

places there are very good schools, taught by capable and worthy teachers of both sexes.

"Morally the people are certainly far below what they should be. They have very loose notions on the great moral questions of the day. Intemperance prevails to a fearful extent. Rumselling is regarded as a legitimate business. Hence it is an open traffic, even though the law forbids it.

"I met with some instances of very great ignorance. I was showing a New Testament to a woman. She wanted one for her son. She could not read; he could. She had a Bible from the date of her marriage. She looked over the Testament and said: 'I suppose there is good reading in this.' I explained to her what it contained, and told her she had better get him a Bible. She looked over it in the same way, and made the same remark. This woman lived not more than a mile from the church to which she belonged, and had a Bible in the house ever since she was married; yet she seemed to know nothing about its contents. I sold her a Bible and some other small books.

"I asked a man who had a Testament to buy a Bible. He said, 'I guess it is all here.' There are many who seem to have not a thought about God and their accountability to Him.

"I do not know that I have done much good; yet I think and pray that the reading of the books may be blessed of God to the people. I called at one house, and asked if they had a Bible. They said 'yes, Mr. M. B—— gave us one a couple of years ago.' I asked if they had any other religious books, they said yes, and handed me the 16th and 17th pages of the tract 'Come to Jesus,' by Newman Hall, and said that Mr. M. B—— gave her that too. They had it put carefully away with the Bible, and I think it had been read often. I sold them 'Come to Jesus,' and some other small books. One day I threw out a tract to some small children. When I returned to the town I heard that the little book had gone and was still going all over town, and everybody was reading it with great delight. It was entitled 'The Debt is paid,' and was a beautiful illustration of the doctrine of 'Justification by faith.'

"There are not many Roman Catholics, but I called on a very intelligent family. They said they always had bought some books, when brought to them, but the last they got was so bigoted, they did not think they would buy any more. They thought it wrong for one denomination to abuse another. I told them I would be very sorry to give them any offence, and asked them to take time and select for themselves. I told them I had a lot more in my trunk. They selected some excellent books. I sold them more than to all the rest of the families in the place. They were very kind to me, and gave me dinner. I do hope the books may do them good.

"I have held meetings where convenient during the week, and my Sundays have all been engaged. In the morning I hear a sermon, after which I superintend a Sabbath School and teach a Bible class. In the afternoon I go to the country, attend a Sabbath School and hold

service often, and come out and give and kept in open. By this means I have had the benefit they never had. I said he was miles from the

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