

was sixty-two, and of small ones eighteen—in all eighty; of Testaments there were 268, and the two small books fifty; making in all, 398 volumes. To one of the booksellers I sold forty-two Bibles for 85½ dollars; and three others I sold elsewhere for five dollars; making ninety dollars for a commencement, with which I felt greatly encouraged. The bookseller would not buy the New Testaments and the small books, but he agreed to sell them for me on commission, or rather without commission, as he generously refused it when proposed, and offered to do it gratis.

“The next thing was to get public notice given of the existence of this treasure in the city, and that there was ‘living water’ for all, but not exactly without money and price; for, for the best reasons, I always wish to *sell* our books, rather than *give them away*; and, in truth, I distribute very few gratuitously at any time, or in any place. The bookseller, at my suggestion, drew up an advertisement, and it was inserted in our two daily newspapers, as you will see by a copy of each which I now send you. Thus you see our flag is unfurled in Cuba, and all is in a prosperous train. A portion of the remainder of the Scriptures brought, which are not on sale at the bookseller’s above referred to, are on sale elsewhere, in two places. Among the friends I have met with here, and from whom I have received aid and encouragement in my work—not the least, but the greatest—is an English merchant, who has resided in this city for several years, and who has lately been brought, by the grace of God, to see the value of the Bible, and to perceive in it the glorious Gospel of salvation for poor lost sinners, in the sacrifice of the Son of God for our redemption. In this salvation he is resting and rejoicing; and has given himself up, as every disciple must and does, to follow the Lord whithersoever He goeth. The Lord bless him unto eternal life, and make him a light in this very dark place! Mr. ———, as you will suppose, has given me all help in my present visit to Cuba; and he will continue his services in your cause when your Agent leaves the island for other parts of his extended sphere of labour. This will prove of great value to you; and I am sure you will be thankful to God for raising up such a friend and agent in this place.

“In the hands of this gentleman I have left some of the Bibles and Testaments for sale: and I know that he will thus put them into circulation, through the intercourse he has with many, and through his forcible recommendation of the inestimable value of the word of God from what he himself has experienced, and by setting before his fellow-sinners the necessity of receiving and obeying the doctrines and the precepts of the Scrip-

tures; as otherwise we cannot be saved, and must therefore perish for ever. The Lord prosper him, in thus preaching salvation through the Bible and our Lord Jesus Christ!

“A third sale-place of the Scriptures is established in a steam-boat which runs from this port along a considerable portion of the northern coast of this island. Through the Scriptures being exposed here, the many passengers sailing in this vessel will have the word of God brought under their attention, and offered to them at a low rate. May the Lord lead them to profit by the same, for their everlasting salvation!

“The last portion of the books, being somewhat more than one-third, I take with me to other parts of the island. My intention is to leave this city in a few days, and to direct my way first to Matanzas, a large and growing city of 20,000 inhabitants, with much commerce, and lying about seventy miles to the eastward of this. After trying to sell some part of my stock there, I purpose to go on to the city of Principe, which is, in a certain view, the capital of the island, and the residence of the Supreme Court, called the Royal Audiencia, and containing a population of upwards of 50,000 inhabitants. I go towards that city in the steam-boat above referred to, called the Yumuri; in which is, I trust, a good man, who will take charge of our books for sale as above noticed. After some stay in Principe, and after disposing, as I hope, of some of our good treasure, I shall have to go on, overland, to Santiago de Cuba. In that city, containing about 30,000 inhabitants, I expect to dispose of my remaining portion of books, if I should have any left. Having so disposed of them, and thus accomplished the object of my visit to this island, I intend to sail for Kingston, Jamaica; to which place there are vessels going frequently.

“Before you can receive this letter I trust all our Bibles will be out of the hands of their respective salesmen, and in the hands of purchasers and readers; and O may all who read live for ever! Thus pray you likewise;—and I know you do; for what is our object in circulating the Scriptures, but that people may live by them?—and let us remember that our prayers will not a little contribute to this end, for so God hath arranged things in His infinite wisdom; to whom, in all things, be the glory! If our books are disposed of, as we hope, in the time above mentioned, we shall need a new supply; and I trust this island will require and call for many more copies of the word of God. Please then to send me, when this reaches you, 200 Bibles.

“I notice, lastly, an incident or coincidence, which though little, looks in one way great. When I went to the bookseller’s to talk about selling to him the Bibles, before I