

Bibles had been kept), but it was locked; I then went over toward the church and inquired of a man coming from meeting where I could get a Bible, and he said, sir, that you kept them." I replied that I did, and that I should be most happy to supply him; asked him in, and, as near as I can remember, he related his circumstances as follows: "I am, sir, working on the railroad and stopping at a camp two and a half miles from here, and it is a terribly wicked place for a man who wants to do right. I am from England, sir, brought up under religious instruction by godly parents, and there I professed and enjoyed religion. I came to America in search of a home; settled on a homestead of Minnesota up north of here, and by wicked men was robbed of it; and, sir, to earn my bread and get another start I am obliged to come and mingle with these men and shovel dirt on the road. Circumstances and associations have led me away from Christ, and I have lost all enjoyment in religion; but now I feel that I cannot do without the Saviour and his precious word." His stricken heart was too full for utterance, and he wept like a child while we knelt in prayer.

He prayed earnestly for the forgiveness of his sins and follies, and begged to be restored to the favour of Christ and God. When we arose I presented him a Bible. He took from his purse thirty-five cents, the last cent he had, and insisted on my taking it. "Precious Bible! Precious Bible!" repeatedly he exclaimed. But when I realized his great necessity I returned the money; gave him some Testaments and papers for his associates in camp, and he went away with a grateful heart. Last Sabbath morning he came again very early, his face beaming with joy, and his first exclamation was: "I have found the Saviour! There is considerable feeling in our camp, sir; several wish to become Christians. Three men came with me to attend meeting, but we were too early, so we went into the church and had a little prayer meeting. I would like, sir, to get some more Bibles, Testaments, and papers for my comrades in the camp. They swarm around me and beg for more." More were freely given, and I visited the camp this week and again distributed more. Our excellent minister accompanied me and arranged for preaching in that camp every Sabbath evening. A Sunday school is to be established there this week, a contractor at another camp, who is a Christian man, consenting to superintend it.

THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS AT THE SOUTH.

A teacher in Virginia says: "The Bibles were very thankfully and gratefully received, and in one instance the man I gave one to was so overcome that he could not speak for some time, only by tears. The Testaments also were highly appreciated."

A teacher in North Carolina says: "I gave away the Testaments as fast as my scholars became able to read them. Many of them are in daily use in my school, and as we have had very little preaching, I have felt that it was the constant study of God's word which has led so many to begin a new life. Our Sabbath and day scholars became first interested, and their influence is bringing in others. I have felt that God is thus blessing his own truth, and though such constant wear has made many of the books look old, I cannot but feel that the donation was well invested."

Another teacher at the South writes: "We read responsively, and I chose the Gospel of John, as coming nearer some of the vital things which they were to know than some other portions of the word. I cannot say that I know that any one was converted with this book in his hands. But I can say, that they were an exceeding comfort to us all. I wish I knew that 300 more had been shipped from the generous donors to me this very day. I have sometimes given a copy away to some old mother whose sight was failing, and who could read the large print so comfortable. I know that some