

is taken in the great work of the Bible Society. Some aid is given to carry it on, and a desire is expressed that an abstract of the Report might be printed in French for circulation through Switzerland.

Mr. Milliard, the Agent of the Society in Austria, has laboured there with some interruption the past twenty-five years, the circulation of the Scriptures during that period has been about two and a half millions—a large number, but felt by the Agent to be very small when contrasted with the population of the Empire. Forty-two Colporteurs have been employed last year, these circulated 63,409 copies of the Word of God. From the different Depots (in Vienna, Prague, Carlsbad, Trieste, Pesth, Klausenburg, Lemberg, Belgrade, &c., about an equal number were disseminated.) As illustrative of the “lights and shadows” of the work of a Colporteur in Prague, take the following, (p. 73):

“M.’s experience has been very encouraging on the whole—not so the severe thrashing dealt out to him on one occasion. It was at R——, where he walked into a house, intending to offer his Bibles for sale. On the table there stood a bottle of spirits—no happy omen! ‘The housewife answered me very rudely,’ M. says; ‘and when I said that this was the Word of God, in which the Divine will was revealed, she sharply replied they had known all about that long ago. I said, ‘Whosoever truly knows God’s will loves God’s Word.’ Thereupon a young man laid hold of me, seized me by the throat, and, pressing me against the wall, heavily struck me, and then thrust me out at the door. I went in peace, and, although flesh and blood quaked, I felt comforted and strengthened from above.’

M. invited a respectable-looking lady to buy one of his Bibles, but to his amazement he got the tart reply, spoken in the presence of many hearers, ‘It is much easier to pray with a rosary.’

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