

but having also good courage and a strong desire to have an education and a better knowledge of the gospel,—God granted him his desires. The missionaries preach the truth wherever they can reach the people. It may be to one individual alone, or to many; it may be out of doors, when the wife is too much opposed and too angry to let the missionary into the house, or when the man himself is undecided or too timid; it may be in a field, under the fair heaven, and undisturbed by human intervention. An old man who had been friendly to the gospel, but who never came forward as a true christian, was reached in his field by a missionary, and during a kind appeal he was moved and promised to be more faithful to the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. Or it may be to a stranger, riding a few miles with the preacher in some of his missionary tours. Last summer, a brother who had gone a long distance from his home to preach, took on his way a stranger in his buggy, and soon began to preach to him Jesus Christ and his salvation. At first the stranger was surprised to hear the things spoken and felt uneasy, but, after awhile, seeing the kindness of his companion and his earnestness in speaking of the love of God, of Jesus Christ as being the only Saviour, who can and who is willing to save us, and of the gospel as being the word of Christ and of his Apostles, he felt reassured and began to talk and ask questions. The conversation was serious and good, and although this stranger was the brother of a priest, he accepted a New Testament with the promise to read it attentively.

Other volumes of Holy Writ have been asked for by Roman Catholics who wished to enquire about the truth. It is much easier now to make the people understand the advantage that one who reads the Holy Scriptures has over one that does not read them, and that the word of our Lord Jesus Christ and of his Apostles should be dearer to them than the word of man, even that of their priests and bishops. Still it will take some time before we can induce a large number in any one place to read the gospel for themselves. The idea prevailing among them, that the common people cannot understand the Bible, is much against their reading it, and the priests, in proof of that idea or belief, that they have spread among their people, will refer to the divisions and different denominations among the Protestants who read the Bible daily. This argument is however easily answered by persons of good sense. We rejoice to know that this work of preaching the gospel and of