

withheld from our readers. We trust it will excite attention and increase the interest felt in this field. The work here is not rapid, but is, we think, solid and full of promise.

“MONTE VIDEO, B. O. DEL URUGUAY.

“MY DEAR SIR—Enclosed I send my account for the months of September and October. The total of sales, including some portions given, was 270 copies, and the total cash received for same, \$89 20 in gold.

“In reference to the matter on which you write me, it is not yet one year since the public preaching of the Gospel in Spanish was commenced in this city; but such has been the blessing with which God has crowned this enterprise, that already the Mission owns a place of worship, in which over 300 persons meet to hear the word of God expounded. Already two priests have come out and professed to embrace evangelical doctrines. One of these has made good his profession, and is already preaching in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Buenos Ayres: the other is yet held in suspense. A great number are constant in their attendance, and some manifest concern. Yet, though the work is very extensive, it has not had time to become so deep as to create a demand, on the part of the people themselves, for a Bible with references; indeed, I doubt if many of them know how to use one. Yet there is every indication that the work is deepening, and that rapidly. We hope to have a regular pastor in the course of two months; then we shall have Bible classes, and just as soon as these are formed will the demand in reality begin and go on, and that may be by the time that this reaches the United States.

“Since my last letter to you, more of the natives have come seeking the Bible than at any time before. Thus we are beginning to reap the fruit of the preaching of the Gospel in Spanish; and again, the preaching of the Gospel in Spanish is the fruit of the Bible work. Dr. Goodfellow may have told you, that if it had not been for your agency here, we should not yet have had the preaching of the Gospel in Spanish on this side the Plate, much less the fruits I have told you of; and even if the Mission had extended its work here, the people would not have had the preparation but for the circulation of the Scriptures. One of the priests who came among us is lately from Spain, and he at once noticed the preparedness of the people for the Gospel. He said there are thousands in Spain who hate Romanism; but with it they hate all Christianity, and would not have tolerated such a sermon as he heard Bro. Thomson preach, and saw the congregation listen to with attention.

“I still carry round my books from door to door, and, as opportunity offers, not only commend the Scriptures, but also endeavour to bring guilt home to the conscience, and show the way of salvation. In the evenings I go round among the coffee-houses and dining-rooms, where the people are congregated together, and frequently hold animated, and I trust also, profitable discussions. At such times I find the people more ready to buy; and when there happens to be one present who knows and appreciates the Bible, others are induced to buy more readily on his commendation.

“Lately I met with some Mohammedans; one of them was very anxious to read the Bible, but dared not purchase it. He asked me if I would lend him one on hire. I told him I would gladly lend him one without hire, and if he afterward felt inclined to buy it he might.”

KNOWN BY ITS FRUITS. —Apropos of sectarian schools, a Roman Catholic priest rebuked a young woman for reading a Protestant Bible, calling it “that bad book.” “Mr. Priest,” she answered, “a little while ago my brother was an idler, a gambler, a drunkard. Since he began to read the Bible he works with industry, goes no longer to the tavern, no longer touches cards. How comes it, Mr. Priest, that a bad book produces such fruits?” The answer is not recorded. It was probably a “mystery,” or a conundrum, which he gave up.