

Compensations of the Missionary

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The mission field has many trials and difficulties. There are discouragement, and many things to vex a righteous soul. However sin and its consequences may darken the earth, it is always bright overhead. Is it discouraging to be a sower and see so much good seed fall by the wayside, on stony ground, among thorns? But who can measure the joy of seeing it fall into good ground and bearing fruit?

A man named Cardona who lives four miles east of this town found his way into our Bible school one Sunday morning. He was so impressed with the teaching of God's Word that he returned the following week. Since that time he has been most constant and attentive. Soon he brought members of his family and neighbors. Although he was full of the false teaching of spiritism, he was anxious to hear the teaching of God's Word, and was soon convinced that here

was the truth. This has been our compensation,—to see the joy in his face as the truth finds its way into his heart and to note the change in his life. One day he said to me,

"Minister, you must come out to my home and preach for us."

It was a very appreciative congregation that listened, many of them for the first time, to the preaching of the gospel. After following up our advantage and meeting with these people a few times, a neighbor sent word that he wanted a service in his home. Very cordially did he receive us and welcome the message we brought. The next day he told all his workmen that they would have to stop cursing—he would have no more of it on his farm.

Cardona is not the "lamp-post" kind of believer that does nothing, says nothing. He is always talking of the gospel among