

FRENCH WORK.

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Questions have been asked regarding our French Mission work, which could not very well be answered, except at random, by some who are not altogether acquainted with our mode of proceeding. Therefore, I have thought it might prove beneficial to give a little information here on the subject. In all undertakings of any importance we know that good judgment and tact are absolute requisites to ensure success; and we who know anything about "Romanism" know how essential and important are the said attributes in seeking to reach and benefit that class. Having been trained to look upon the Bible as a "dangerous book," and all Protestants as "heretics," a people of "no religion," we have to be not only "wise and harmless," but also use the greatest amount of tact in approaching them, which accounts for the poor success and persecution of many Bible women and colporteurs. Now, I never think of presenting or mentioning Bible on first entering a Popish home. I have a ready excuse for my intrusion; get acquainted with them; soon make them feel I am their friend, so they can open their hearts and tell me all their troubles and difficulties. Then I can present, not the Book, but its blessed teachings, and it is enjoyed and appreciated. There are about sixty families I visit continually. All seem to love and respect me, and always make me feel welcome. Not one of these families but the mothers will confide their troubles and difficulties; and let me say here, the tales of woe and misery I hear, and the scenes I witness daily, is almost beyond description, proving the assertion that "Truth is stranger than fiction," and, were it not for the sustaining grace of the Master, and the assurance of being useful, one could scarcely bear up under the pressure at times. It has been a source of great comfort and encouragement that we have been able, through the kind response of friends, to befriend these people, and present them a practical Christianity. They compare our line of conduct with that of their own people, especially their lead-