

nient house for our worship he would procure one for us, or give us his own for the night. When we came to the house prepared for our worship, there came a woman entreating us to go and visit her husband, who was very ill; and Chazot and Raphael went instantly to see him. When the brethren came back to the house of meeting, two rooms were already filled with people; soon the windows and the doors were occupied, the passages crowded, and many remained outside for want of space. Among the auditors outside were the curate and his nephew, who were both in civil dress, but of course perfectly recognized by all who saw them. After prayer, Mr. Chazot read a portion of the Word of God, and then preached from Ephesians ii. vers. 8, 9; during the whole time of which the calm was perfect and solemn, and a serious earnestness was observed on many a countenance. When the worship was over, many persons uttered the desire that they might be often visited. They were told that the deputation belonged to the Free Presbyterian Church of Alger, and that, *n.v.*, they shall have either pastoral visits on certain occasions, or a deputation of some of the brethren of said church. Tracts, pamphlets, and New-Testaments were then distributed, and very thankfully received, even by many Roman Catholics. The hearty salutations at our departure were very affectionate and touching, and such as one must seek among villagers and can seldom expect from towns-people.

Mr. Weiss says,—In my last letter, in which were included some extracts of the reports of the brethren about their visits to several neighbouring villages of this town, I intimated my resolution to visit these places myself as soon as the great heat would abate a little of its extraordinary rigour. But with regard to one of these places delay was unadvisable; and, therefore, I went there notwithstanding the heat. The place in question is called Ain Taia, a village situated at the northern extremity of the plain of Mitidya on the sea-shore, and is about twenty-two miles distant from this town. The inhabitants of that village are all Papists, and with the exception of two Frenchmen, are all Spaniards from the Balearic Islands. Mr. Chazot, in company with the Spanish Colporteur, visited the village some eighteen months ago, sold there a goodly number of Scriptures, and distributed many tracts and pamphlets. Among those who bought and gladly received these books was one Mr. Vives, the substitute of the mair, and one of the most respected inhabitants of that place. This man came into town about a fortnight ago, and pleaded seriously and energetically on behalf of himself and his fellow-villagers, that we should come there and preach the gospel unto them, saying, that besides himself and his lady, there were several souls in his village literally hungering and thirsting for the preaching of the pure gospel of Christ.

Such an invitation I could not resist, and therefore promised to come and preach in his village on Thursday evening, the 29th of last month. At nine o'clock in the morning of said day, Mr. Chazot, Mr. Raphael (the Spanish colporteur,) and myself set out with an open gig with one horse for the parching plain, and, after having visited on the road a farmer's family belonging to our little flock, we arrived at Ain Taia at five o'clock in the evening. Having alighted from the gig, which we left at the inn, we directed our steps towards the house of Mr. Vives. On the way a young girl of about fifteen or sixteen years of age came running towards us, and addressing herself to Messrs. Chazot and Raphael, said, "Ah, gentlemen, I recognised you through the window of our cottage; it is you who sold us a Bible and gave us some very good little books (*i.e.*, tracts) more than a year ago! Oh, what excellent little books! I really hope you have now brought us some more of these books. And Oh, how mamma will rejoice to see you again, and have some more books! Wait, I beg you, one moment, till I go and tell her that you are here, she so often speaks of you." The mother soon came out to meet us, and renewed the sentiments of her interesting young daughter; and great was her delight to hear that I was to preach at the house of Mr. Vives the same evening, and to which meeting she of course said she would come with her girl. This simple occurrence greatly rejoiced my heart, and impressed my soul with the conviction that there must be a real work of the Spirit going on in some souls in that village, and I blessed God.