

I may not see it, nor you, but we are sowing the seed which will prepare the way for it.

"As to *Bible Women*. I am daily more convinced of the power that these exercise; they enter where a *man* cannot, and meet the priest on his own ground—the *family*."—*B. & F. Bible Society Reporter*.

A Bible distributor in Spain has disposed of nearly a hundred Spanish Bibles in Minas, an important town in the interior, which has been repeatedly visited. The fact that the demand for the Word of God is kept up is encouraging. —*Ill. Christian Weekly*.

PORTUGAL.

In a letter recently received by the American Tract Society from an English minister in Oporto, we find the following :

"Bibles and other books may be sold, but no voice may be raised in a public place in behalf of the gospel, and we have to be careful where or how we open a new preaching station. But even this is gradually wearing away. We find that patient and believing labour and perseverance in well-doing are the best means of breaking down the barriers of prejudice, and the public mind from the various indications that present themselves, is coming round to a most favourable attitude in reference to the gospel.

"There is but a small opening, as you know already, for book colportage. Religious publications other than the Bible are regarded with suspicion, and even the Bible, and that the translation from the Vulgate, is often hard to dispose of. It is encouraging, however, to learn from the agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society at Lisbon, that the sales this year are considerably in advance of those last year. And besides this, there are often pleasing proofs that the plain Word of God touches the hearts of the people. A colporteur was relating a few days since how he was offered a seat in a cottage belonging to some simple villagers and requested to read. They were much interested, and at the end an old woman slipped a copper (about one cent) into his hand, in token of her appreciation, and another quietly drew a corn-cake from under her cloak, suggesting that he might want it on the way. To avoid offence he accepted these simple tokens of gratitude.

"The Word is gradually producing its effect." &c.

THE TYROL.

ANOTHER ADDED TO THE GLORIOUS ARMY OF MARTYRS, AND MORE VOLUNTEERS READY.

It is sad to think that there are still some parts of the continent of Europe where enmity to God's Word is so virulent that the mere attempt to sell it to those who are willing to purchase exposes the colporteur to the bitterest persecution, and that death itself is not considered too heavy a penalty to expiate the offence.

One faithful labourer in this portion of the Lord's vineyard, of the name of Reuch, has, within a few months, been found dead under circumstances which leave but little doubt that he has been the victim of Romish fanaticism, and that his life has been taken away as the most effectual means of putting an end to his work. The priests had for some time been preaching and writing against him in the public papers with great vehemence, one of the paragraphs being couched in the following language : "The notorious Bible apostle and poisonous tract distributor (the single Gospels are called tracts), whom we have already repeatedly described in this paper, is again busy distributing his filthy articles in Unterpausterthal, with a zeal, energy, and perseverance worthy of a better cause." Such words, addressed to the ignorant and superstitious, produced their desired effect, and the fatal blow was struck.

His pocket-book and stick were found in a lonely spot, within a short dis-