

THE WORK OF ONE BIBLE.

In the year 1867, a young man, by name Jose Garcia, was drawn a conscript and left his little village in the north of Spain, to join the army. In 1869 he was sent to Cuba. While there, he found one day, on the mess-table, a book and took it up and began to read. It was a Bible belonging to the Assistant Medical man of the regiment, who appeared while the young soldier was reading, and took the Book from him. But, what little he had read, produced a deep impression upon him; he could not forget the words. In 1875 he returned to Spain and to his village, and found employment there.

One day, while working, a Bible colporteur passed and asked if he would buy a book. "What book?" he asked. "The Holy Scriptures," was his reply. This was the book he had been longing to have for years, but knew not how to get.

"Let me see it," he said to the colporteur, and commenced to search for what he had read in Cuba; he found it, and at once bought the Bible. When the colporteur had left, Jose sat down by the roadside and began to read; he read for hours, oblivious of everything, and, in his house, late on into the night, he very often forgot meal-times to read the book. The Spirit of God through the book converted him. These facts came to the ears of the priest. He demanded the book, but met a firm refusal. Full of fury, he went away, but, in a few days, returned to ask, as a favour, that Jose would not speak of it to others. Again he got a refusal, "This Book," said Jose, "has done me much good, and may do so to others." So he went on reading for himself and to others.—*From "The Gospel in Spain."*

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OVERTURNING THE BIBLE.

You attended the lecture, did you, and heard all about the mistakes of Moses! It is easy to abuse Moses now that he is dead and cannot talk back at you. A living ass can kick a dead lion. Moses, when alive, and after he was eighty years old, commanded an army of six hundred thousand men for forty years, though encumbered with all their baggage, their wives and little ones, and gained splendid victories, emancipating, organizing and giving laws which have stood the scrutiny and test of more than thirty centuries, and which now form the basis of the government under which we of this country live. It would be interesting to hear a man such as was Moses, on the mistakes of a colonel of cavalry whose military exploits were confined to a single engagement, in which he was worsted and taken prisoner by a boy, and when exchanged, resigned his commission and turned his attention to "the mistakes of Moses." Quite interesting. "But he overturned the Bible." Did he, indeed? Young man, listen: We have lived a considerable while, and during our life have heard of the Bible being overturned, refuted and demolished several times. Every few years somebody starts up and overturns the Bible, and it is like overturning a huge rock that has been shaped into a perfect cube; turn it as you will, it is always "right side up, with care."

Then when we read history, beginning away back at the time of Celsus or earlier, and trace the history of Bible overturners down to the present time, we find the work of every one of them has come to naught; and judging the future by a knowledge of the past the works of such men will always come to naught. There are more Bibles in the world to-day, read and believed in by more people, than ever before since the world was, and the number increasing more rapidly.

It might not be amiss for objectors to be a little less open-mouthed and less positive in their asseverations about the Bible, if for no other reason than that of concealing their own ignorance.—*St. Louis Christian Advocate.*