

field labourer from A——called on me; he announced himself as a brother in Jesus. After the usual salutations he told me he had just come to Xeres on foot, as work had been offered him on a farm for a few weeks, and hearing there was a Protestant Church and pastor in the town, called upon me to make the acquaintance of a brother in the faith. We at once entered into a religious conversation, and he surprised me with the clear views he had on the all important question of man's salvation. I asked him to tell me under whose ministry he had sat. "Ministry," said he, "you are the first minister I have ever seen. I have never entered a Protestant Church in my life." "How is it you know these doctrines which are so contrary to what you have learnt from childhood and see practised daily in your village?" "I abandoned the errors of the Church of Rome, because I cannot find anything of what she teaches in God's Word. I saw that unless I was born again and regenerated, I could not be saved, and so I made it a matter of prayer, and now I know I am regenerated, I am in the light. Jesus promised His Spirit to those that asked Him, so I asked Him to enlighten me while reading His precious book, and I find my way very clear." "How did you get a Bible?" I asked. He told me that several years ago, a colporteur went to his village, and he bought a Testament from him, a small gilt London edition, and made it his special study and constant companion from that very day; he always carried it in his pocket. He showed me the book, and I can truly say a more thumbed one I have never seen; the pages were as brown as his sunburnt face. He told me that since he has become acquainted with the Truth, he has collected a small congregation to whom he reads it, and with whom he meets for prayer, one day in the house of one, and another day in that of another; that when he is labouring in the fields, the time that is allowed him in the middle of the day for a siesta, he employs in collecting around him his comrades, and reading to them out of his dear companion. He is a living concordance to the New Testament, for he can turn to any passage you may mention at once. I have no doubt he will be a blessing to his fellow-villagers.

To-day I have met with a similar case, in a carpenter from S———L.

These are a few instances out of many that will in time come to light. Let us therefore labour for the spreading of God's Word, and leave it to Him to bless it, for he will do so.

BARCELONA.—This district has continued in a very disturbed state during the whole year, rendering it quite impossible for the colporteur to penetrate into the interior of Catalonia, where the forces of Don Carlos were entrenched. There is, however, a great deal of active Christian work carried on in the city of Barcelona, which is the second in Spain, and, in commercial enterprise, excels the capital. The colporteur has taken advantage of this to push his sales, and has extended his journeys along the Mediterranean coast to Tarragona. He is an enterprising man, and has had considerable experience, among the records of which the following anecdote has a place:—

Some five years ago (during the first republican troubles) he, with another colporteur, paid a visit to a town some hours distant from Barcelona. On entering the place, they met with a man who was not indisposed to listen to their appeal to buy a book, becoming afterwards quite friendly in offering them his house and services, where they met with pleasant success. It seems that some three weeks previous to this interview, the man in question (a red hot republican) had nearly forfeited his life, he having been captured by the Government forces, with two others, who were to be shot for rebellion. The three men were actually brought out for execution, and his two companions were really shot, but his own life was spared, at the last moment, by the commanding officer, on the plea of his large family. Some of our colporteurs, meeting with this individual, became instrumental in showing him his past danger, and invited him, all the more earnestly, to be reconciled to God. He was much impressed and edified, and to-day this very man is a leading individual in the town, and has filled the office of alcalde. His house is always