



OUTDOOR OVEN, MEXICO.

bute to their gallant commander Have-lock, that, Catholic though he was, he consented, with Irish warm-heartedness, to take the mission funds and purchase the Chiarini Circus for the Society.

This splendid property had once been a part of the palace of the Emperor Montezuma. After the conquest it became part of the noted Franciscan convent. On its sequestration it was sold to a theatrical company. Thus the palace of an emperor and the cloisters of the monks was at last made a home for Methodism.

The following paragraph appeared in one of the Church organs of the city when the purchasers became known. It reads:

"Each Time Worse."

"It is said that the Protestants have purchased the Chiarini Circus. As is known, this place is formed out of a patio of the monastery of San Francisco. You will wander lamenting around that place which was sanctified by the presence of the sons of San Francisco and which is profaned on a descending scale by rope dancing, immoral shows, licentious balls and the ceremonies of a dissenting sect which is the enemy of the Church. It is a real profanation, but it cannot be remedied, for power protects the profaners."

But, in spite of all rebuffs, Protestantism had come to spread its open Bible in the shadows of the two majestic mountains. It was an inspiring view from the front windows of the Mission—that of the hoary peaks of Popocatepetl and Iztoicuiatl.

"They stand, those regal mountains, with
crowns of spotless snow
Forever changeless, grand, sublime, as ages
come and go.
Each day the morning cometh in through the
eastern gate,
With trailing robes of pink and gold, and
still they stand and wait
For that more glorious morning, for the more
joyful sounds:
Lift up your heads, ye gates of gold!
The King of Glory comes"

Even more interesting is the story of the Mission building in the city of Puebla, which is really the ecclesiastical capital of Mexico. Here their purchase chanced to be none other than part of the Institution. For three hundred years this brutal institution crushed out all freedom in the land of Mexico; and when, at its sequestration, it fell into the hands of the Republican forces, those from whose homes loved ones had mysteriously disappeared rushed to the doors, demanding the right of search. But only