

putes. Thus the seed is sown in all kinds of ways, and will certainly bring forth abundant fruit."

Another says:

"A short time after, I was at Woerden, where there was a band of gipsies lodged outside the gates of the town, in tents. These poor creatures were heathens, indeed, without any education whatever, and scantily supplied with clothing. The whole town had gone forth to see so strange a sight. This I thought a fine opportunity for doing good and proclaiming the Truth to many. Some of the people would not listen at all, others mocked and jeered, some allowed me to address them. To many who had come to see the gipsies I pointed out the great privileges we enjoy in comparison with those poor creatures who were wandering about the world without a home. Many acknowledged that I was in the right, and that they, indeed, too little valued the privilege of being born in a Christian country. I succeeded in selling several copies to them. Thus the Lord afforded me another opportunity, by these gipsies being at the place to proclaim His most precious Word.

At Leersum I entered a farmyard and offered to one of the maid servants a Bible for sale. She refused to buy the Book, saying she had other things to mind, and had no time to read the Bible. I, however, observed to her—"But once you must find time to die." On hearing these words she turned pale. I continued pointing out to her that man's condition by nature was a most miserable one, that God had so loved the world that he had sent his only begotten Son to proclaim salvation. This seemed to make some impression on her. She asked many questions, which I answered to the best of my ability. Thereupon she bought a New Testament, and ran into the house in order to show the Book to others. This caused the farmer to come out, who bought a Bible. On my leaving, the maid servant said to me—"At first I was going to get you hunted off the place; now I respect you." I said it is for the Lord Jesus that you must feel respect and love, for it is He who sent me to you."

In Germany for years past the circulation of the Scriptures has been reckoned by hundreds of thousands. More than 300,000 copies have been circulated the past year. From the Depots of Cologne and Frankfort 255,907 copies of the Word of Life, in more than fourteen different languages, have issued. In connection with the Cologne Agency twenty-three Colporteurs have been employed for periods varying from three weeks to a whole year. These sold 45,491 volumes. In connection with the Frankfort Agency sixteen Colporteurs have been laboring. One of these energetic men sold 2,915 Bibles, 3,838 Testaments, and 3,339 portions of the Word of God, in all 10,092 volumes in forty-eight weeks.

Mr. Davis, the Agent, thus speaks of the work in which he is engaged, and the opposition to it:

"The anti-Christian factors in German national life are assuming a force