

revival. Among those spoken to was a neighboring pastor, who stated that while over five hundred men had accepted Christianity as a system, he believed that over one hundred of them were genuinely converted. Recently, governors favorable to Christianity have been appointed to these prison regions, and teachers are now employed and paid by the Government to teach the prisoners Christian morals. One of these teachers recently said that he preached the gospel daily to the thousands of men in the prison under his charge.

Pastor Poinso. gives the second story. In a recent letter he writes:—Our Church here being scattered over a large district, I find it impossible to follow and make myself acquainted with the effects produced by our distribution of Bibles and Testaments at Christmas to the children of our Missionary Sunday-schools, as well as those given to newly-married couples. As regards the latter, I know they are much appreciated. I have omitted to ask for a fresh supply, and shall be much obliged by you sending me some, as I have lately celebrated several "mixed marriages" (Protestants and Roman Catholics), and have been urgently requested to give to each couple their Bible.

A peculiarly interesting circumstance has brought to my knowledge the effect produced by a New Testament given at Christmas a year ago to a Roman Catholic child who had been attending our school. A family composed of father and mother and five children, boys and girls, have been regular attendants at the chapel for nearly a year. I have been in the habit of visiting them, but never thought of asking them what had led to their coming to our services at Charleroi and our week-day meetings at Dampremy. The mother, in whom a remarkably moral change has taken place, and whose conversion is evident, applied to me a fortnight ago to be admitted to the Communion. It then occurred to me to inquire how the whole family had been brought to the chapel. She told me that she had heard there was a missionary school near her house. "I did not know," she said, "what was taught there, but I thought the children would be better there than running about in the streets. On Christmas Day they were taken to the chapel, to which I made no objection, and one of them brought home a New Testament. I wished to see what the book was about, and read it. I got interested in it and my husband also, and we said, 'This religion is better than the one we have been taught,' and so we attended the chapel at Charleroi. I was struck with what I heard, and began to understand what the Gospel teaches. I learned what I was, what I am—a sinner—and that Jesus died for our sins. I believed, and the peace which passes all understanding entered my heart, and I am happy. My husband, as you know, intends to take the Gospel as his guide. He is a Protestant, but grace has not yet accomplished its work in him. My children go to the Sunday-school and the chapel with pleasure, and I have good hopes of them."