

church ever persecuted any on account of religious differences!! Facts are stubborn things. We have before us in the *Journal of Commerce*, a brief account of the persecution of 600 Protestant Portuguese. They are now in the West India island of Trinidad. They were imprisoned by the Romish church at Madeira. Their only crime was reading the Bible, and renouncing the authority of the church of their fathers. "Among the number is a Mrs. Alves, her husband, children and sister. Mrs. A. was sentenced to suffer death by the Papal Court of Madeira because she would not say that the *wafer* in the hands of the Priest, was God. She and her sister were confined about three years in the dungeons of Madeira." Those poor persecuted people were at last released from their prison only on condition that they would forever leave their native country—their own delightful, beautiful isle. They have found in Trinidad an asylum from persecution, but are suffering greatly by a change of climate, and the great difficulty they find in keeping together so as to be able to enjoy the social worship of God. Being poor they have to seek employment, and this throws them into the society of the dissolute, and scatters them. They look abroad for aid. They desire to remain in each others society under the ministry of Mr. De Silva, one of their number. Efforts are being made to procure for them a settlement in the United States, where they may continue in each others society. Mr. De Silva says in behalf of his persecuted suffering flock: "I do not ask for money, but for land. I ask what God has given to man that he might earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. Our people are mechanics and farmers, virtuous and industrious; they will soon rejoice in abundance, for they hate vice and love virtue."

We shall anxiously look for intelligence from these people. While so many Romanists are pouring into America, such Protestants as these should receive aid that they may take part in the diffusion of bible knowledge among the ignorant millions who are settling the fertile plains of the West. Money for them—to enable them to accomplish their purpose may be remitted to M. De Morre, Esquire, 150 Nassau Street, New York.

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PAYING LIKE A SINNER.—Several years ago, in North Carolina, where it is not customary for the tavernkeepers to charge ministers any thing for lodging and refreshments, a preacher presumingly stopped at a tavern one evening, made himself comfortable during the night, and in the morning entered the stage without offering to pay for his accommodations. The landlord soon came running up to the stage, and said; "There is some one in here that has not settled his bill." The passengers all said they had, but the preacher, who said, he had understood that he never charged ministers anything. "What! you a minister of the gospel—a man of God!"—cried the innkeeper. "You came to my house last night—you sat down at the table without asking a blessing—I lit you up to your rooms, and you went to bed without praying to your maker—for I staid there until you were undressed)—you rose and washed without prayer, and ate your breakfast without giving thanks; and as you came into my house like a sinner, and ate and drank like a sinner, you have got to pay like a sinner."—*Witness of Truth.*