

up slowly through the smoke. At length the paper and wood burned fiercely, and we had a grand bonfire. I was afraid the tablets might not be burned enough, but we all stirred them into the hottest flame, until they were all but consumed to ashes.

What a sight that was for a hot July sunset scene! A man in his own court, with his family about him, with hosts of friends and neighbours in the court or standing on the roofs and walls all around, quietly setting fire to his guardian deities, the shrines of his own parents and ancestors! I confess to an exultant feeling as I saw the calm determination of the father, and as I heard the low mutterings of horror or deprecation from the by-standers. What a grand witness to the new faith of the man! I suppose that village never saw a like scene. Perhaps few others would have dared to act so openly.

When nothing but charcoal was left of the once worshipped gods, the man merely said, "Well, those tablets cost money when erected." I said, "And how much richer are you without them? Surely there is joy in heaven among the angels on your account to-day."

Twenty thousand people, perhaps, will be startled into some sort of thought by the testimony of this one man!

THE OPEN DOORS IN GALATIA AND CAPPADOCIA.

The Epistle to the Galatians should give Bible readers a deep interest in the present Christian movement in the City of Angora, the capital of Galatia. In our December number we gave particulars of the religious awakening in this city and in Cappadocia.

We now learn from Mr. Bartlett, of Cæsarea, that thus far the work looks encouraging. Though the movement began largely from political and worldly motives, it bids fair to prove a work of much interest. There were before some eight or ten open Protestants in Angora: many were already convinced of the truth, and only waiting an opportunity to declare their convictions, hence there is hope that the work may prove permanent and aggressive. The English Vice-consul is very much interested in it, and contributes towards it both by his influence and pecuniary aid.

A house for a school and worship have been secured, and, as a temporary arrangement, a teacher and a preacher have been sent there from Cæsarea. The means for their support, however, is needed so that they may have to be removed.