

week is attracting many who hitherto have been strangers to its blessing. This result has been attributed by the Patriarch of Lisbon to the action of your Society, which he accuses of spending thousands a year in corrupting the people. One of the papers accused of being in league with the Bible Society does not hesitate openly to denounce the profligacy of the Great Apostasy, and then adds, "The morality which we preach is less latitudinarian than that of the Catholics, with their indulgences and penances, but it is certainly more evangelical and harmonizes strictly with that inculcated in the Book sold by the British and Foreign Bible Society, which, as our readers know, contains the teachings of our Saviour. Under the influence of its Christian teaching, great and powerful nations such as England and Prussia advance and flourish, whilst those which, like Portugal and Spain, denounce the Book as false, remain far behind in the development of all civilization. The difference is not in the Book, which is the same in every land, but in the retention or renunciation of Romish priestcraft."

A colporteur named Manoel Vieira, is described as full of hope, in consequence of the impression which he finds prevailing among the people that image worship is a delusion, and that freedom of worship must be maintained. The facility of locomotion which railways afford is a great means of enlightening many, as their interchange of thought and feeling with others at a distance from home renders them more independent of their priests. Vieira is the colporteur who not long since was arrested and imprisoned in Braga, so that Mr. Tugman had to appeal to the authorities at Lisbon in his behalf. The administrator, when questioned on the subject, stated that he had been merely invited to the guard-house lest he should get into trouble, and that when it was discovered that he was a respectable man, exercising a lawful calling, he was allowed to go free. This was not exactly a true version of the occurrence, but Mr. Tugman having done what he thought was necessary for the protection of his colporteur, was unwilling to press the matter further against those who had been the means of his illegal detention. Colporteur Figueiredo, relates an incident which occurred to him, which shews that notwithstanding prejudices which have been the growth of ages, there is a secret longing in many hearts for acquaintance with the Word of God, and that the force of conscience at times overcomes all hindrances:—

"A lady and a little boy were coming out one morning early to go to the shore for their bath, and I accosted her, offering a Bible. She asked me what the book was. I told her it was the Bible, would she look at it! "Ah! the Bible; wait till I call Senhor Padre; he must see what it is." (It turned out that Senhor Padre was her domestic chaplain.) She is the Baroness V——. "Padre," she said, "look at this book." He took it, and after looking over it for a short time, said, "Ah, your Excellency, it is one of those false Bibles they are selling so many of now. It is so cheap that it must be spurious." They returned me my book and went their way, but there was nothing unkindly in their refusal, so after having strolled about I followed the Senhora on her return from the bath, and asked if she would not buy the good book for her son to read out of; and after a little hesitation she bought it, and giving it to the lad said, 'You must not show it to the Padre.'

"On the following day I met the Padre, and asked him why he said the book was bad. 'Surely you,' I said, 'do not not deny God's sacred Word. Examine it for yourself, and I am sure you will not think so.' 'What makes you sell this book so cheap? Don't you know our people are prohibited from reading the Bible for themselves? Here, take the money, it is very cheap:' and, Figueiredo says in conclusion, he took the Book as if he had been buying contraband goods, and said, 'Say nothing,' meaning by this that I was not to let out that he had bought the book he had condemned."

Mr. Tugman in closing his report, thus reviews the field of his operations:—

"On taking a final glance over the foregoing, and from what I have observed and know, it is very clear to me that the desire to read the Scriptures and to arrive at the Truth as it is revealed in the Bible, has not diminished