

alone Presbyterians, but Christians in general, at which the topic was treated by those who addressed the meeting, of "The Christian, in his relation to Christ, the Church, and to the World."

THE GOOD WORK IN MEXICO AND PERU.—The following story is given by the Rev. Wm. Parkes, agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

"It was only last November that Escobar, the colporteur, entered the workshop of a blacksmith and coach-maker in this town. The master, named Augustin, seeing his pack of Bibles, thought he was selling Romish books, and said,—

"I want none of that trash; I have become tired of that superstition long since."

"But," said Escobar, "these are Bibles."

"Bibles! are they?"

"Yes, not Romish Mass Books, but God's pure Word."

"A Bible," said the man, "is what I have long been waiting for."

"He bought one, took it home, and began earnestly to read it. It touched his heart and led him to Jesus."

"Now he had at his home his aged mother, his wife and a sister, all devout Catholics, regularly attending mass, and having images of the saints and pictures of the Virgin all about their rooms."

"Augustin was not satisfied with reading the Bible alone; he felt it his duty to read it to his family in the evenings after his work was over. Knowing that it was a Protestant book denounced by the priests, the women at first walked away, pretending to have work to do in their rooms. But finding this running away to be inconvenient, and perceiving that Augustin did not intend to give up his evening readings, they were eventually obliged to remain. By and by they could not refrain from listening, and gradually became interested. One night the aged mother began to weep. Her son stopped, thinking that his mother was more than

usually annoyed; but she said, 'No, go on; these words are so new to me, so sweet and tender, that I cannot refrain a tear.'

"Eventually this Bible-reading led them to Mr. Pascoe's preaching. At first the wife of Augustin said she did not wish to oppose her husband, and would become a Protestant in *part*, if he would allow her the worship of the Virgin. He must permit her *that much*."

"The sister was more thorough in her repudiation of Romanism, and soon became an earnest Christian. One night, after hearing a discourse on Romish idolatry, she went home, gathered together all the pictures and images of saints and Virgins, the collection of many years, and burnt them all."

"The aged mother, in whose nature there yet lingered some of the old leaven, remonstrated; but it was too late—*she* went the flame, and consumed them all."

"The wife afterwards became an earnest Christian, and it is this family, instructed out of that one Bible, which has done so much towards the present awakening now going on in Toluca."

Light flies with amazing rapidity. The light of the knowledge of the glory of God has lately been thus shining with astonishing power in Mexico, and the adjacent Spanish Roman Catholic countries to the south are sure ere long to be influenced by its rays. Christians are now looking with longing eyes for the effect of that great work on the countries of Guatemala, Granada, Ecuador, and Peru. We draw attention to these countries that Christians may pray for them, because, alas! they continue to be enveloped in the gross darkness of Popish superstition.

Peru is a magnificent country, nearly covered by the lofty Andes, which enclose a table-land twelve thousand feet high, and containing the stupendous peaks of Sorata and Illimani, 25,400 and 24,250 feet above the level of the sea. Its natural wealth is immense. The silver mountain of Potosi has no