efforts, and the movement there must have been checked."

The Rev. J. Sadler, the Society's faithful correspondent at Amoy, reported that at the Autumnal Meeting of the Congregational Union of Churches in that district, a vigorous paper had been read on the best methods for securing efficiency in the work of Bible distributors. This was followed by a speech from the senior native pastor.

He referred to his joy in listening to the statements of the Bible distributor. Then he dilated on what he had seen and heard of the benefits of the Scriptures. "The dialects differed, but the character (Chinese) was the same for all. Sometimes those who obtained the books had not been benefited; but others had. Thus a man who found himself in possession of Luke and Acts, left for him by good people who had cared for him in infancy, had been affected by the Truth, and sent to Amoy to know if he had been baptized in infancy, and had thus a connexion with the Church."

Further, he said, "the book survives the preacher. I dare not say there is no power in the Scriptures. In foreign lands their power is wonderful. In China, too, the Spirit using the Word, makes it powerful." Such and similar points were dwelt upon by this good and shrewd Chinaman. There was also reference made to well-known individual cases of men who are Bible distributors, who were brought to the Saviour by the Book.

Mr. Dyer's report of the Society's work in China is altogether very encouraging.

SOUTH AMERICA AND MEXICO.

Our Parent Society had been helping on the circulation of God's Word in several parts of these lands, where, however, the bulk of the good work is naturally done by the American Bible Society.

CONCLUSION.

A few months ago one of our colporteurs in Bohemia was coming to the end of a long day's work, sorely discouraged by the rebuffs with which he had met. There remained in the small town but one cluster of houses unvisited, and he was disposed to pass these by, especially as he knew one of them to be occupied by a gentleman who was an open enemy and mocker of the Bible. But his conscience was not easy. His instructions bade him, except for sufficient reason, to call at every house; and besides this, to-day the words had been haunting him, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." In a humble sense those words described his own calling; and he felt he must be true to it. Up, faint heart, and knock; who knows but thy fears shall be removed? So he plucked up courage to go to the door of this very man; and when it was opened, and the master of the house appeared, he could think of nothing to say but this, "Behold I stand at the door and knock." The owner was taken aback as the stranger added in a hurried, entreating tone, "I am not a common hawker; to-day Jesus Himself is standing at the door of your heart; you may turn me away, but, oh, do not reject Him: only believe His Word; I bring it to you; He will not cast you out." He paused, afraid at his own boldness. But not a word of rebuke followed; the gentleman called his wife and daughter, saying: "We must not let this good man go; let him