

books, they are bad." In spite of this the greater number were accepted. Thus, whilst the prince of darkness employed a grown-up person to destroy the good seed, the Lord the Father of lights, employed a little boy, who voluntarily offered himself to help in the distribution of tracts. I was still at the Place Verte, when a gentleman accosted me, and asked if I knew English. I answered, "that I only knew French and Flemish." He then said in French these short but encouraging words "May God bless you."

What may be accomplished by one book is forcibly illustrated in history of a well-worn volume given by a missionary in India to a man in a crowded market:—"Twenty years after this book was given away, some missionaries visited a new and distant part of the country, and heard of a village where there were people calling themselves Christians. I happened to be a member of this party, and I never can tell you the gratitude and the joy it brought to our hearts when we heard of this; and going to the village, we were told the history of this book; how it fell into the hands of a prominent man, an independent thinker; how he learned this book by heart, committed every page of it to memory, and recited it, morning and evening to his neighbours; how he threw away his idols; how he told the Brahma priest he should never come to his house again; that he had no offerings to make to him, no worship to give him; that he became a Christian; and how, after twenty years, we found eight believers ready to be baptized and organized into a Christian church."

THE RISING GENERATION.

(BY DR. HOLLAND.)

Under the title of "What our Boys are Reading," an excellent article appeared in a recent number of *Scribner*, which showed clearly that precisely the same influences are operating in America as in England, not only to dwarf the intellects, but also to corrupt the minds of the rising generation. The rapid growth of periodical "literature" for boys is indeed one of the marvels of the age, and in America, it appears, that new magazines are continually cropping up, and there, as here, the new ones, judging by the illustrations, are always worse than the old. This shows that the purveyors of the stuff find it a lucrative occupation, because the demand is more unlimited than the supply. To put it in still plainer words, the intellectual, like the physical appetite, "grows by what it feeds on."

But the coincidence we have mentioned, does not end here. The writer says that these magazines, or call them what you will, appear not only among school-boys in great cities, but also among school-boys whose parents are careful about the influences brought to bear on their children. It has been already pointed out by large employers of labour, by city missionaries, and worst of all, by the

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