

Bible was the God to be worshipped and feared. After having spent a couple of hours with them, we departed, glad to find the Word of God doing its own quiet unobtrusive work through the village priest.

NOT ALL DARK IN SPAIN.

An extract from a letter of one of the colporteurs in the North of Spain will show that there is a bright side to the cloud hanging over Christian workers in that land. Mr. Corfield sends it under date Madrid, November 3:—

"In my last I told you of my visit to D- —, and now let me tell you what happened. Arriving there I was told the priests had notified to anyone who dared to buy our books that they should all be deprived of absolution, which made me think I should be badly received, and find no purchasers. Thank God, however, it was quite the contrary, for I disposed of 12 Bibles, 13 Testaments and 80 Gospels. I did not sell more Bibles, because I had none left. I had never been in a place where the women were less fanatical—they have bought more than the men. The Lord be blessed for this encouragement, and may He cause it to be for much good."—*December B. S. Reporter.*

In a recent letter from Gracia, Barcelona, Mr. George Lawrence, after giving some deeply interesting details of work among the children, says:—I have had a communication from Mr. Layard, our Ambassador at Madrid, by which I learn he is doing his best to obtain for us less restriction in the sale of Scriptures, and to keep the door open. I directed Francisco and Garcia again to go to Igualada, from whence they were ordered away some time back; and I am glad to say they had a very good sale of family Bibles. In a town called Martorel, about six miles from this, the town authorities even gave them the use of a table on which to spread their books; they sold over £6 worth in the three days they were absent. In Igualada the people are anxiously awaiting some one to come and open a meeting-place.—*The Christian.*

THE JAPANESE AND HIS DAUGHTER.

At the annual meeting of the Manchester Auxiliary, held on the 31st October, a missionary, recently returned from China, told the following story, which is given here only in outline:—

"Six Japanese girls were sent over to America to be educated. One of them took a situation as governess in a family, where she read the English Bible. She wrote under deep religious conviction to her father, urging him to procure a copy of the Bible and read it. He thinking it was a whim of his child, dismissed the subject from his mind, and destroyed the letter. This was ten years ago. Some seven years later he went as commissioner for Japan to the Austrian Exhibition. There he saw the Bible Stand, and was impressed with wonder that so much should be made of any single book, and that it should be thought worth translating into so many languages. He purchased a copy in Chinese, and read it with curiosity. Curiosity deepened into interest, and by degrees he became convinced of the truth of all the Book taught. In his journey through Europe he made his own observations of the three prevailing forms of Christianity, the Romish, Greek, and Protestant faiths. He was satisfied that the last of these came nearest to the teaching and spirit of the book itself. On his return to Yedo he applied to the American missionaries for baptism. Hearing of the step he had taken, his daughter wrote to him from America to suggest that, as he had the means at his disposal, he should purchase a heathen temple for purposes of Christian worship. He did so, and in the temple thus purchased the Christian missionaries now meet for worship."—*December B. S. Reporter.*