

results so far, the devoted Christian who has charge of it writes :—

"I have visits at the dépôt from persons belonging to all classes of society, from the rich ones of the earth in their carriages, to the workman, and the poor Roman Catholic woman, all of whom, having heard something about the Protestant Bible, are desirous of knowing what it really is. These applications for information have given occasion to many most interesting conversations, most of which have ended in the purchase of a Bible or a New Testament. A policeman was one with whom I had the greatest trouble. He proclaimed himself openly as a materialist, whilst at the same time he declared that he was desirous of reading the Bible. Nearly every day did he come to re-commence the attack, and the further our discussions proceeded, the more firmly did I feel persuaded that he was really desirous of knowing the truth. At length the man, who is possessed of much intelligence, purchased a Bible, with the intention, as he told me, of carefully examining it before coming again to converse with me. I have already told you that a large number of our customers consist of Roman Catholics, belonging to the common ranks of the people. What always astonishes me is, that these worthy people, who rarely purchase a New Testament, but nearly always a Bible, invariably require to have it well bound, that is to say, with gilt edges, involving an expenditure which would have been considered as beyond their means. They say, that as it is the best of books, it is worth while to spend on its purchase whatever may be necessary to show how highly it is esteemed. But I have been most of all interested by the frequent intercourse I have had with a worthy master blacksmith, a Roman Catholic, who, from his own experience, has become so convinced of the great benefit produced by the reading of the Scriptures, that he is doing all in his power to supply copies to the men whom he employs, as well as to the persons with whom his business brings him in contact. The object of his frequent visits to me is to purchase copies of the Scriptures."

The report of the Agent is crowded with facts bearing upon the work of colportage. This continues to be, as it has always