

three days more than twenty thousand tracts, and from fifteen to sixteen hundred portions of the gospels, were circulated. The tracts, wrote one of the colporteurs employed in this work, have on the whole been well received. At the Place Verte a German woman followed me, crying out, 'Do not accept them; throw away the books, they are bad.' In spite of this the greater number were accepted. Thus, whilst the prince of darkness employed a grown-up person to destroy the good seed, the Lord, the Father of lights, employed a little boy, who voluntarily offered himself to help in the distribution of tracts. I was still at the Place Verte, when a gentleman accosted me, and asked if I knew English. I answered, 'that I only knew French and Flemish.' He then said in French these short but encouraging words, 'May God bless you.'

The best news from Belgium is to the effect that the people are becoming weary of priestcraft, and are having their eyes opened to the absurdity of picture-worship and Mariolatry.

The Evangelical Society of Geneva continues its work in a quiet way. Nearly twenty thousand copies of the Bible, Testaments, and portions have been distributed, besides over two hundred almanacks and tracts. A colporteur of this society in La Vienne writes as follows: "One gentleman took me home with him, and showed me a map of France. 'Look at those parts coloured black; they are those where education is most backward.' The cure said to me, 'They are the best parts of France.' He said at the same time, 'It is frightful to see all the books which are circulated by means of English, French, and American Societies. They do not seem to do much in one year; but anyone who can go back thirty years will remember how those who sold them found houses closed against them. Now even Catholics ask them in, converse with them, buy an almanack, a Testament, or a Bible; they let the colporteur read to them. Something of what is said always remains in the mind, and soon the Catholics will be half Protestants, and will not listen to the cures.'"

In Italy the work goes forward in spite of the determined opposition of an anti-christian hierarchy. Mr. Wall, the pastor of the Baptist church, is a very active evangelist, both as a writer and a distributor of gospel publications. The New Testament, with Notes, is also to be translated into Italian. The little Italian periodicals also bravely hold on their way. The *Famiglia Cristiana* has a circulation of twelve hundred a week. The *Amico dei Fanciulli* is also said "to find its way not only into the Sunday-schools of all the evangelical denominations, but also into