

people have been frightened, and the sales consequently much diminished, he gives the following extract from one of the Colporteur's Reports: "I hope you will be convinced, by the following facts, that the Word of God, which we distribute, does not remain unfruitful. Many persons, who once regarded it with aversion, at the present moment acknowledge, that never book spake like this book." In one house I visited this journey my reception was very different from what it had been in times past, when I called to offer my books for sale. 'This time I was received most kindly. The woman to whom I spoke told me, that having heard so much against our books, when her husband purchased one of them, she was so angry with him, that she did not speak to him for three days. Her son read to her different portions of its blessed contents, and her mind became so changed in respect to it, that now her greatest joy is to hear it read. The book so much dreaded has become the joy of the whole house. Another fact appears to me not less interesting:—Visiting a house occupied by an old man, I found him reading. I drew near him, to see what book it was. I was surprised to find it a Protestant book of Psalms with music. I asked him how he came to have such a book in his distant village. He had bought it at an old book stall one fair day. I asked him if he could sing the Psalms. He replied, "I find great joy in reading and singing them, particularly the 25th, and 119th," and immediately began to sing some of them to the song tunes he knew. I turned our conversation to the Scriptures. He told me he had a copy in his possession. I asked him what he thought of them. He answered "It is the good seed you are sowing, but it falls on unfruitful ground. The Cure came and asked me to give him the copy I have, saying the Bishop had forbidden its being read. I answered the Priest, if the Bishop forbids the reading of this book, he is a real Antichrist." The old man continued, "I have finished with that 'house of merchandise,' and my happiness is reading in this book all the good things it contains. I have been threatened that I shall be damned and that my body shall not be buried in consecrated ground, but all such threatenings give me no fear. I await death with joy, and indeed, I hasten, by my desires, towards it. I questioned him to see whether his hopes were founded on the "Rock of