

fear. Read the great love of God towards you in the Cross of Christ, and trust in the Saviour's promise, 'I will not leave you comfortless,' as you may read fully in John xiv., and also see 1 John ii. 27. Never fear erring in what relates to your salvation." He shook hands with me heartily, and begged me to call on him whenever I went that way. Whilst he was talking and thanking me, several workmen came up, one asking one thing, and one another; some to return portions and get a New Testament. There was evidently a desire to read the Scriptures, and will there not be fruit to the Lord's glory?

"One day, a sharp lad from Venetia came to me and urged me to give him a Gospel, which I did. He then asked me about the Divinity of our Saviour, saying that many of his companions did not believe that He was the Son of God who came to save us. I replied to various objections drawn from Voltaire, Strauss, and others, after which he turned to his fellow-labourers, saying, "You young fellows wish me to believe that Jesus Christ was simply another Garibaldi; prove your assertion to this gentleman." I asked them to state freely any doubts they might have on the subject, on which one of them said, "We say Jesus Christ was a great man, who did much for the liberty of the people, and who, for the well-being of society, laid down his life; but that he worked miracles, or that he was the Son of God born of a virgin, we deny." I told them that if they would listen to me, I would try in simple language to prove to them that Jesus Christ is Divine, and that they should accept him as their Saviour. There were upwards of sixty persons present, and under the shade of a wooden building, I spoke to them at some length of Him who came to save. I showed them how fully the apostles believed all that they wrote concerning Christ, what opportunities they had of knowing the truth or falsehood of the whole story, or any part of it, and how sure they must have been that Jesus Christ was all that he claimed to be, when they suffered trial and even death rather than deny him. At the close many of them shook hands with me, thanking me, and Gerelli and I sold about twenty New Testaments, and very many Scripture portions. The Venetian youth, in particular, thanked me warmly, and said he hoped that Italy would soon become Christian in the Gospel sense of the word. This was not the only discussion we had on this important subject.

"I had many a conversation, chiefly with the operatives employed on the works along the banks of the Po and Ticino. One day, when commending the Bible to a man as a Divine revelation, some one came forward and said "It was all very fine talking, but who could prove that the Bible was the Word of God?" Soon we were surrounded by about forty people, to whom I spoke for half an hour. At the end a stout labourer said that at any rate we must first read the Book, and many came to us for New Testaments or portions.

"One day, some workmen happened to overhear me tell a woman that it was quite right to speak respectfully of the Virgin Mary and the saints, when they began to curse and swear horribly. I said to them very quietly, "My friends, why do you blaspheme? Why take in vain the name of Him who sends us the sun and the rain, who created, who sustains, and who loves you?" They were much astonished at being spoken to in this way. They eyed me, and one after another stopped working, and came round me like so many sheep, to hear what I had to say. I told them that by indulgence in the sin of swearing the heart got hardened, and their separation from God increased. Next I repeated the third Commandment, and some other passages of Scripture. Some excused themselves, saying it was a habit they had got into, and several purchased our little books, promising to read them."

"Jesus accepts all who come unto Him," said my friend Majno (of Mantua) to a workman, who replied, "Then He will accept even me, who am a very ignorant man, and a sinner." "Yes, indeed; if you feel yourself to be such, you are already in a hopeful state. If you go to God like the