

Bible and paid for it. At Betz a lad ran away with a New Testament. I went after him. A *garde champetre* stopped him and got back the book, and then said, 'It seems these books are good enough to steal though not to buy.' This led several persons to purchase copies. At A—the cure is now and then able to get possession of our books, which he immediately burns. One day a man called out to me, 'I want a Bible, the cure has already taken two from me and burnt them, but I will not let him get hold of a third.' As this was said publicly, I at once sold three other Bibles. The next time I went to A—the same man made me sell him another Bible. At Landen I had been allowed to sell within the railway station, but through the exertions of the cure, this favour has been withdrawn. Another day when at Landen, I sold a Bible to a man, who told me it was for the cure of another village which he named. I went there and sold several German Testaments. At Tirlemont, while selling copies of St. John's Gospel to some peasants, a priest came up and upbraided me for selling bad books. The men wanted me to return them their money; on my objecting, they overturned my table and all my books. On returning the following week, I met some of the same peasants, who recommenced hostilities; but some people of the town took my part, and there ensued a tumult, in which the peasants fared rather ill. I shall have to appear as witness at the police court. The result of the affray was the sale of 30 Portions. At Hasselt, in the market place, a man went round whispering something to all those at my table. All at once he began to cry out, 'These are bad books, I have bought one, and see what I do with it!' And he tore it up, and stamped upon it with his feet. 'Beware,' continued he, 'of buying any of these books, they are written by Protestants and heretics!' I went away much discouraged, but, notwithstanding, was able to sell several copies both that day and the next. On returning home through Schnille, an accident to the train prevented its leaving at the usual hour, so I strolled about in hopes of finding some purchaser. A farmer knocked at his window and asked me in. He had been present when the Bible was torn up two days before at Hasselt, and he had picked up a leaf which he showed me: it contained part of the 1st Chapter of St. Mark, and he told me he wanted a book in which that chapter was contained. I showed him a Bible, which he immediately bought. Such are some of the means God employs to make known His Word."

In *Holland* 23,685 copies of the Word of Life were circulated; 13,130 of these were sold by six Colporteurs. During the past twenty-four years 672,304 vols. have been circulated by the British and Foreign Bible Society in Holland. Success and disappointment, in different parts of the same country, attend these efforts to sow the seed of life. Occasionally the treatment Colporteurs experience is discouraging enough, and only warm love to that Saviour, whose Word they seek to circulate, and strong