

He entered upon his eternal rest without knowing what were to be the results of that journey ; but we of to-day are to some extent realizing them, though only the light of eternity will reveal how many souls were brought into the fold through the Bibles distributed on that one trip.

In 1804 one of our missionaries, Mr. Boyle, first entered the Province of Goyaz. At the town of Santa Luzia he was welcomed by a little band of Christians, composed of the members of one family, who had withdrawn years before from the Church of Rome and sought to follow the precepts of the Bible. He traced their conversion to the influence of a Bible sold to a member of the family living in the town of Paracatu, one hundred and twenty miles away, and in another province. This member, having obtained joy and peace for his soul, sent the precious volume to his parents and brothers and sisters, and they too embraced the truth. Who can estimate the mighty influence of that one copy of the Scriptures ?

So far as we know, Sr. Gallart never entered the Province of Goyaz.

There is now in the town of which we have spoken a little flock of thirty-five communicants. Two of us recently, descending the San Francisco River, stopped at the same towns that Sr. Gallart visited nearly twenty years ago.

In all of these places we met with some who had received the Scriptures from him, and had rejected the errors in which they had believed from their childhood. In one town especially we met with some who gave hopeful evidence of conversion, and these told us of others living in the country who had been led to embrace the truth by reading the Bibles left in that place. This place is five hundred miles from the nearest mission station, and no minister had ever before visited the place, and it had been nearly twenty years since this colporteur, the only Gospel worker that ever before passed that way, had stopped ; yet we found these people longing and praying for some one to guide them into clearer light.

We have selected these examples of the result of a colporteur's trip to illustrate how God's Spirit accompanies His Word, and works to the overturning of error ; and, if we read the signs of the times aright, the day is not far distant when that Word will have triumphed, notwithstanding the persistent efforts of its enemies to crush it.

The seed of the truth, sown throughout this vast empire, is germinating, and here and there, in parts not yet visited by the missionaries, are little nuclei of believers and others longing to know more of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Colporteurs have penetrated regions not yet reached by missionaries, and left there the Bible ; while this book has found its way into places never visited by a colporteur. The Bible is now an open book in Brazil, and the power of its influence is everywhere being felt. The territory is vast, too large to be thoroughly occupied by the small force now at work. The Church in Brazil has still to look to the home churches for reinforcement in order to prosecute the work and properly cultivate the seed already sown ; and still more does she need their prayers.

But when we see men and money forthcoming for the evangelization of this empire, we are assured, on the same principle that our Saviour announced and applied to his hearers when He said : "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," that the prayers of God's people in the United States are ascending to the throne of grace for Brazil and her labourers.—*Brazilian Missions.*

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*The Missionary Review* concludes an article on the power and influence of the press in heathen lands with the following paragraph : These incidentals, however, of the main question should not divert our thought from the vast and rapidly increasing necessity which exists—that the Christian Church shall multiply the operations of its press in all foreign fields a hundred fold, and do it at once. The hour has struck. The procession moves. What we do we must do quickly.