

open for the visits of our colporteurs, and, ever since the period named, he has been a member of one of the evangelical churches in Barcelona, where his children are regularly baptised.

BURGOS AND OVIEDO.—Three colporteurs are employed in this district, which is situated to the north-west. It was here that the authorities resorted to the extreme measure of imprisoning a man found guilty of the crime of offering to his fellow-countrymen the Word of God. The indignity of the punishment, however, was more than compensated by the testimony which the colporteur was able to bear, both in the prison and elsewhere, to the love of Christ for sinners, and to the power of Divine Truth to sustain and comfort the soul in the hour of affliction. One of the three colporteurs above mentioned thus records his experience :—

On the 26th Jan., I reached Orense, after a tiring journey in snow, rain and cold, but God takes care of His people. I began my mission at once in the capital, and in a short time sold thirty-one Bibles, besides some Portions of the Scriptures. I also went to the surrounding districts, where I met with complete nests of priests and students, who prevented the people from buying, with determined opposition. In one of these towns (Alvarez) I was detained by the Civil Guard, at the instigation of the priests, but God brought to nought their designs, and I was allowed to depart. In this place (Carabalino), from whence I am now writing you, I have met with extraordinary success, having sold twenty-five Bibles besides Testaments and Portions. God has given to us his rich blessing. Pray much that the seed sown may win souls to Christ. I must confess to you that I suffer very much, but I rejoice much, as well. After selling all the Bibles I had with me, five gentlemen of the place called at my lodgings to buy each a Bible, and gave me their names. Seeing their earnestness, I set off to draw a supply from my stock at a distance. Obtaining a horse, I started in the direction I wanted, which took me two days, with rain and wind, before I returned, when these good people purchased of me seven copies of my large Bible, which they were delighted to possess.

Another, writing from the same district, thus describes his feelings and his work :

Day after day I get much contentment to see how the Word of God is received. God blesses us, and I meet with many now who stand up in defence of the Gospel ; they are not Christians in the truest sense, but their minds are really awakened. In a house where I sold a Bible, I was invited to see a poor sick woman, to whom I was readily introduced by an anxious son. I asked her if she believed in God, to which she assented, and to which I added my own gratification, for I wished to lead her to His own Word, out of which I read some portions ; she appeared interested, as well as others who were present. The son then said, "What think you, mother, of the words read by this man ? are they not different to anything else we have ever heard ? The Book says, God gives His grace gratuitously, and you have had to pay to the priest more than 2,000 reales since the death of my father, which money was ours and not the priest's. I see clearly, from what the man has read, that nobody can do any direct good for our souls, but we ourselves must seek the light through God Himself, which He never sells to anybody." The old lady was not altogether unmoved, and she bought of me a Gospel to give to a little girl who was present.

Mr. Corfield, who has spent a part of the summer in England, has now returned to his Agency ; and his first letter reports

A REVIVAL OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE.

"Things look very gloomy here. Last week I noticed in the public prints that the Governor of Mahon had prohibited the publication in his district of any notices connected with Protestant worship, schools, &c. The Liberal