

The above facts came to my knowledge in the following manner : I was holding a service in Concepcion last month, when a Chilian woman entered and sat down. She was told that the service was to be in English ; but she said, "No matter—she wished to remain." The woman turned out to be the mother of the family, and had come thirty miles expecting the service to be in Spanish. Senor Ibrariez arrived the following day, when the poor woman related to us the history of the Bible, and also the following sad and joyful particulars : The family removed some time ago from Talcahuano to a village on the river Beo-Bir. The eldest girl became consumptive and died a few months ago. To her very end she maintained the same joyful peace, and passed away rejoicing in her Saviour. The curate of the parish refused to allow her to be buried in the churchyard, but the parish priest, a very old man, took the part of the family and permitted the burial. The old priest yet remains their firm friend, but the curate is continually preaching against them.

Senor Ibrariez and I went to see the family during the following week, and we were quite pleased with our visit. We found their house poor, but very clean, and all the family very intelligent—far beyond their position in life. We found also the old Bible that did all the work placed on the table, and learned that they had morning and evening family reading and prayer, and also singing. Senor Ibrariez held a service in Spanish, which we all enjoyed very much. They sang a hymn with much feeling, to a strange air of their own composing. Before we left the half-Indian village we called on the old parish priest, and as soon as we made ourselves known he expressed pleasure in meeting us, and said, "Gentlemen my faith is as your faith. I did but my duty in acting as I did in reference to that Christian girl." Before leaving I gave a Testament to each member of the family.

AFRICA.

THE WORD OF THE LORD HAVING FREE COURSE AND BEING GLORIFIED.

Evidences are not wanting that the Holy Spirit's gracious influences are being vouchsafed to tribes in Eastern Africa who have long sat in darkness and in the shadow of death. The following extract from a letter lately received from Dr. Krapf will be very cheering to those who are praying for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and watching for the first gleams of dawn in regions long enveloped in the night of ignorance and superstition.

He writes :—

"A few weeks ago a remarkable letter written by the Catechist at Kisuludini, near Mombas, and addressed to my former colleague, Mr. Rebman, arrived here at Kornthal. David (this is the name of the Catechist) wrote to Mr. Rebman that thirty-five Wanika at Godoma, of the Wanika tribe Kiriamia, have, as he expresses it, 'entered the Book ;' in other words, have become Christians. A former servant of Mr. Rebman had settled down at Godoma, when the people came to see and talk with him. He read to them the Gospel of St. Luke, and explained it to them as well as he could. He also prayed with them, and the result was, that thirty-five persons wished to become Christians. One of them is a rich man, who dismissed his many wives, except one, and also liberated his slaves. The Gospel of St. Luke is the only Scriptural Book which has been printed in Kinika."—*B & F. Bible Society Reporter.*

THE ARABIC BIBLE IN THE HEART OF AFRICA.

The *Liberia Advocate* has for its motto the words, "Christian Liberia the open door for Heathen Africa," and a recent number of the paper contains a striking illustration of the proposition thus expressed. Some two years since the *Advocate* issued a circular in Arabic, addressed to the chiefs in the centre of Africa, inviting them to come to Liberia for traffic, and offering them in-